



## GREEK ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL PRACTICE/FAMILY MEDICINE

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to inform you that the Greek Association of General Practitioners (ELEGEIA) will submit the proposal of hosting the 2018 WONCAEurope Conference directly to the Council, according to the bylaws of WONCAEurope.

We strongly feel that the procedure implemented for the year 2017 had several weaknesses, one of which was the danger that the Executive Board could be seen like it was manipulating the Council. To avoid this, we propose once again to copy the valid procedure that is currently the case, as far as the Presidency of the European Union is concerned. Namely, a list of all country members should be constructed and in order to avoid the present problematic procedure, host countries should be following the order from the list. More specifically, we believe that the right thing to do would be that the country to host the conference, according to the order of the list, should submit its hosting proposal at the same time with the next two countries from the list. In this way, both the Executive Board and the Council could be in the position to ask for further improvements or alterations, or even dismiss the proposal entirely, thus moving the hosting of the conference to the next country available from the list in a smooth and valid manner.

In closing, I would like to report that this proposal was introduced by me within the meeting of the Bylaws Committee (Chairman: Tony Mattie) in 2010, in Cancun, Mexico. Unfortunately, the proposal was not further mentioned to any of the following Councils. Because of that, I was planning to re-introduce it to the Bylaws Committee of last year, in Lisbon. Of course, as most of you know, no such meeting of the Bylaws Committee took place in the Lisbon Conference. In this sense, I hereby bring the matter to the Council, as I feel it is my obligation to do so.

Yours truly,

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