



16 June 2006

**Minutes from Wonca Europe Executive Committee Meeting
Oslo, June 9 – 11, 2006**

Present

President	Igor Švab
Vice President	Bjørn Gjelsvik
Honorary Secretary	Maarten Klomp
Representative EURACT	Egle Žebiene
Representative EGPRN	Christos Lionis
Representative EQUIP	Luis Pisco
Secretariat	Barbara Toplek

Invited: Giorgio Visentin

Apology for Absence:

Honorary Treasurer Tony Mathie

Friday, June 9th, 19.30

Meeting with Dr Gisle Roksund, the new leader of The New Norwegian College:
Dr Roksund gave some information about the establishment of the New Norwegian College.
We exchanged views on important international tasks where the New College could contribute (research, sponsorship).

Saturday, June 10th, 9.00 – 17.00

1. Welcome by the President

Igor Švab welcomed the Executive Committee. Apologies for absence were received from Tony Mathie.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes from the EB meeting in Varna

The minutes of the EB meeting in Varna were approved.

- a. Matters arising

- Igor Švab explained the situation with the reimbursement of the Ian Graham's traveling expenses to Varna. Wonca Europe covered his expenses after he persisted to be reimbursed.

Decision: We must be very careful when inviting people. It must be very clear who is covering the traveling expenses before the meeting.

- Rules on giving Wonca Europe logo and name to other events: this is the agenda item for the Florence Council Meeting.

Decision: A short proposal will be prepared by Egle Žebiene for a discussion. Until then the Executive Board will decide when to give the name or logo - based on our involvement in planning of the event, quality or the international dimension of the event.

- Ian Graham, 4th Joint Task Force on the Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases: Bjorn Gjelsvik presented the issue. There will be a workshop in Florence to discuss CVD guidelines and the implementation policy. Ian Graham and some other researchers are invited to participate.

Bjorn Gjelsvik is the only GP in the Task Force group of approximately 20 members which is not good. More GPs should be involved to participate in the group.

Decision: Wonca Europe group should be established to participate in the 4th Joint Task Force group. We should invite Richard Hobbs, Arno Hoes and Carlos Broutons to come to Florence and start to work with Ian Graham on behalf of Wonca Europe. Bjorn Gjelsvik will write to them, present the idea and invite them to come to Florence and join the meeting. The eventual reimbursement of their travel expenses will be discussed in Florence. The content, the GPs side for the input will be prepared by Bjorn Gjelsvik and Maarten Klomp before the Florence.

- Maarten Klomp raised the question of the Wonca Europe/Wonca World share of the Satellite conferences. Igor Švab explained that the share of the satellite conferences will be discussed with Alfred Loh in Florence. Our proposal is 50:50 and it is still on the table. There were two satellite symposia in Kos and there will be at least one in Florence.

Decision: We have to put this matter on the agenda for the Wonca World meeting in Buenos Aires. We will discuss this matter with Chris van Weel during our joint dinner tonight. Igor Švab will write a letter to Alfred Loh. A clear proposal will be prepared for the Florence council to accept. Our goal is to get our share from Kos and Florence conferences.

- The position of Euripa and Europrev and other special interests group: this is the financial matter where we need Tony's opinion. We must come to Florence with a concrete proposal, including the financial matters. We won't change the bylaws but we will give the financial support to Euripa, Europrev and Vasco da Gama Movement for a limited period and on very concrete terms. Examples of these defined obligations are: contributions to the annual conferences and contributions to the Wonca Europe strategy. Furthermore Europrev could be involved in 4th Joint Task Force. The special interest groups are the third level and are not involved.

Decision: Bjorn Gjelsvik will prepare the principal proposal for Florence.

4. President's report

Igor Švab presented his report. He attended the 1st meeting of the ISGP in Prague. The meeting of family practitioners of Central and Eastern Europe countries was hosted by the Czech college of general practitioners.

He was invited to EURACT meeting in Turku to have a presentation on EURACT teaching agenda and its applicability in practice. He was also invited to EURACT rolling course in Portugal to be one of the course directors during the regular EURACT course for teachers in general practice.

He attended the UEMO meeting in Ljubljana to meet Christina Fabian. The 1st meeting of the Southeast European general practitioners will be held in Ohrid, FYR Macedonia, June 16th.

The main item in the report is the issue of the Wonca World conferences during the time of regional conferences. The problem with the Paris conference 2007 is still on the table. Igor Švab had a fruitful discussion with Chris van Weel on this matter during his meeting in Ljubljana.

