



Condolences

Prof Janko Kersnik, MD, MSc, PhD

Job FM Metsemakers

I lost a colleague and a friend for many years. As family doctors we lose a role model and advocate of our profession. We mourn with his family about this tragic death. I will always remember him as a European hero

Bohumil Seifert

I met my friend, prof. Janko Kersnik in Prague during EURACT meeting a month ago and had a pleasure, in front of hundreds of Czech GPs, to award him on behalf of the 1st Faculty of Medicine Charles University in Prague by a ceremonial medal for his contribution to the development of academic general practice in Europe and particularly in the Czech Republic. Then sad news came. I would like to express my personal and my Czech colleague's condolence to his family and people close to him.

Gustav Kamenski, Austria

I will always remember Janko as an open hearted and straight forward acting colleague. I had the great chance to meet him at several occasions in connection with EURACT and WONCA Europe activities, especially in the year 2012, when he was the liaison person in organizing the WONCA Europe 2012 Conference in Vienna. I will miss Janko and I wish his family all the best for this hard time, but it will be helpful for his family to know that the members of the big WONCA community will always keep the memory of Janko in mind. All the best, Gustav

Margaret O Riordan Medical Director Irish College of General Practitioners
As a former EQUIP delegate I remember Janko with great fondness. His justifiable pride as he showed us around his clinic in Kranska Gora and his commitment to the patients in his community has remained with me for many years. He was a great role model for young (and not so young). general practitioners. He may be gone but his memory will live on for his family, friends, colleagues, patients and all who had the privilege to know him in the wider Wonca community. May he rest in peace.

Jaume Banqué Vidiella semFYC representative in the Executive of Euripa
Very sad news I'd like to express my personal and the Spanish GP's condolences to all his family and friends. I has been a pleasure and honour know and work with Janko RIP

Michael Kidd
Please see Amanda's message below about the sudden tragic death of our dear friend, Professor Janko Kersnik. As most of you will know Janko was a great contributor to global family medicine, most recently as a member of the WONCA Europe Executive, as President of EURACT, and as a keynote speaker at last month's WONCA Rural Conference in Dubrovnik. Our condolences to Janko's family and his many friends in WONCA Europe

Christos Lionis
Very sad news, days after fighting in the intensive unit. It is a big loss. Janko was a fantastic man, creative, productive and very humanistic. I remember always his smile and his energy; he succeeded many in his short life. We need to keep him alive by keeping his memory and his work inside in EURIPA and its activities. We have to pray to his soul to rest in peace.

Rich Roberts
Sad and shocking news. I had a wonderful conversation with Janko in Dubrovnic several weeks ago. We discussed our shared belief that rural family doctors can show the way for all of health care, and perhaps the world, to better bridge science and the humanities. Janko believed that the research and educational possibilities in rural primary care are an untapped global resource. We have lost an important voice and leader. Please pass along my sympathies to his family.

Jim Reid IPCRG WONCA Representative.
I am also saddened to read of this great loss.

Dr Mohammed Tarawneh Wonca EMR President
Sad news and great loss of Janko , I met him different times last time in Adana Turkey , Deep condolences to his family and friends

Prof. Dr. Dilek Guldal
We are truly sorry to learn loss of Janko. Please accept our heartfelt condolences to Wonca Europe and his family.

Wolfgang Spiegel Vienna, Austria
I am shocked but try to remind myself that we all are God's children and never know when we are called home. Janko and I had quite some discussions when we both were EURACT Council Members. He usually won with his strong voice and good arguments. An intelligent, hard working, warm-hearted and cheerful man. I will miss you, Janko! Our scientific family medicine community is small and losing someone bringing us all closer together.

John Wynn-Jones, EURIPA

We were all saddened to hear of the death of a dear colleague and rural physician, Professor Janko Kersnik on Saturday night. Those of you who came to Dubrovnik will remember him as one of the keynote speakers and he had a prominent role in the preparations leading up to and during the conference itself. He was a great advocate of rural practice, family medicine and medical education. Janko will be a great loss to so many people and so many organizations and institutions. I will miss his wisdom and his council as rural academics of his calibre are so scarce in Europe. I hope that you will join me in sending our dearest condolences to his family and remind them that they are in our thoughts. Events like this remind us that behind our professional and academic personas, we are all human.

