



**Minutes from Wonca Europe Council Meeting
Kos, 3 September 2005**

Venue KICC; Kos
Date/time Saturday, September 3, 2005/13:30 – 17:30
Chair Igor Švab, Wonca Europe President
Minutes Maarten Klomp, Wonca Europe Honorary Secretary
Barbara Toplek, Wonca Europe Secretariat

Delegates

Ilse Hellemann, Austrian Society General Practice/Family Medicine
Luc Lefebvre, Belgian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
Zaim Jatić, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bjarne Lühr Hansen, Danish College of General Practitioners, DSAM
Elise Kosunen, Finnish Association for General Practice
Bernard Gay, College National des Generalistes
Didier Duhot, Societe Francaise de Medecine Generale
Bodossakis Merkouris, Greek Association of General Practitioners, ELEGEIA
Thomas Lichte, German Association of GP/FM, DEGAM
Eamonn Shanahan, Irish College of General Practitioners
Visentin Giorgio, Centro Studio e Ricerche in Medicina Generale
Ernesto Mola, Italian Scientific Association, ASSIMEFAC
Jean Karl Soler, Malta College of Family Doctors
Arno E. Timmermans, Dutch College of General Practitioners
Anna Stavdal, Norwegian College of General Practitioners
Adam Windak, College of Family Physicians in Poland
Regina Sequeira Carlos, Portuguese Association of General Practitioners
Zsuzjanna Farka, Romanian National Society of Gen. Practice/Family Medicine
Nena Kopčaver Guček, Slovenian Family Medicine Society/Slovenian Medical Association
Toni Dedeu, Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine
Monica Lindh, Swedish Association of General Practice
Bruno Kissling, Swiss Society of General Medicine
Erdem Birgul, Turkish Association of Family Physicians
Tony Mathie, Royal College of General Practitioners

Observers

Michel Vanhalewyn, Belgian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
Genevieve Bruwier, Belgian Society of Gen Practice/Family Medicine
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Marko Drešček, Slovenian Family Medicine Society/Slovenian Medical Association
Heinz Bhend, Swiss Society of General Medicine
Nezih Dagdeviren, Turkish Association of Family Physicians
Chris van Weel, Wonca President-Elect and Past President Wonca Europe
Paul Van Royen, European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)
Egle Žebiene, European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)
Luis Pisco, European Association for Quality in General Practice (EQUIP)
Colin Bradley, European Journal of General Practice, EJGP
John Winn – Jones, Wonca Rural Working Group (EURIPA)
Elizabeth Swensen, Wonca Rural Working Group (EURIPA)
Alfred Loh, Wonca Secretariat, CEO
Ingrid van den Heijden, Vasco da Gama movement
Michael Kidd, Wonca Executive Member at Large, Australia

Bjorn Gjelsvik, Wonca Europe Vice-President
Christos Lionis, EGPRN representative in Executive Committee

1. Welcome by the president.

President Igor Svab opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates and the observers. All attendants introduced themselves shortly.

2. Approval of the agenda.

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the last council-meeting held in Orlando, October 2004.

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters from the minutes.

All matters are in the agenda.

5. President's report.

The president gave some verbal clarification on his report that was sent out with the agenda papers. The report was approved by the council.

6. Honorary treasurer's report.

Tony Mathie gave a short presentation of his report. He informed the council that some of the colleges have not paid their dues for 2005 before the meeting, and therefore are not allowed to any voting in this meeting. The report, including the recommendations for changing of the budget for 2006 were approved.

7. Reports of the Networks.

- On behalf of Euract Justin Allen presented the second edition and the short version of the "New Definition". The content of the new definition itself did not change in this second edition. It is mainly meant to take away some inconsistencies and unclear formulations, and to improve the accompanying papers. If necessary the council members will give their written remarks before the end of this year to the secretariat and mandates the EB to approve it.

- The chair of Euract Egle Zebiene gave a verbal report on the other activities of Euract. Arno Timmermans points out that Egle Zebiene is not formally elected as the new representative of Euract in the Executive. The president proposes to do so at the end of this meeting.
- On behalf of EGPRN Christos Lionis presented the report. The chair of EGPRN Paul van Royen points out that collaboration with Euract and Equip will have special attention.
- On behalf of Equip Luis Pisco presented the report.
- On behalf of the Vasco Da Gama Movement Ingrid van den Heijden reported about the activities in the last year. Two extra meetings were held to prepare the pre conference in KOS. The results of this pre conference will be presented in the main conference. All member organisations were stimulated to send representatives to future pre conferences. The EB will make a proposal how to integrate the Vasco da Gama movement formally into Wonca.