Decision: We agree with the four months difference between the Wonca World and Wonca Europe conferences. We accept WW to fix a date first. We will ask Wonca World to arrange their conference in the first part of the year. We won't skip any of Wonca Europe conferences. Igor Švab and Chris van Weel will prepare the proposal paper with the background for the council in Florence. There will be a discussion to get some new information for the Wonca World Executive Meeting in Buenos Aires in October.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Tony Mathie sent his report: At this stage of the year there was a little to report. We have had Direct Member Dues of 3,500 USD and Membership Organisation Dues of 23,365 USD for the first quarter of 2006. Both these lines are on target. After many recent problems, Cyprus has paid all their arrears. Network Organisation funding has not yet been drawn down for 2006/7. A decision needs to be made about Vasco de Gama and infrastructure funding. We could probably afford to give them 5,000 USD per year for 3 years and then review. Because we paid the 2005 Special Projects Fund projects late last year we have spent 10,000 of the 13,000 USD. However we can certainly fund 5,000 in this year and possibly more. The major expenditure not budgeted for is the EJGP. We have paid out 10,285 USD this year to produce the Journal. It will be remembered that in 2005 we had expenses relating to the Journal of 33,500 USD. Total costs of rescuing the Journal and transferring it to Taylor Francis will approach 50,000 USD.

The planning of the next Wonca Europe EB Meeting – after Florence – was discussed. The question, if we can afford the 4th meeting in December (or in spring 2007), was raised.

The EB decided that the following subjects should be discussed with Tony Mathie over the phone:

- financial support of Euripa, Europrev and VdGM
- special project funding
- lunch and presidents reception in Florence
- next EB meetings

Igor Švab called Tony Mathie on the phone but he wasn't available.

Decision: Vasco da Gama funding is approved (5000 USD per year for 3 years). We will develop the principles but wait for Tony Mathie before we decide about Euripa and Europrev funding. A proposal with the explanation regarding the additional EB meeting

will be prepared for the council (to have an Executive meeting in December and another one in March – if Tony Mathie approves them). The council will vote about that. The vice president, Bjorn Gjelsvik, will approve the money transactions until Tony Mathie returns.

6. Reports from the Network Organisations

EGPRN report was presented by Christos Lionis. EGPRN was assembled in Malmo and Copenhagen on May 2006. A joint meeting with EURACT on “Research into Medical Education” was preceded and several positive experiences remain to be evaluated prior the expansion of such cooperation with other European networks or specific interest groups. The pre-conferences are continuing to be an essential part in this European network and the joint workshops, which were performed in Copenhagen, are attached to the printed report.

The contribution of EGPRN on the identification of the European research agenda and its involvement in the formation of the Wonca Europe strategy was discussed in both, EGPRN Executive Board and the Research Strategy Committee in the framework of the Copenhagen meeting. Three differences resources of gathering relevant information and evidence were discussed and the whole procedure in forming the European research agenda has been seen and explored in these meetings. A proposal to Wonca Europe Executive Board and especially to the special funding projects has been explored and it remains to be submitted in the next call for funding.

EGPRN continues on investing on capacity building and regional research courses are still on the centre of interest of both, EGPRN Executive Board and national colleges. A specific plan of the next courses was discussed in Copenhagen.

The EGPRN council explored several opportunities in organising and managing workshops and joint activities in Florence WONCA Europe but the Board still seeks some feedback information from the HOC on the possibility seeing some joint activities with the other two core networks.

The next meeting of EGPRN will be held in Kavala, Northern Greece, where some new ideas and especially a new workshop named “open research market” will be tested in the pre-conferences’ day. Elections of the new EGPRN chairman will be performed in this meeting.

Egle Žebiene presented the **EURACT report**: Since the last WONCA Europe EB meeting EURACT organized one Council meeting, which took place in Turku, May 2006. Two new countries joined EURACT and elected their representatives in Council – Georgia and Cyprus. During the Council meeting members had the possibility to join and contribute to the Conference of the Finnish Society of Duodecim, and number of presentations and joint workshops took place. This activity also increased number of EURACT members in Finland. Regular EURACT activities as Standing Committees, meetings of taskforces were held within the meeting schedule. Educational Research taskforce is emphasizing importance of research on educational topics, and certain activities are planned in future in this area. Possibilities of joining AIMEE conferences and establishing cooperation with organization will be investigated in future

Assessment taskforce is planning to start new training the trainers course, which is a basic course for trainers on assessment in general practice. The course is planned to start in October 2007, already some countries confirmed their interest in participating in it. The current 2006 Leonard-EURACT course has been sponsored by EURACT for the last time this year, but having in mind high number of applicants and increasing interest in it, there is a plan to continue it in future for paying participants from 2008. Next Leonardo-EURACT course will be organized in Switzerland, May 2007.