Dr. Sandra Adalgiza Alexiu, MD Vicepresident National Society of Family Medicine (SNMF), Romania

I would also like to express my personal and the Romanian GPs condolences to all his family and friends. RIP

Aldo Lupo, UEMO President

I have been greatly saddened by the passing away of Dr Janko Kersnik. It is with heartfelt sympathy that I write this note, in a moment of sincere emotion for all of us. He was a renowned professional, a hard worker and a friend. Please express to his family my most sincere condolences and personal sympathy on this tragic loss. I wish also to extend my deepest sympathy to all EURACT staff, WONCA Europe, all national members, academicians and all the international scientific community.

Rui Nogueira, President APMGF

On behalf of the Portuguese Association of General and Family Medicine, let me pass our deepest condolences on the passing of our dear colleague, Prof Janko Kersnik. To say that Prof Janko was a committed family doctor and an enthusiastic academic figure would be an understatement. He was, in fact, a larger than life character. We will always remember him as a great friend of ours and will have fond memories of his involvement and support in our recent Lisbon WONCA Europe Conference. Grief can be a hard experience, but our special memories can help us cope.

Danijel Atijas and Draško Kuprešak

we heard that Prof.Janko Kersnik has died and we want on behalf of Association of family doctors in Republica Srpska express a big sad and sympathy to his family and all doctors in Wonca who knows how huge person Janko was.

Imre Rurik

Dear Zenka, on behalf of all Hungarian family physicians who had meet him and on behalf of the Executive Board of CSAKOSZ we are sending you our condolence. In the last 2 weeks we were worrying in the hope that he could be the winner. As physicians, we had to realize that our bodies are working the same way like that of our patients. with compassion Imre and László acting and past Presidents of CSAKOSZ

Jo Buchanan

I am sad to think that Janko is no longer with us. He was such a good leader for family medicine, always working hard and totally committed to everything he did. I will miss his smile and gentle nature.

László Kalabay

We met this February this year for the first time. We agreed on his coming to our 2016 meeting in Budapest, as well. I am so sorry to hear that he passed away. I and my colleagues will keep him in our best memories.

Nazan Karaoglu

He was one of my teachers. I had the chance to meet him in different times and spent some time and learnt a lot especially in Bled course. I pray for him and for his family and friends, Very sad for his death and proud to know him

Victoria Tkachenko

It is really very sad news Our sincere condolences to his family Prof Janko Kersnik did a lot for Ukrainian family medicine, his huge input we never forget His presentations and training for family medicine teachers in Ukraine in 2013 year, his participation in our national conference and family medicine life, his articles in Ukrainian journals did a lot for family medicine implementation in Ukraine. He was a very intelligent and friendly man. It is big loss for all of us

Huseyin CAN

Sorry to hear such terrible news. Janko was such a good person and was an invaluable academician. We will be praying for him. With my regards to Janko Kersnik. I 'd like to extend my sympathy to his family!

Peter Sloane

It was with deep sadness and profound regret that members of the Vasco da Gama Movement learned of Janko's recent illness and untimely death. He was personally known to many of us in VdGM. Those of us who knew Janko found him to be one of life's positive individuals; bright, cheerful and a wonderfully optimistic and encouraging presence. While he was focused on getting things done and worked hard, he was also great fun to be with. He enjoyed the respect of everyone in VdGM and was held in very high regard. As family doctors throughout Europe and beyond we have lost a good friend, a dedicated passionate GP, outstanding teacher and scientist, and someone who epitomised and always fought and advocated for family medicine. It was an honour to have known and to have worked with Janko, and on behalf of the entire Vasco da Gama Movement, we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Zdenka, his daughters, and to the extended Kersnik family.

João Sequeira Carlos

In my favorite WONCA memories are the moments shared with Jancko. Since I met him from the first time I was certain of his friendship, intelligence and commitment. We shared great moments abroad and in our homelands. I specially remember his happiness during Lisbon WONCA Europe conference. The memory of a good friend, a bright human being and an outstanding family doctor will keep him alive among us. I would like to send my warmest condolences to the family. My thoughts are with them and with all Jancko's friends. Rest in peace my friend.

