**EGPRN Report 2015 (ISTANBUL-Turkey )**

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Dear Council & Executive Board Members

I know that your time is tight in the meeting, that is why I will try to be very short on some topics related with EGPRN & WONCA Europe. And Will try to answer your questions if any. You may also ask it online : [mehmetungan@gmail.com](mailto:mehmetungan@gmail.com)

1. **Security of the participants to EGPRN Edirne & WONCA Europe Istanbul Conferences .**

A question of security was raised by some organizations.EGPRN Executive Board also discussed the issue like WONCA Europe Executive Board. It was clear that as Istanbul HoC would not be able to guarantee safety, like anywhere in the world. Hence Istanbul has always been in the core of security concerns, although the risk was increased. Edirne was more secure as that was far end of Anatolia and beginning of European border. The organizers worked with the local government, and National authorities to take all the necessary measures to tackle security threats. Host department of Family Medicine in Edirne, took care of the measure by arranging optional transportation from and to the airportOur host is Assoc. Professor Ayse Caylan who is trying to keep us in safe with a very low budget EGPRN conference.

1. **EJGP (Journal-WONCA Europe) and Colloboration with other Networks**

I think we could build a good collaboration in between the 3 old Networks. As a result of those years together with EURACT and EQUIPP we prepared a joint paper and published in EJGP. Kersnik J, Ungan M, Klemenc-Ketis Z, (2015): “Why does teaching research skills to family medicine trainees make sense?”, Eur J Gen Pract. 2015. I must say working with Janko Kersnik in the WONCA Europe EB has always been a privilege. This paper was one of his last pieces as a gift to the European Family Medicine.

We are still publishing selected EGPRN abstracts in the journal up to now.

Next term we will try to collaborate on more specific and concrete items and as the Networks and SIGs we will produce documents to be published in common interests besides applying to the funds.

1. **Memberships** : Some countries were still pending, But some others like Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria are in the Network and they are actively contributing in. Slovakia had a situation which needed to be solved internally. We are happy to see all the low budget colleges in the Network in a common interest, Research. As the individual membership fees are collected via our web site the individual and institutional memberships are usually paid by credit cards, pay pall and such tools and accumulated in the central office bank account. Relatively easier collection of the fees and making it central, created a better fee collection system. That also made it more reliable among the members. The system works well. We recommend such acentral system to each Network and SIG if they collect fee.

**Egprn membership details on 21 September 2015 \***

Individual Institutional Total membership

Oct. ’15 146 028 174

Oct. ’14 083 020 103

Oct. ’13 178 029 207

Oct. ’12 148 030 178

Oct. ’11 076 014 09

**\* By Hanny Prick-Ex. Manager EGPRN)**

1. **Country reports:** EGPRN still has problems with the continuity and availability of country reports. They are delaying, absence, and etc. The council members were instructed in the meeting, in a specific session how to create their own reports and upload it to the country section. That was a kind of training. The Executive Board agreed on delegating the follow up to a single EB member.I see we still have the problem with the country reports and country pages. We will work on it more and if effective we may bring the outcome to the WONCA Eu council to try for the member organizations as we knew that was a common problem.

**Egprn National Representatives’ “National Pages”on website :** The ‘National Pages’ <http://pages.egprn.org/> are the place where every national representative can publish EGPRN information, **also in their national language**, for their country members. On the site a template is available to complete ‘Report(s) on last (attended) scientific EGPRN meeting(s), especially directed to the interest the national members might have.’, ‘National News’, ‘Alerts’ and other anything else ‘Interesting about EGPRN for the local members’. Until now, the national representatives have not yet completed any new info on their forum. **Unfortunately, most pages are not updated regularly.**

1. **EGPRN Collaborative Research Projects.**

The next deadline to submit proposals for future EGPRN Collaborative Research Projects is 15 January 2016. Full documentation on collaborative research projects is available in the EGPRN Office, <http://www.egprn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=100&Itemid>=

**a. The FPDM Study.**  
Le Reste JY, Nabbe P, Lygidakis C, Doerr C, Lingner H, Czachowski S, et al. A Research Group from the European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN) Explores the Concept of Multimorbidity for Further Research into Long-Term Care. Journal of the American Medical Directors Association [Internet]. 2012 Sep 4 [cited 2012 Sep 16];13(7). Available at: [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22959729](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22959729" \t "_blank)

**b. HEFESTOS STUDY (HEart Failure European STratification and OutcomeS)**  
Miguel-Angel Muñoz, José Maria Verdú, Helene Vaillant-Rousell, Liam Glynn,Alberto Vaona, Melida Hasanagic, Haiyriye Kulbay, Clara Fonseca. To develop and validate a predictive model based on clinical variables easy to measure at primary care to predict short-term hospitalization or mortality in a cohort of patients attended in primary care setting as a consequence of a HF decompensation.

1. **Future Conferences**

**Next Spring EGPRN meeting in Tel Aviv-Israel; 21-24 May 2016.**

The spring 2016 meeting is organised 21-24 May in Tel Aviv-Israel. The conference venue will be the Ruth Daniel Residence in Jaffa. Joseph Azuri, is the national representative. The theme for EGPRN Tel Aviv will be *“****Research on Medical Overuse; Overdiagnose and Overtreatment in Family Medicine and Primary Care”.*** However, abstracts on any other topic in family medicine/general practice can be submitted as well for the oral and poster sessions.  
Also one-slide/five minutes presentations for researchers who want to suggest an IDEA for research, raise a QUESTION concerning a research problem or want to invite others to participate in a planned study. This section is NOT for preliminary results. Five minutes is allocated for the presentation, **using only one slide!** Then there is five minutes for discussion.

Deadline to submit abstracts: 15 January 2016, via online submission tool: <http://meeting.egprn.org/> , two (one morning 10.00-12.30h., one afternoon13.30-16.00h.) eGPRN pre-conference workshops are scheduled for Tel Aviv on either Friday 20th May or Saturday 21st May 2016. Morning: *“*The Pitfalls and Advantages of Big Data Research in General Practice”; Afternoon: "Qualitative Studies". We are looking for a leader/chair for this latter workshop. If you know capable persons, please inform us. **Future possible egprn meetings to be defined..** All future meetings are listed on the website (direct link): <http://www.egprn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=88889143> EGPRN needs to schedule its meeting for the year 2017. You can always contact H.Prick if you need more information or cooperation in submitting a bid.

1. **Multi-national Symposium in WONCA Istanbul, in collaboration with WWWPR and EGPRN:**

*Thanks to WWWPR for initiating this event in Lisbon as a regional activity. That is also a great contribution of EGRPN to the WONCA Europe Symposium/Panel.*

*Topic : “Organization of the healthcare system in Europe: What facilitates & What impedes*

*the delivery of effective primary care***".**There will be with *7 EGPRN members*, presenting their countries, in Istanbul WONCA Conference. That is chaired by C.Lionis and me . Presenters are:*Claire Collins, Peter Torzsa***,** *Jean Pierre Jacquet,RadostAsenova, Nicola Buono, Anna Nager and Knut Arne Wensaas*

**8. Elections:** The term for present chair ends in Israel in May 2016, and there shall be an election for the position of Chair in Edirne October 2015. By the time we discuss this proposal we will know the next chair. We encouraged NRs to participate actively in this process, I must say it has been an honor and a pleasure to be nominated by the members for this position.

*Kind regards*

*Mehmet Ungan*

*EGPRN Liaison WONCA Europe EB.*

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*Happy Birthday*

*EGPRN just turned 40 !*

*WONCA Europe just turns 20 !*