Justin Allen, former EURACT President, has left the Council after this meeting; however, he is continuing his activities, being involved in the Leonard-EURACT and assessment courses, as well as in other activities.

Leonardo-EURACT course 2006 was organized in Algarve in May. As after the previous courses, participants sponsored by EURACT are expected to repeat the course in their own countries, in order to disseminate the knowledge and skills acquired during it. According to the evaluation of participants, the course was extremely successful and useful for participants. Moreover, course activities stimulated collaboration between representatives of different countries, establishing personal and institutional contacts for the future collaboration.

EURACT is continuing the sponsorship for 5 members from less developed countries to participate in annual training the trainers course in Bled.

Educational Agenda document is now in the process of translation into number of languages, and started to be implemented in several countries.

Joint EGPRN-EURACT conference on educational research took place in Malmo and Copenhagen 8-13 May.

The proposal from EURIPA to collaborate on issues of training in rural practices has been expressed by John Wynn-Jones, and this question was discussed during the EURACT Council meeting. Strong interest for collaboration was expressed by representatives of some countries as Spain and Russia, having in mind that high number of GPs is working in rural practices. It was agreed that rural practices have certain specific approaches and conditions, and trainees during Vocational training period should be exposed to the training in rural health care practices. On the other hand, EURACT Council agreed that rural context does not influence general competences of GP as compared to other types of practices; therefore EURACT has no special interest in terms of overall training strategy that might influence the general training approach. It was agreed that EURACT representatives will meet with EURIPA members in Florence and will discuss this issue more.

Interest of EURACT Council in collaboration with EQUIP was expressed in Turku, areas of common interest will be explored in the near future together with EQUIP members.

Wonca 2006 Florence: EURACT is planning number of activities during the conference. Keynote workshop "Humanity in General Practice – the EURACT approach" will be run by our representatives, as well as 5 workshops on educational themes. EURACT was also asked to provide facilitators for the Vasco da Gama activities during the conference, and 5 trainers are ready to join. The next EURACT Council meeting will take place in Prague, October 11-14.

Analysis of the Empowerment document: A reflection about Wonca definitions – letter from Ernesto Mola

Egle Žebiene explained that this document was discussed in Turku with the EURACT council.

Decision: We agree that empowerment is a very important issue. However we agree upon the comments of Euract, and we conclude that there is no reason to revise the definition now. We will pay attention to the issue on the occasion of the next review. Egle Žebiene will prepare the letter with the EURACT comments for the authors of this document and we won't put this matter on the agenda for the council. The letter will be sent from the secretariat.

EQUIP report was presented by Luis Pisco: The last meeting was in Istanbul, April 2006. Martin Marshall stepped down as the president of EQuIP. The new president is Joachim Szecsenyi. Equip is in very good financial situation at the moment so it will take up the costs for maintaining the EQuIP website. The European Definition of General Practice is accepted by EQuIP. EQuIP will pick out elements of the definition for setting the QI agenda and add specific angles to it, e.g. cost-effectiveness, equity, community orientation, patient safety. The discussion might continue in future and might be helped by the use of case histories, make the core competencies more specific and phrase the relevant indicators and improvements.

Next meetings:

- Barcelona EQuIP Closed Meeting, 22 November 2006

- EQuIP Open Meeting: 23 - 25 November 2006 Theme: The impact of Health System Reform on quality in GP/FM
- EQuIP Spring Meeting 2007, Prague 26 – 28 April
- EQuIP Autumn Meeting 2007, connected to the Paris Conference, 17 – 21 October
- EQuIP Spring Meeting 2008, Norway
- EQuIP Open Meeting Autumn 2008, Bucharest

Decision: EQuIP has applied for 2006 funding. The funds were approved for EURACT and EGPRN too. Their requests with the account details should be sent to the secretariat.

Egle Žebiene expressed the problem with setting the dates of future meetings. Various events are planned on the same day or too close to each other.

Decision: All networks should send their plans for the future meetings to the secretariat to be published on the website.