János Szabó

Dear Janko, Friendship, kind smile lives on in us forever.....

Sakis Symeonidis, Thessaloniki, Greece

It is so difficult to me to accept Janko is not here; I cannot believe it. I met him for the first time several years ago in Bled course, while he was leading my group, visiting a family. Then for many years we have been working together in Euract council and courses. Janko has been linked with teaching, studying, promoting and

practicing family medicine. I send my condolences to Janko's family saying that he will be in our minds for ever.

Francesco Carelli

Dear Janko ! I have lost a real friend, a supporter, always ready to understand, to encourage, always with your smile. We experienced a real big empathy, we exchanged emails every other day for seasons and seasons,...ideas, projects, concrete progresses...also little things of the life as exchanges of songs, family photos... You are a rare example for the international community of Family Medicine. So your physical absence is an incredible (so difficult to accept !) loss for family doctors andEURACT. ..how could be the same without you ? It was a privilege to have such a friend and colleague. You will be forever in my thoughts and prayers and an extreme example !

Laura Viotto ,Roma ,ITALIA

Unfortunately I have never met him!! In person.....and he didn't know me..... but the first and last time,few weeks ago, I wrote him a short mail asking about one doubt I had , he answer me in few minutes very kindly and wisely. Rest in peace...

Mette Brekke

My husband Hans and myself send our deepest condolences to Jankos family. We remember Janko as an energetic, dedicated and cheerful man, and look back on the occasions when we had the privilege of meeting him and his wife.

Nena Kopcavar Gucek

Dear Janko, I still cannot believe it. It feels impossible that you are now still and quiet, in the arms of the beautiful Alpien valley. We simply cannot leave you there. We will take you with us in our hearts, and will carry on to do your work. It will take several of us to do your work. But it is quite impossible to replace you. You were one and only.

Yvonne Chung, Administrative Manager, Wonca World Secretariat (2001- 2012)

It is with great sadness and shock for me to learn of the passing of Janko. He was a dedicated family doctor and I simply remember him as a warm and compassionate human being. My deepest condolences to his family. A great loss to the local, national and international family medicine community. And gone too soon. May you rest in eternal peace Janko.

Jean Karl Soler

I remember Janko best from the EURACT assessment course in Rome. He led our group, and for the first time I got to know him personally. Really a great facilitator, and a nice person, friendly, approachable. I liked him, and wished I could know him better. I was looking forwards to seeing him at the Timisoara EGPRN meeting, also for that reason... words cannot convey the feelings adequately.

Niklaus Egli Switzerland

As former EQUIP member I remember Janko and his family as very very good friends. We met many times at Equip meetings and WONCA congresses. It is very sad to loose him.

Wolfgang Spiegel, Austria

Dear All, I am shocked but try to remind myself that we all are goods children and never know when we are called home. Professor Janko Kersnik was an esteemed

and highly cherished member of the scientific community in general practice around the world. An intelligent, hardworking, worm-hearted and cheerful man. We will surely miss him! Our scientific family medicine community is small and losing someone brings us all closer together. Wolfgang Spiegel Vienna, Austria

Paula Vainiomäki

My condolences are here without many words. I had the opportunity to know Janko for a long time and also host him in my home town and home in Turku. He was a great person in family medicine community. We never know what life will bring us in the future. I hope my personal letter to Jankos family be a help and comfort in this trying time.

Barbara Toplek

Dear Janko, the last time I saw you was in Prague, you waved and rushed, they were waiting for you and you didn't want to be late... And now you are gone. I never imagined we wouldn't be able to go on any more car rides together. So many laughs, so many stories... It tears my heart that we lost you, but I feel honoured to have been able to know you and spend time with you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers and will be dearly missed!

Roger and Egle Price

We will remember Janko for so many reasons, a passionate doctor and teacher, member of EURACT and as the President at Council meetings. Always with a smile, encouragement and wishing that people work well together. The role play we shared in Faro on the assessment course will live with me for ever. Such a laugh too and an enjoyment of life, especially when with his family at meetings or in Slovenia. It was a privilege to work with Janko, and a pleasure to know him as a friend. Zdenka, please accept our sincere condolences, Roger and Egle.

