



Wonca Europe Council Meeting Basel, September 2009

Date: **16 September 2009**
Meeting Venue: **Ramada Plaza Hotel**
Room Geneva 4

Members present:

Delegates:

1. Gisele Roksund - President of the Norwegian College of Gen. Practitioners
2. Rodica Narcisa Tanasescu – National Society of Family medicine, Romania
3. Arno Timmermans - Dutch College of General Practitioners
4. Joao Sequeira Carlos – President of the Portugese Association of GP
5. Yesim Uncu - Turkish Association of Family Physicians
6. Paula Vainiomäki – Vice.chair Of Finnish Association for GP
7. Mihael M. Kochen – Dept. of GP/FM, University of Goetingen, Germany
8. Dragomir Petrič - The Croatian Association of Family Medicine
9. Ernesto Mola - ASSIMEFAC
10. Brnard Gay – French National College
11. Tony Mathie - Royal College GP, UK
12. Kissling Bruno - Swiss Society of General Medicine
13. Bruwier Genevieve – Belgian Society of GP/FM
14. Toni Dedeu - Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (SEMFYC)
15. Roar Maagaard - The Danish College of General Practitioners (DSAM)
16. Janko Kersnik – Slovenian Family Medicine Society
17. Eva Jurga – Slovak Society of GP/FM
18. Tomasik Tomasz – The College of Family Physician in Poland
19. Carl Steylaerts - Belgian Society of General Practitioners/Family Physicians
20. Bodosakis Prodromos Merkouris - Greek Association of Gen. Practitioners (ELEGEIA)
21. Giorgio Visentin - Csermeg, Italy
22. Zlatka Markov - Serbian Medical Association/ Section of General Practice
23. Ilse Hellemann - Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
24. Mark Walsh - The Irish College of General Practitioners
25. Grigory I. Lysenko - The Ukrainian Family Medicine Association
26. Bohumil Seifert – Czech Society og General Practice
27. Meta Wiborgh - SFAM, Sweden
28. Melida Hasanagić - President of the Assotiation of Family Medicine Physicians from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Observers:

1. Sandra Alexiu - National Society of Family medicine, Romania
2. Alexandre Gouveia
3. Peter Torsten Sorensen – National College of GP, Denmark
4. Mirjana Mojković – President of the General Medicine Section of Serbian Medical Society
5. Elise Kosunen – Chair of the Finnish Association for GP
6. Jean-Pierre Jacquet – CNGE
7. Pierre-Luise Druais - CNGE
8. Peter Tschundi – Swiss HOC
9. François Héritier - Swiss Society of General Medicine
10. José Miguel Bueno - Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (semFYC)
11. Polona Miselj – Wonca Europe Secretariat
12. Marianne Samuelson - EQuIP
13. Egle Zebiene - EURACT
14. Erwin Rebhandl – Austrian Society of General Practice/Family Medicine
15. Pierre Maheux – Astra Zeneca
16. Modinska Beata - The College of Family Physician in Poland
17. Richard Roberts – Wonca World
18. Chris van Weel – President of Wonca World
19. Henri E.J.H. (Jelle) Stoffers – Chief editor EJGP
20. Alfred Loh - CEO of WONCA World
21. Garmiri Vasiliki - Greece
22. Sghedoni Donatella - Csermeg
23. Suzana Savić – Bosnia and Herzegovina
24. Anna Čulafić – Bosnia and Herzegovina
25. Poul van Royen - EGPRN
26. Giacomo Tritto - Italy
27. Eva Hummers-Pradier - EGPRN
28. Tina Eriksson – EquiP
29. Igor Svab – President of Wonca Europe
30. Job Metsemakers – Hon. Secretary of Wonca Europe

AGENDA

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 - European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)
 - European Association for Quality in General Practice /Family Medicine (EQuiP)
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 - Wonca Europe conference financial matters- Swiss society of general practice SSMG/SGAM
 - Wonca Europe conference scientific matters - Swiss society of general practice SSMG/SGAM

- Swiss proposal: New mailing and Website culture on behalf of Wonca – Swiss Society of general practice SSMG/SGAM

- WW 2010 Cancun, Mexico, 19 – 23 May
 - Wonca Cancun 2010 Scientific Program
 - Wonca Europe EB Election
 - Proposal for the presentations from Wonca, EGPRN, EURACT and EQUIP
- WE 2010 Malaga, Spain (7 – 9 October)
 - Five Star Award – procedure for selection
- 2011 Warszawa, Poland (8 – 11 September)
- 2012 Vienna, Austria

16. Any other business

- Special project funding

17. Overview of actions before WW Conference Cancun 2010

18. Next Council Meeting: *Cancun, Mexico, followed by Malaga, Spain*

Minutes

1. Welcome by the President

Igor Svab welcomed the Council members.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes, Istanbul, September 2008

- Matters arising from the Minutes

Minutes were approved. No comments.

4. President's Report

The report was accepted. Igor Svab reported on the meeting of the Wonca Europe EB with UEMO and EFPC earlier that morning. It was a fruitful meeting. Each organization will appoint a liaison person to stay in contact. Furthermore the organizations will crosslink their websites. In Malaga delegations will meet again.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Tony Mathie reported.

On a question from Council the treasurer explained that the account is in Euros, although the report is in US dollars.

Furthermore the treasurer will consider separating the EB expenditure from the Council expenditure, as suggested by Council.

6. Reports from the Network Organisations

- European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)- *Research Agenda* will be presented at the Wonca Europe open meeting during the Basel conference.
- European Academy of Teachers in General Practice (EURACT)
Egle Zebiene reported.
- European Association for Quality in General Practice /Family Medicine (EQuiP)
Marianne Samuelson reported.

