



**Minutes from
Wonca Europe Executive Committee Meeting
Orlando, October 9, 2004**

Present

President Philip R. Evans
Vice-President Igor Svab
Honorary Secretary Bjørn Gjelsvik
Honorary Treasurer Vaclav Benes
Repr EURACT Justin Allen
Repr EGPRN Christos Lionis
Repr EQuIP Luis Pisco
Secretariat Helene Flottorp

1. Welcome by the President
The President opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.
2. Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved
3. Approval of the minutes in Amsterdam June 1st and 4th, 2004
The minutes were approved. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. Presidents report.
The President gave a verbal report on the following issues:
 - EU Meeting in den Hague Sept. 2004 was regarded important and very useful. The meeting was a 3 days meeting and General Practice was on the agenda. A Monograph and a Statement from PHC Group was produced and should be emailed to Executive Committee members. There is a need for following up when UK has the Presidency. Collaboration with UEMO should be continued.
Action: President.
 - Membership for Academic Departments: This has been decided by Wonca World (WW). This may be a problem for EURACT which already has membership for academic departments. Justin Allen and Philip Evans will discuss this with WW. To be discussed at WW Council Meeting in Orlando.
Action: President.
 - Proceedings from Asia Pacific Region Conference, Beijing was reported.
 - WW financial situation: The President reported from the WW Executive Meeting. WW has grown to 100 member organisations from 85 countries. Many of these countries are developing countries. To be able to have a balanced budget, there will be severe

reductions in funding of Wonca working parties. Further discussions are to follow at WW Council Meeting. Other sources for funding are being sought.

The website www.GlobalFamilyDoctor.com is a success, there are more than 10 000 visits every day. The website may produce resources.

- Direct Membership fees: PROPOSED RISE for Wonca Europe is 3 year 195\$, 85\$ for 1 year, \$ 55 for the following 2 years. WW has reported that the total cost of handling the membership is \$ 73 per member. The Executive questioned the costs for processing the Direct Members and decided to call for more time- end resource-effective solutions and express concerns about raising the fees. This should be raised at the Council meeting.
- Global Sponsorship: To be discussed at the Council meeting. Wonca Europe expressed their concern that themes and lectures at conferences also in the future should be decided by the conference organisers and no lectures or themes should be decided by the pharmaceutical industry.
- Bylaws: New bylaws is to be put for decision at WW council. The new bylaws will be more flexible regarding changes in regulations.
- Conferences: Numbers are falling on WW and regional conferences. Orlando has now 1700 reg. 1200 submissions, but 500 have not registered. The question of arranging a European Conference the same years as World Conferences will be raised at World Council. A discussion on different format and shaping of Conferences should be raised.
- Rationalising WW meetings: Proposal from Wonca Europe regarding cheaper and shorter meetings was raised at the WW Executive meeting, but was not approved by the other regions.

5. Treasurers report.

- SIMG: Transfer of the money should be arranged. Letter to Kurt Zehnder with bank details and minutes from Council meeting in Amsterdam sent in September 2004.
Action: Vaclav Benes/ Secretariat.
- Budget: Our proposal for Council: Membership fee for National Colleges should be \$1,40 per member for the next triennial. Wonca World to be contacted for accurate national organisation figures.
Action: Secretariat
- Amsterdam Conference: The figures received of numbers of attendees needs explanation by the Dutch College.
Action: Treasurer.
- Transferral Meeting of Secretariat: Meeting will take place in Trondheim December 11, 2004. Attending: Vaclav Benes, Tony Mathie, New Adm. Secretary, Helene Flottorp.
- Yearly Financial Report: Should be presented in February Meeting.
- Special Project Funding: No applications received for second half 2004. New Guidelines to be worked out.
Action: C. Lionis.
- The President expressed gratitude and acknowledgement regarding the work done by Hon. Treasurer Vaclav Benes and Adm. Secretary Helene Flottorp.

6. Reports from Network Organisations.

EGPRN: C. Lionis gave a verbal report.

- Meeting in Gozo.

- Need for financial support. Letter from EGPRN leader: Small group is already established within EGPRN to work for financial support.

The Executive Committee decided to advice EGPRN to seek support through Special Projects Fund and from other sources.

Action: Treasurer.

EURACT: J. Allen gave a verbal report.

- Preparing Network Meeting in Orlando The activity during the conference in Amsterdam has allocated a great start regarding a new curriculum.

- Working with new goals of education following the New Definition. Involvement in the Kos Conference.

- New Officers elected at Council Meeting in Aarhus. President from April 2005: Egle Zebiene, Lithuania. New treasurer, Okey Basak from Turkey.

- Need for additional Funding was underlined.

EQUIP: L. Pisco gave a verbal report.

- New President elected: Martin Marshall, UK.

- Report from the work regarding an Invitational Conference in Bruxelles, Nov 10-3, 2004. Colleague from Brazil is invited.

- Invitational conference on Final outcome of IPA Project will be held in Berlin, January 05.

7. Secretariat.

Two bids to host the secretariat from January 1, 2005 have been received.

Decision: Postponed to Executive Committee Handover Meeting October 13th.

8. EJGP.

Report had been sent out previously. For notification.

9. Ten target Strategy.

Justin Allen reported. The work is in process.

10. European Definition:

- EURACT has asked to review the Definition. There are some inconsistencies regarding the Core Competencies which needs to be reconsidered.

Draft should be presented to the Executive in February 2004.

Action: Justin Allen.

11. Young Doctors Forum:

The President reported. Wonca Europe has receive a formal request to form a working party of Wonca Europe. Fons Sips will report to Council. There are plans to have an establishing meeting in January 2005 in Lisboa. The Portuguese Association supports hotel, meals and meeting rooms. The Executive Committee warmly welcomed the formation of a Young Doctors' Forum and wish to include it as part of the Wonca Europe activities. The Executive Committee decided that this would be a special interest group and as a result there would be no financial support ty Wonca Europe. The Executive recommends that a member of the Wonca Europe Executive should be present at the meeting in January 2005 in Lisbon.

13. European Guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention in clinical practice.

The organisation has offered to fund a Wonca Europe Executive Committee member's participation in their meetings. To be appointed at the executive meeting in February.

14. Request from the International Balint Federation

Letter to be sent.

Action: Justin Allen/President

15. Future conferences.

- Kos: Report from Christos Lionis and Philip Evans. The Executive asked for close collaborations with the organiser to secure that the content and format will take advantage of the experiences from Amsterdam meeting.
- Florence: No new report given. There will be new reports from G. Vinsenting during the Orlando meeting.
- Paris: The New Executive should appoint Liason Person.
- 2008: Bids from Turkey and Germany. The bid from Turkey can not be accepted as it has not come from a national member organisation. The Executive will recommend German bid to the Council.

16 Any other business:

- Igor Svab: Report from Barcelona – setting up of the new Department.
- Request from Italy re translation of articles to be put on website. Not exclusive rights.
- Request from Jansons, Netherland. Women in GP. Special Interest Group? President to answer refering to the world group.
- Rural WP: Lacking members from Central and Eastern Europe.

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Honorary Secretary

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