Peter Vajer, Hungary

Dear Janko, although we have met once or twice a year (in case I've skipped two council meetings You warned me with that special, friendly but strict smile on your face) you were like an older brother for me. A brother who was in the game, when it was time for that, but mostly who was worried for his younger brother, who cared for him, who helped him a lot. Thank You very much!

Katerina Venovska, MD, MSPH

This is really a very sad new that touched me deeply. Janko was a very good colleague and friend who as a member of a precious Slovenian team, helped us developing family medicine in Macedonia. I have so many nice memories from his knowledgeable approach, his kindness and heartbreaking smile. His wisdom paired with a nice smile made him an adorable person, always ready to help and make us fill comfortable. We have all went together through a pile of workshops, sessions and many exams. He was a frontier without border determined to advance the family medicine as a practice and the family doctors profession. I remember him also as a nice host showing us the beauty of his Kranjska Gora and organizing unforgettable welcome event for us in the Bled tower, where I we had nice time with Prof. Janko Kersnik and his wife. It was a real pleasure and honor knowing Janko, and I promise will never forget him... Deep and honest condolences to his wife and family. Stand tall and look towards the stars... Janko is somewhere there.... still smiling and caring for all of us

Peter Liptak

Janko was a very good man, a colleague and a friend. He will live on in memory forever. Rest in peace!

Mira Kis-Veljkovic Serbia

In the name of all the colleagues from EURACT Serbia, we would like to express our deep and sincere condolence to Janko's family and colleagues from Slovenia for non-compensable loss, not only for them but for General Medicine around the world. That left us speechless in pain and disbelief that we lost so precious friend, who has been sacrificing himself unselfishly to all he was doing. He was a great support to colleagues from Serbia in efforts to improve our General Medicine. We were honored to know him and to associate with. We will remember him forever!

Dijana Filipovic, Serbia

I had the great honor and a good fortune to work with Janko a little bit from time to time for 10 years and to learn from him and enjoy the company of him and his wife Zdenka. Kranjska Gora, Bled, Zlatibor, Novi Sad, Petrovaradin... Memories... Nothing will be the same. 10 beautiful years of friendship! We have to remember him and his enthusiasm, energy, knowledge and a great smile and understanding for everybody. He was a great friend, a teacher, a doctor, a colleague, a leader, husband, father, grandfather... Thank you Janko, we'll remember you forever. Goodbye dear friend!

Edita Cerny Obrdalj

Strong leader, human person, good and warm friend. You lived for Family Medicine and your family. Thank you Janko. Sincere condolences to your family.

Jose Augusto Rodrigues Simoes

Dear EURACT Colleagues, We are truly saddened by the news about the death of Janko Kersnik. On behalf of the Portuguese Association of Teachers and Trainers in Family Medicine (ADSO), please accept our heartfelt condolences. Kind regards, Jose Augusto Rodrigues Simoes

Monica Lindh, Sweden, previously EURACT council member

Thank you Janko for all your valuable contributions! It is difficult to understand that you are no longer with us, not physically. But more important, you are still with us in spirit!. My thoughts and warmest greetings to your lovely family!

Ingrid van der Heijden, Maastricht the Netherlands (former secretary VdGM)

My warmest sympathy with Janko's family, friends and colleagues. I have great respect and admiration for Janko's contagious enthusiasm and his humble ability to unite and inspire. We mourn the tragic loss of a true teacher.

Raquel Braga - Portugal

I offer my sincerest condolences to family and close friends. Janko was a good leader and will be remembered for all of us, who had the honor of meeting him.