8. European Journal of General Practice.

The president gave a verbal introduction to the problems we face regarding the Journal. In the past weeks it appeared that the publisher of the journal, Mediselect, is in severe financial problems. Therefore the June edition did not appear. The EB consulted the editors and prepared a transaction to take over title, copyrights, subscription list and belongings of the journal from Mediselect for 20.000 euro. Because of legal complications Wonca appeared to be not qualified to take over the brand EJGP. As a result the Dutch College was asked to formally sign the agreement with Mediselect for Wonca Europe. The agreement is signed on 30 august 2005. The council is informed that in a worse case scenario, after a possible quick bankruptcy of Mediselect the trustee might cancel the transaction, and Wonca has to deal with the trustee about the rights as yet.

The EB proposal how to proceed is discussed. Several delegates point out the importance of continuity of the journal, and more specific the indexation. Also the (expected) costs and risks have to be taken into consideration. Finally the decision is made to give a mandate to the EB to take the following steps:

- Installation of a group to prepare the short term solutions. This implies taking care for printing of the June edition, editing and printing of the September and December edition under the management of Wonca, saving the indexation, informing the subscribers and submitters of articles. The possibility of an electronical version has to be considered.
Colin Bradley, Maarten Klomp, Arno Timmermans, Carl Steylaerts, Jan Karl Soler.
- Installation of a group to prepare a tender document to be used in the bidding procedure for a new publisher. This implies formulating a new strategy for the future of the journal, and preparing the elements for a future agreement with a new publisher.
Colin Bradley, EB members, editors, representatives of the Networks.
- Bidding procedure, selection and negotiation with a new publisher.
EB members.
- Registration Wonca Europe as a legal body to be prepared for a future formal relation with a publisher and taking over the brand.
Tony Matie, Alfred Loh, Maarten Klomp

9. Wonca Europe website.

Barbara Toplek gave a demonstration of the new website. The president stated that it should be considered to bring the websites of Wonca and its networks under the same design in the future.

10. Special Projects Funding.

Christos Lionis informed about the Special Projects Funding. There have been no applications so far for this year. The next deadline is 1 November.

11. Strategic paper and guidebook on future conferences.

Maarten Klomp presented the proposals of the EB how to further raise the quality and attractiveness of future conferences, and pointed out that the guidebook for future conferences is prepared as a support for future organisers, comprising suggestions both for scientific and for host organising committees.

Council members supported the idea in general. Comments were made regarding the need for flexibility, the lacking of recommendations for conference-fee and hotel-costs, mentioning the young doctors as a separate group to address, and the organisation of a regional conference in the year of a world conference.

The council accepts the document, asks the EB to work further on it towards the Florence conference with the comments that are made.

12. The new Wonca targets.

Christos Lionis gave a short verbal presentation of the first findings in the "ten targets strategy". The definite document will be presented in Florence.

13. Proposal Pharmaceutical Industry sponsorship.

Anna Stavdal gave a verbal clarification of the Norwegian proposal, stating that independency towards the Pharmaceutical industry is of great importance. Bjorn Gjelsvik gave a reaction from the EB. He pointed out that Wonca standards are not yet explicated. Wonca world has made arrangements with some global sponsors.

It was decided to install a working group to prepare a document on the issue for Florence. Tony Dedeu, Bodosakis Mercouris, Anna Stavdal, Georgio Visentin, Maarten Klomp and Bjorn Gjelsvik will take place in this group.

14. Collaborative organisations.

- UEMO: no report received, no representative at the meeting.
- Europrev: no report received, no representative at the meeting.
- Euripa: John Jones gave a verbal report on the activities. Main topics are conferences, a journal, and the website. Euripa has difficulties in finding funds for their activities. Wonca took a decision on this issue in 2003; other interest groups are identified then as well.
It is decided that the EB will formulate a proposal on the position of Euripa, Europrev and other expert groups within Wonca Europe for the meeting in Florence.
- ERS: Christos Lionis gave a short verbal report.
- CVD prevention: Bjorn Gjelsvik reported EB's decision that Wonca will not collaborate in European guidelines, but leads the issue to the national organisations.

15. Future conferences.

- Florence, 2006: Georgio Visentin gave a verbal report
- Paris, 2007: Bernard Gay gave a verbal report
- Thomas Lichte from Germany explained why Berlin, Germany, had to withdraw their offer to host the conference 2008.
- Conference 2008: Turkey and Portugal made a bid. Istanbul, Turkey, was elected by the council to organise the 2008 conference.
- Conference 2009: Switzerland made a bid. Switzerland was elected to organise the 2009 conference.

16. Election of a new member of the EB.

Since Egle Zebiene took over from Justin Allen as the new president of Euract, she candidated as a new of the EB. Egle Zebiene was elected by the council as a new member of the EB.

17. Next meeting

The next council meeting will be on ... August 2006 in Florence.

Maarten Klomp
Honorary Secretary Wonca Europe
September 2005