7. EGPRN and EURACT - Formal links to the national colleges- Proposal by Gisle Roksund, Norway and Roar Maagaard, Denmark

This matter has been discussed before. Euract and EGPRN are organizations of individual membership. Wonca Europe cannot dictate their bylaws. Gisle Roksund points out that it is possible to have a representative elected which does not have support or link to the College. Marianne Samuelson reports that in Equip the representatives are appointed directly by the College. That is no guarantee for presence as one representative has not shown up in two years.

Arno Timmermans suggested that WE form a working group to come up with a proposal of new voting procedure and some guidelines. EB will have discussion about this at next meeting.

8. Future of Wonca Europe Executive: Dutch proposal (What is the formal position of the networks within Wonca Europe) - Letter from Arno Timmermans

In past years more networks developed. Is the structure of EB with the representatives of only three Networks still appropriate? Should all the Networks and Special Interest Groups have a representative in the EB ? These questions will also be dealt with in the WE working group as mentioned before.

9. Collaborative organizations reports

- Vasco da Gama Movement (VdGM)

They will have an election for the new president during the Basel conference.

- European Rural and Isolated Practitioners Association (EURIPA)
- European Network for Prevention and Health Promotion in Family Medicine and General Practice (EUROPREV)- no report received

10. European Journal of General Practice

- New editor- Jelle Stoffers

Jelle Stoffers presented himself and his ideas for improving the EJGP. He mentioned his short term and long terms goals. He and Igor Svab payed tribute to Calle Bengtsson who served as Chief Editor for the last year. He was invited to the Basel conference.

11. Wonca Europe/ Wonca World Matters

- Wonca bursary

For Cancun there is 30.000 USD for 30 candidates (reduced fee and cheaper accommodation)

- Greek proposal - Changing the way of selecting countries for the hosting of the Wonca Europe Conferences

Bodossakis Merkouris explains that is proposal is fair. Countries know long before that they have to organize a conference.

Gisle Roksund: making a list is impossible

Tony Mathie: There are many countries that are not able to organize the conference. If some country has strong reasons for organizing a conference in particular year they should inform us really early.

EB will review the procedure during the next EB meeting in Malaga.

- WICC and ICPC- proposal by Gisle Roksund, Norway

This is a WW matter. Wona Europe will send a message to WICC stating that Wonca Works should own the ICPC

- MOU between Wonca World and Wonca Europe

Members of the WW EB and WE EB met this morning and discussed the proposals. Before a MOU can be developed between Wonca World Inc and Stichting Wonca Europe the relation between the associations should be described. A letter to that purpose will be drafted.

- Wonca Europe Bursary for Cancun

There is a fund of \$ 30.000 for 30 persons who can apply to attend the Cancun conference. Applications through the Cancun website. It might be a good suggestion to have a reception in Cancun for these participants.

- Wonca World Bylaws

Wonca World has a new set of proposed bylaws which will be voted upon in Cancun. Council agrees with the principle that gender equity is an important issue but that the proposed bylaws will not be acceptable as they accentuate the gender equity in a wrong way. Ilse Helleman informs Council that the concept was accepted by Wonca World EB and that she would welcome concrete suggestions for changes. Others feel that is the task of the Bylaws committee. Council decides to let the Wonca World EB know about our feelings and opinions. Arno Timmermans together with Tony Mathie will write a draft letter about this, send it to Igor Svab, and then to WW CEO.

- GROW session (1 hour group discussion) in the presence of Chris van Weel (Wonca president) and Rich Roberts (Wonca World president-elect)

Chris van Weel announces that Wonca World is in good shape:

- there is an increase in the number of member countries
- the concept of FM is recognized more and more

but Wonca World is financially in bad shape as many new member countries from developing regions cannot pay the membership fees.

The GROW document was published in Wonca News and it is in the agenda papers. The plans are important for the future. There are no decisions taken at this moment. Decisions are taken in Cancun.

It is important to know what Wonca World has to offer:

- Wonca reputation with WHO
- Statement on mental health in primary care
- Journal alerts
- ICPC

Gisle Roksund acknowledges that the ICPC is essential for the future of Wonca.

Wonca World has to increase the income. Several plans have been made to link the dues per country to the GNP. Tony Mathie suggests to audit national colleges to get the right number of members.

Council points out that several resolutions in the GROW document may not be feasible such as global accreditation, a WW conference every year.

12. Communication with networks, WESIG's and other groups

There will be a meeting of Wonca Europe EB and WESIG's later in the conference.

13. Wonca Europe Bylaws changes

The current proposal is based on the discussion and decisions taken in Istanbul, September 2008

There were no questions regarding the content.

Voting: Do you agree with the bylaws changes?

Eligible to vote: 21

Yes: 21

No: 0

The new bylaws changes were accepted by the council.

14. Network funding final document

This fund is meant for small projects of the Networks. The rules have been described. The budget is 30.000 USD

15. Wonca Europe 2009 and Future Conferences:

- WE 2009 Basel, Switzerland, 16 – 19 September

The Swiss society of general practice SSMG/SGAM has written letters regarding the financial matters of a Wonca Europe conference.

Bruno Kissling from the Swiss organizers thinks that the contract is the most important document and should have more binding rules. The Swiss organizers felt very much pressure from different parties who all claimed certain things based on earlier conferences. These “obligations” were not in the contract. Especially the claims of the WESIG's meant a possible financial problem.

Toni Dedeu from the Malaga 2010 organizers disagrees. He thinks the contract allows for the organizers to set their own direction.

Wonca Europe will post the contract on the website so everybody can see what is in the contract and what should be negotiated with the HOC.

It is further proposed to have a more formal report of conferences which will be to the benefit of new organizers. That suggestion will be included in the Guidebook.

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Contract to be sent in a week – Tony Mathie
 - 2012 Vienna, Austria

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