Snežana Janković

It is hard to believe that You are not among us. When we will meet, we your colleagues that we all love you and respect, we will always wait for you to show your smile and with your presence help to better do our jobs. You did not know to take a breath. You always gave the best you could, selfless and open heart. I'll remember you forever, as wonderful man, a brilliant physician and one of the

leaders in our General / Family medicine, which is us, the doctors in Serbia, one of the first extended his hand and a chance to join the European and global flows of General / Family medicine. Our pain is great. Janko's family declare deepest condolences. Teško je poverovati da te nema više među nama. Kada se budemo sretali, mi tvoje kolege koji smo te voleli i poštovali, uvek ćemo iščekivati da se pojaviš i svojim osmehom i pisustvom pomogneš da lakše uradimo naše zadatke. Nisi znao da predahneš. Uvek si davao najviše što si mogao, nesebično i otvorenog srca. Ja ću te pamtit i zauvek, kao divnog čoveka, sjajnog lekara i jednog od lidera u našoj opštoj/porodičnoj medicine, koji je nama, lekarima u Srbiji, među prvima pružio ruku i šansu da se priključimo tokovima evropske i svetske opšte/porodične medicine. Naš bol je veliki. Porodici Jankovoj izjavljujem najdublje sučešće.

Renzo De Gabriele - Malta

It was really shocking to hear the news. Janko was a greatly esteemed doctor, researcher, leader, and motivator. He worked tirelessly to bring forward family medicine with a solid vision and enthusiasm. He was a great friend and brought joy wherever he went. He will be sadly missed by all and he will always remain in my thoughts. I thank him for all the support, encouragement and trust he gave me and to his many other colleagues. My deep condolences go to his loved ones. I'm sure his work will never be forgotten.

Andrew P. Zammit, Malta (Past President, Malta College of Family Doctors)

The passing of Janko was both painful and shocking for all his family, friends and colleagues all over the world. He was a special person; vibrant, energetic, hard-working, loyal, supportive..... He was instrumental to the betterment of Family Medicine in Europe on all levels. He will always be in our hearts and prayers. I will never forget you, my dear friend. May you rest in peace and may your family and friends find comfort in remembering how special you are to all of us.

Justin Allen

Janko was a great doctor, a great teacher, and a great leader, and a colleague teacher.

He will live on in my memory not only for his work in EURACT, but also for his laugh. We will all miss him.

Snežana Janković

Teško je poverovati da te nema više među nama. Kada se budemo sretali, mi tvoje kolege koji smo te voleli i poštovali, uvek ćemo iščekivati da se pojaviš i svojim osmehom i pisustvom pomogneš da lakše uradimo naše zadatke. Nisi znao da predahneš. Uvek si davao najviše što si mogao, nesebično i otvorenog srca. Ja ću te pamtit i zauvek, kao divnog čoveka, sjajnog lekara i jednog od lidera u našoj opštoj/porodičnoj medicine, koji je nama, lekarima u Srbiji, među prvima pružio ruku i šansu da se priključimo tokovima evropske i svetske opšte/porodične medicine. Naš bol je veliki. Porodici Jankovoj izjavljujem najdublje sučešće.

Bruce Brinkley (Switzerland)

Janko was a passionate Family Medicine advocate, a friendly colleague, and a wonderful man. In the name of all swiss Euract members, our condolences to his family in these terrible days.

Sandra Alexiu, Romania

Dear Professor Kersnik, please keep an eye on us and help us become what you wanted us to be! Rest in peace!

Gordon Littman, Israel (EQUIP)

I feel privileged to have known Janko although it was only for a relatively short time. Janko, you will be sorely missed in European family medicine circles, but more so, by your family and dear friends. We will never forget you - a fitting legacy.

Roar Maagaard, Denmark

Dear Zdenka, dear family. The loss of your husband, father and grandfather is so tragic - and understandable - also for us, Janko's friends. I have worked together with Janko for more than 10 years in EURACT - and now also in WONCA Europe EB - and it has been a constant pleasure and inspiration. Janko was a lighthouse in European academic general practice - and his achievements and influence go far beyond the borders of Slovenia! Janko was my friend: Lately I lost a personal competition with him: he became grandfather 2 weeks before me! Our last meetings were between 2 proud grandfathers. And grandmother Zdenka: I hope I will have the opportunity to meet you again - and tease you a bit as I use to do. All the best from my heart, Roar.

