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Epilogue

So this is the end of this book, but it is also the beginning.

We hope that by reading this book you have discovered, or rediscovered, the richness of our professional discipline of family medicine, the breadth and variety of the issues which we address in our daily work as family doctors, the ability of family medicine to adapt with the challenges posed by the different health systems in each of our countries, and the great joy that comes from the privilege of being a family doctor.

The take home messages in each chapter underscore the core concepts of family medicine, that apply wherever in the world we work, and provide valuable advice from our global panel of experts that each of us can adapt to our everyday work.

We hope that, like us, you have been inspired by the contributions from our colleagues from around the world.

We thank all the contributing authors, and we thank the editorial team led by Mehmet Ungan and Carl Steylaerts, for this remarkable publication.

As we said, this is the end but also the beginning, and we look forward to this being just the first in a series of books providing important lessons from family medicine.

And we leave you with three final Take Home Messages:

- The contributions to this book have demonstrated how much each of us can learn from our family medicine colleagues;
- The contributions to this book have reinforced the special distinctiveness of our professional discipline of family medicine and the qualities that we need to nurture and cherish;
- We hope you will take the lessons you have gained from reading this book, and apply them to your own clinical practice, and that you will continue to provide excellent care to the people in your community who trust you as their family doctor to provide them with medical care and advice.

Professor Michael Kidd is the current WONCA World President, and Professor Job Metsemakers is the current WONCA Europe President.