7. European Journal of General Practice

Maarten Klomp presented his report. In Varna the EB decided to choose Taylor & Francis as the new publisher of the EJGP. After this decision Tony Mathie negotiated the contract. A first draft was commented by the EB members, the Dutch College, and the NHG lawyer. Furthermore the Dutch College was asked to be the formal partner as long as WE has not yet the status of a legal body. The Dutch College agreed. The contract has been signed between the Dutch College and Taylor & Francis March 21 2006. At the same time an agreement has been signed between the Dutch College and Wonca Europe to confirm that NHG enters into the contract with T&F on behalf of WE until WE has obtained a full legal capacity and in which WE states that it will indemnify NHG against claims, consequences and costs arising from the Publishing Agreement with T&F. Colin Bradley started working with T&F to prepare the March issue. Apparently there have been some starting problems, but the March issue will be sent out one of these days.

Colin Bradley sent his report: The collaboration with T&F is progressing very cordially but we are still hitting some technical problems, most recently with regard to certain files need to make up the cover of the journal. Regrettably this is leading to unanticipated and now considerable delays in publication of a March issue. Once overcome, though, it is my understanding that we will produce a March and a June issue both quite quickly and both certainly before the Florence meeting. T&F are also formulating active plans for a marketing drive for the journal in Florence which will be most welcome. We do have a backlog of accepted articles which will now fill up to the September issue and a good flow of manuscripts for beyond. If the marketing drive is successful in attracting sufficient new subscribers we will then need to enter into discussion about increasing the size of the journal as there is certainly the demand there from researchers. Fortunately, though we are now developing the capacity for on-line publication on the T&F website once an article has been accepted by peer review which will mean authors will not be required to wait until their paper is in print. With regard to advertising this has not yet come up formally but seeing the way WONCA Europe thinking is going is very helpful. He is certainly happy to incorporate WONCA Europe guidelines as part of any policy we develop with T&F. Thankfully, it is not the most pressing issue just yet but he knows T&F are keen to explore the scope for advertising and these guidelines will be of assistance to them, too. He will keep the EB in touch with developments.

The marketing strategy of the EJGP was discussed.

Decision: There should be a separate EJGP meeting in Florence with Taylor and Francis to discuss the marketing strategy. It will be also the subject on the agenda for the council. We need to defend the expenses we have had with the journal. The paper for the council will be prepared by Maarten Klomp.

8. Wonca Europe Secretariat – New contract

Wonca Europe has signed the contract with Institute for development of family medicine. This is only the technical change due to the tax policy. It also allows more flexibility. The content of the contract stays the same.

9. Wonca Europe website

Barbara Toplek presented her report. The website is doing well; the number of visitors is increasing. The average number of visitors per month is little less than 3000. The most visited page during the last period was again the French version of the European Definition.

Christos Lionis proposed the following: to publish all relevant networks documents and the results of the special project funding; to publish the short version of the definition; to invite our members to send the definition in their own language; to publish all future events of the three networks.

10. Special projects Funding

Three bids were received for the spring round. The special project proposal committee has decided to support Nigel Mather's bid - Primary care in the future Europe (5000 USD) and Erik Plat – Neck Pain (900 USD). Christos Lionis will prepare the official letters.

11. Guidebook for future conferences

Maarten Klomp presented his report:

- The strategy for future conferences is updated. It will be constantly updated with the new experiences.
- The bidding procedure document is related to the strategy. This document will be strongly recommended and enclosed to invitation for 2010 bidding. It will be presented in Florence for approval. Some remarks will be added by Maarten Klomp.
- Protocol for the liaison person with the check list is related to the guidebook. Some remarks will be added, Egle Žebiene will prepare her comments.

We have received Alfred Loh's document "Rules for European conferences". The dates of the Wonca World Conference in Cancun, Mexico have been fixed for 26 – 30 May 2010. He believes it will be better for the European Conference 2010 to be in November to ensure a longer interval between the two conferences. The document is fine, except the suggested November month – October is the only option.

12. Junior doctors program

Egle Žebiene presented her document on collaboration with VdGM. The paper was fully discussed.

Decision: The budget of 5000 USD per year was accepted. Some minor changes will be made to the document by Egle Žebiene. It will be sent to Fons Sips for the comments and then to VdGM before we send it to the council for approval (from the secretariat). Egle Žebiene was appointed as a liaison person for the VdGM on behalf of Wonca Europe.