Luís Filipe Gomes

I met Janko several years ago, when he joined the EURACT Council. I immediately liked him - his way to set priorities, his knowledge of GP/FM problems, and his humour... Later I had the pleasure to support him when he decided to run for the EURACT presidency. He was doing a really good job as President, when death took him away from his family, friends and colleagues. It is not fair! He will be always remembered by me, as by many others who have known him and his work. And I offer all my sentiments to his family.

Prim d-r Violeta Jovanoska

I was deeply saddened by the news of Prof Janko Kersnik passing. He was a true European hero. My warmest condolences to HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. R.I.P.

Egle Zebiene

Painful loss for everyone who met Janko and especially for those who had a privilege to work with him. Lively, friendly, busy man with a big heart and happy laughter of a boy. We will miss him very much. May he rest in peace.

marika supatashvili

I didn't have the honor to know Prof Janko Kersnik. Get my condolences. R.I.P.

Peter Prydz

As EURACT Council member of Norway, I got to know and cooperate with Janko for the last two years. I am so sorry to hear that he has passed away. I send my condolence and respect to his family.

Tomasz Tomasiak

On behalf of the College of Family Physicians in Poland, I would like to convey deep condolences to family of Prof. Janko Kersnik. Family doctors from Poland cooperated with Janko in many fields. We wrote and published together the scientific articles, ran educational projects, exchanged opinions and views at conferences. His loss is irreparable. We're sad that we will not meet him anymore. Tomasz Tomasiak The President of the College

Prof. Květoslav Šipr, Czech republic

Dear family Kersnik, it happens quite often that a doctor is more with his patients

than with his family. And if he is a teacher and a functionary, his family misses out on even more. I send a warmest condolence to Janko's family and wish peace to Janko's soul. Slavek

Adam Windak

I had a pleasure to collaborate closely with Janko both in EURACT Executive Board and the Council. We also worked together on common projects and publications. He was very positive, constructive and friendly in his attitude and approach to other people. He always accepted workload and responsibility even beyond a reasonable level. His death is a terrible loss the international community of family medicine. Special words of encouragement I want to address to Janko's wife -Zdenka and their daughters. Don't lose your hearts! We all will keep Janko in our good memory.

Eva de Fine Licht, EURACT Sweden

So hard to believe - just a few days ago we all worked hard together in Prag. I will always remember Janco trying out the sportscar in the entrance of the automobile club laughing - so little we know...

Jan De Maeseneer, Chair European Forum for Primary Care

Janko, we thank you for your contribution to the development of Primary Care in Europe. Our condolences to the family. Prof Jan De Maeseneer Chairman EFPC

Dzana, Mustafa, Hamza and Zaim Jatic

Dear Janko, You were a beloved husband and father. You were a great professor and the leader of EURACT. During the last twenty years you were a prominent figure of the development of family medicine in the region. You were our friend. You were a real rarity, because you were a good man. We miss you already... You was a really rarity, because you was a good man. We miss you already...

Mariana Lungu-Romania

May his soul rest in peace...

Mladenka Vrcić Keglević

Thank you Janko very much for all you did for us! We will miss your personality, your energy and devotion! European GP/FM, especially Slovenian, will miss you too. Peter Prydz

As EURACT Council member for Norway, I have had the great pleasure to know and cooperate with Janko for the last two years. I am very sorry for the loss of him. I send my condolence and respect to his family.

Karanasios Dimitrios, Greece representative in EURACT Council

You were ever "true" and smiling.....I will never forget you..... Rest in peace dear friend !

Tony & Tosia Mathie

Janko was the essence of a European doctor and combined academic rigour with wit and warmth. His hard work sustained the Executive during my time as Treasurer and President of Europe. My wife and I will miss him greatly.

Chris van Weel

Janko was a formidable leader of European family medicine. I first met him during the preparations of the WONCA-Europe conference, when I was WONCA-Europe president. This not only coined a collaboration that resulted in one of the finest WONCA Europe conferences, it also coined a lasting friendship. For Janko it was the

outcome of our collaborative work that mattered - he never promoted himself. Our last meeting was very symbolic in that respect: I accidentally bumped into him, in our hotel in Lisbon during another memorable WONCA Europe conference. He was organising the celebrations of dr. Tonka Poplas Susic being awarded the 5-star doctor and invited me to join. Janko was full of energy and pride, enjoyed the success of others. That was, and always will be Janko for me in a nutshell: supporting others for the greater cause of family medicine and primary care. Our Lisbon celebrations summed it all up and this will be the picture of Janko I will carry with me for the rest of my life to remember him as the great friend and leader he was.

