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Report on EURACT activities

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WONCA Europe Executive Board meeting, February 2-3, 2008 Istanbul

Since the last WONCA Europe EB meeting in Paris EURACT did not have a Council meeting, as the autumn meeting in 2007 was organised before the conference in Paris.

EURACT members took active part in WONCA Europe 2007 Paris conference, having a keynote speech made by Prof. David Haslam, also organising workshops and presentations. Council members actively participated in the Vasco da Gama pre-conference meeting as well as took part in VdG plenary session within the Conference Scientific programme. We held a separate meeting with the representatives of VdG about improving the future VdG activities and possible EURACT support for the organisation. During the discussion the new possibilities for collaboration were found, which will be discussed during the following meetings of EURACT and VdG.

EURACT had its biannual General meeting within the Conference programme. Report on activities was presented by the President, followed by the financial report by Hon. Treasurer. The changing economic situation in European countries will result in reconsideration of membership fees for number of countries, many of them moving to higher fee group. This issue will be discussed in the Council within the next year and presented to the next General Meeting.

Most important question discussed during the General meeting was EURACT registration as a legal body. The form chosen by the organisation is Association with the registration in The Netherlands, and members approved this way, which should ensure the member's participation in decision making.

Another important event in EURACT development was first Assessment course, run in Zakopane, Poland, in November 2007. The course was a great success, and is considered very important for the harmonisation of educational programmes and strategies within Europe. EURACT approved the strategy of sponsoring number of places for lower income countries, as for them this course is of very high importance due to complexity of the topic and lack of expertise within individual countries. We consider this strategy of running Leonardo-EURACT and Assessment courses on a sponsored basis an important mission of EURACT, as well as important issue for WONCA Europe as a strategy that contributes to ensuring adequate standards of FM education. The venue for the course 2008 will be decided during the EURACT EB

meeting in 8-10 February, as now we are looking for financial and organisational support for the activity.

By invitation of WONCA President Chris van Weel, Egle Zebiene took part in the meeting with representatives of “World Forum CPD in Medicine”, which took part in Paris, December 2007. The report of the meeting is attached.

Future plans:

- The next EURACT Council meeting will take place in Malta, May 7-10. Contribution of EURACT experts to the National GP conference on CPD is planned.
- EURACT will continue contribution to the WONCA Europe Conferences, taking part in the Scientific Committees, International Advisory Boards, organising different activities during the conferences according to the WE strategy.
- Continue collaboration with EGPRN, organising joint activities on educational research.
- Develop a strategy of collaboration with other networks and SIGs on running state-of-art sessions during the WONCA Europe Conferences.
- Contribution to activities of WONCA Working Party on Education, chaired by Michael Kidd.

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