13. The new Wonca Europe targets

Christos Lionis presented his report. 19 countries have responded (36 respondents). Although this paper reports on data derived from a crude and preliminary analysis -an additional elaboration of the existing data based on one key informant per country is in process- there is some evidence that certain of the old targets of Wonca Europe have

been greatly achieved, especially those regarding the establishment of undergraduate education in FM/GP and academic departments of GP/FM at the European medical schools. There is a large room for improvement in some of the ten targets, with emphasis placed on the establishment of a kind of specialist training in the discipline of GP/FM for all doctors undergoing such training, as well as in the establishment of evidence-based family medicine. The majority of eleven characteristics of GP/FM seem to be relevant to the delivery of this discipline in Europe with the exception of the one which refers to the specific responsibility for the health of the community. Community orientation is one of the core competences of GP/FM, which seem not to be highly considered as part of the specialist training program for GP/FM in Europe. The remaining core competences are rather well tailored. Finally, capacity building has been recognized as an important item for the future agenda and strategy of Wonca Europe, while the lack of academic infrastructure and resources for research have been found as the predominate barriers for the development of the discipline in Europe.

Decision: There will be a presentation of Ten targets in Florence. Christos Lionis will prepare the document; submit it for the publication in the journal. In that way we will have our policy recommendation for the council meeting in Florence. We will talk to Giorgio Visentin how to present them in Florence.

14. Five star doctor award

Igor Švab informed the EB about the award. Jan De Maeseneer prepared the nomination letter that was sent to colleges. The three member committee was already appointed in Varna (Jan De Maeseneer, Igor Švab, Bjorn Gjelsvik).

Decision: The committee will make a decision for Florence and the nominee will run for the Five star doctor award on the Wonca World level in Singapore.

15. Registration of Wonca Europe as a legal body

Maarten Klomp gave a short introduction to this issue. The lawyer has advised us to establish a foundation or an association which can be formally linked to Wonca Europe. This is quite urgent to do since we don't have enough time - the Dutch college wants us to sign the contract with the EJGP publisher ASAP. To do that, we need to be a legal entity.

Decision: The strategy was agreed. We will come to the Florence council with the proposal to establish a Wonca Europe foundation. The company through Wonca World trust, suggested by Alfred Loh, is not in the best interest of Wonca Europe. We will negotiate the proposal with Chris van Weel and Alfred Loh before the Florence.

16. CVD Prevention in General Practice in Europe

It was discussed under item three – matters arising.

17. The position of EURIPA, EUROPREV and Special interest groups

The issue was discussed under item three – matters arising.

18. Happy Audit project

Christos Lionis presented his report. The special group was established on behalf of Wonca Europe. It will be involved in the work package 11 - summarizing the different working groups, presenting the results, making analysis, translating, dissemination and evaluation of the conference planning.

19. Colleges Meeting in Portugal 2008

Luis Pisco presented the possibility of organizing a first meeting of representatives of European Colleges and Associations in Portugal in 2008. In case of success it could be organized every two years in different countries. The main reasons for the meeting are:

- Usually there is not enough time during the European Council to discuss strategic aspects, important for Colleges but also for Family Medicine in general, because there are always plenty of organizational aspects to deal with.
- There is a lot of expertise in different areas, in different colleges and Associations all around Europe. We don't use that knowledge, at least in an organized way to the benefit of the less well organized and developed Associations.
- The main idea is to identify areas of expertise in different countries and discuss the possibilities of the exchange and dissemination of those good practices. We could organize bilateral and some times multilateral collaboration between European Associations, in some way similar with what happens with the municipalities.
- Main areas for discussion could be: organizational ones like publishing and publications already made, organizing meetings, internal organization of the colleges and policy areas like dealing with politicians and media, pharmaceutical industry, funding, etc.
- There is no overlap with the traditional work of the networks.

The meeting in Portugal can be organized within the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the association in 2008. They will be happy to support the expenses with accommodation, meals and rooms for the meeting for two persons from every European college for two nights. The participants need to pay only their travel expenses.

Decision: The proposal was strongly supported. Luis Pisco will check the calendar of activities in 2008 to set the date. We will bring this proposal to council in Florence.

20. Wonca Europe Council 2006

The agenda with very clear tasks who is doing what must be prepared ASAP.

Items on the agenda:

- Guidelines for future conferences
- EJGP
- Wonca Europe - Legal body
- Future conferences
- Sponsorship
- Ten targets
- Wonca Europe rules on giving name and logo to the conferences and events
- Vasco da Gama Movement
- The bidding procedure and the new contract with the conference organisers

21. Future conferences

Florence conference

Giorgio Visentin gave the report. The issue was fully discussed. There are some complications with the EURACT workshop. Unfortunately it won't be an interactive workshop.