Alexandre Gouveia

I would like to endorse my warmest condolences to Janko's family and close friends, wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Janko was a good man, an honest friend, a colleague that was always available to help and teach, a dedicated academic and a true modern hero of family medicine. He was one of the best leaders at Wonca in promoting an intergenerational and modern approach of European general practice. We will miss your joy and wisdom. Goodbye, Janko.

Gianluigi Passerini, Sondrio, Italy

Dears, I still remember a quiet walk together with Janko along a valley close to Kranska Gora (the one with the sky jump track) about 25 years ago, talking about our origins, either familiar or professional. His valley resembled mine and we shared our walking and talking with deep pleasure. We shared similar experiences in our youth and profession. This will remain the image of Janko in my mind and hearth. Since then on he put a huge effort in developing his medical practice and medical education in Slovenia and Europe. Thank you Janko, we'll remember you. My thought goes to his wife and daughters.

Piet Vanden Bussche, EQUIP president

The EQUIP family shares in the mourning for Prof Dr Janko Kersnik. Prof Janko Kersnik has been a highly esteemed member of EQUIP and participated in the EQUIP executive board for many years. "He contributed with his wisdom and kindness, to what EQUIP is today." He has stimulated and inspired many of us during personal interactions and official meetings. Since he became the President of EURACT he kept in touch and continued to be very interested in what was happening in EQUIP. Many of us have lost a role model, a dear colleague, a personal friend. He himself was a true GP leader, setting up and organizing primary care in his own practice and his own country. He was engaged in multiple roles, teaching at the university, an active supporter and ex-member of EQUIP, president of EURACT and honorary secretary of Wonca Europe, to name a few. "The legacy that he left behind cannot be described in words. We know that his unfinished plans remain for us to carry on. » We want to honour his memory by continuing the many initiatives he started. Our thoughts go to his family, his colleagues and the GP community in Slovenia. We wish them strength in these difficult days.

Ersin AKPINAR, MD. Prof. (Adana, Turkey)

I would like to express my deepest condolences on the terrible loss of Prof. Dr. Janko Kersnik. He was a devoted family man, passionate doctor, and a leader and a successful academician. I'd like to extend my sympathy to his family. We all miss you Janko, you were hero of family doctors... Rest in peace...

Filippo Zizzo

May his work and his memory encourage all of us to practice the way of knowledge to improve ourselves and to improve the health of our patients. May his soul find rest.

Esra Saatci

My dear president Janko was my role model. I was supported, inspired and encouraged by him, I believed him, enjoyed being with him, respected him, learned from him and admired him. It is my duty to forward the deepest condolences and prayers of Turkish family physicians, friends and my family members. EURACT will be never the same after his loss. May his soul rest in peace.

Mario R Sammut

Thank you Janko for devoting your life to family medicine. Although you have departed this earth, you will remain in our thoughts and hearts. Sincere condolences to your wife, daughter and grandchild.

Jaime Correia de Sousa

We know the day will come but death always leaves us with grief. Janko was only 55 and we were still counting on him for many tasks and new projects. We lost a friend, an intelligent, dedicated, hard-working colleague whose skills and commitment have helped shaping the face of family practice in Europe. We all hope to live up to his legacy. Goodbye dear friend.

Anna Stavdal

Reliable. Energetic. Hardworking. Modest. Cheerful. Kind. WONCA Europe executive board has lost an excellent partner and colleague. I will miss him, and forever remember him with gratitude. Thank you, Janko.

Carl Steylaerts

Dear friend, bon voyage. To your family and friends, I offer my sincerest condolences. He will rest in my heart and thoughts. How would Janko do this? Cautiously, but moving forward, always trying to unite. We lost a great man and a great friend. Farewell, dear friend.



“He Is Not Dead

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—oh you, who the wildest yearn
For an old-time step, and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same. I say,
He is not dead—he is just away.”

— James Whitcomb Riley