During the conference there will be no special room for the work of the secretariat. The secretariat will share the room with CSERMEG.

The sponsorship of the conference is bad. There will be only one satellite symposia provided by Alfred Loh and some booths occupied by pharmaceutical companies.

The time schedule was set for 27th August, 2006:

Executive Board Meeting	08.00 - 12.00
Lunch with the council	12.00 - 13.00
Council Meeting	13.00 - 17.00
Open Meeting	Monday afternoon

We will skip the president's reception this year and prepare the protocol for the next conference.

The "Protocol of the official ceremonies of Wonca Europe conferences" was prepared by Egle Žebiene. The document was fully discussed.

Decision: This document will go with the guidebook for future conferences. Egle Žebiene will make some minor changes before we add it to the guidebook.

Paris conference

A short report about the Wonca Europe 2007 conference was sent by Pierre-Louis Druais and Bernard Gay. Unfortunately, Luis Pisco, as the liaison person, wasn't invited to the 1st scientific committee held in Paris, April 2006 or to any other HOC meeting. Egle Žebiene was there as the member of the scientific committee on behalf of EURACT and gave her report. It seems the organizers are on the right track but they are dealing with some problems.

The problem with the Wonca Europe 2007 promotion has been solved. The promotion within Wonca World will proceed as usually.

Decision: We need to meet HOC 2007 in Florence to discuss the problems. Luis Pisco will contact the organizers. A copy of the Paris contract should be sent to Luis Pisco.

Turkey 2008

Maarten Klomp, the liaison person, had the first contact with the organizers. The first draft of the contract was sent to TAHUD for review. Some minor changes were made by Egle Žebiene. We are still waiting for their comments. The possible date of the conference is the first week of September.

The list of the special interest groups will not be included in the contract.

Switzerland 2009

Egle Žebiene will contact the organizers in Florence and start negotiate the contract.

Bidding procedure for October 2010

The first information has been sent. We need to set the criteria and the date. Since the dates of the Wonca World Conference in Cancun have been fixed for 26 – 30 May, the Wonca Europe conference should be in October.

Decision: We will send the invitation letter for 2010 bids to our member organizations and Christos Lionis will informally contact Jan De Maeseneer from Belgium.

22. Granada conference 2008

The conference about mental health will be in June, 2008 in Granada. The first announcement is out; Igor Švab was appointed as a liaison person.

23. Next meeting

Next Wonca Europe EB meetings 2006 – 2007

Two plans should be discussed with council in Florence:

Plan A

August 2006	Florence
December 2006	Lisbon
Late April, or May 2007	Vilnius
July 2007	Singapore
October 2007	Paris

Plan B

To have just one meeting in spring, without the additional meeting in December

24. Other business

- Sponsorship: Bjorn Gjelsvik presented his document "Wonca Europe guidelines on External Sponsorship". It is built on the original ESGP/FM document on External Sponsorship, written by Justin Allen and adopted by Wonca Europe, his earlier discussion paper and the Council decisions on Future Conferences. Some point in the earlier discussion about the sponsoring of conferences has been put into the document. Bjorn Gjelsvik has asked the Wonca World secretariat to inform him about the possible documents adopted by World Wonca on this, but so far it seems no such policy documents exist. The group on this matter was set during the Kos Council meeting (Anna Stavdal, Tony Dedeu, Bodosakis Mercouris, Giorgio Visentin and Maarten Klomp).

Decision: Bjorn Gjelsvik will compile the document with the remarks of the rest of the group. The document will be sent to member organisations for consideration and then brought to the council in Florence.

- Igor Švab received the letter from Michael Kidd. He needs an official Wonca Europe nominee to the new Wonca educational working party. He suggested Egle Žebiene.

Decision: Wonca Europe EB recommends Egle Žebiene. This will be officially set up in Florence. Igor Švab will inform Michael Kidd about our decision.

- Egle Žebiene spoke about Wonca Europe strategy for the future.

Suggestion: We could have one day for the strategy discussion during our EB meeting, probable in the beginning of the new period. We could exchange some ideas about this through email.

Saturday, June 10th, 17.00 – 18.00

Meeting with Torunn Janbu, the president of the Norwegian Medical Association: Torunn Janbu presented the Norwegian list-patient system. What has been done in Norway to recruit new GP's and to strengthen General Practice was discussed. Some efforts to support and push research in general practice were presented.

Maarten Klomp
Honorary Secretary

Barbara Toplek
Administrative secretary