

Annex 2

President's Report

**EURACT Council meeting
October 11-15, 2006
Praha, Czech Republic**

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October 11-14, 2006;
Prague

Since the last EURACT Council meeting, as EURACT President I took part in some activities on which I would like to report to the Council.

EGPRN-EURACT joint workshop and Conference.

By the invitation of Paul van Royen, EGPRN Chairman, participated together with Job Metsemakers in EGPRN-EURACT joint workshop, May 11-12. Workshop and Conference were attended by more than 100 participants, and this activity has been considered very successful. Participation of EURACT representatives was very important, especially good impression made the keynote lecture by Anders Baerheim. Full report on the activity was sent to Council members separately, attached to this report.

Leonardo-EURACT course, 2006 Algarve, May 17-20. Took part in the course as a faculty member, together with Justin, Adam, Igor, Yonah, Sakis, Fergus and Filipe. Course has been very successful, and we already have good publicity about the course and participants who are already planning to join the course 2007.

WONCA Europe EB meeting June 9-11, Oslo, Norway.

- Commentary on patient empowerment, developed by Justin Allen, was discussed fully approved as a WONCA Europe approach on matters. I wrote a letter on behalf of WE EB informing authors on the decision. Later, after repeated suggestion of Italian colleagues, the paper was discussed during the WE Council meeting in Florence, and our point of view supported by the Council.
- Request from WONCA World to delegate representative from EB to the renewed WONCA Working Party on Education. By decision of EB, E. Zebiene, as representative of EURACT, will represent WONCA Europe EB in this organisation.
- Further development of Strategy of European Conferences, including new bidding procedure, protocol for opening and closing ceremonies, developed together with Maarten Klomp.
- On request of WE EB developed and discussed project for collaboration between Vasco da Gama and WONCA Europe, including financial support for the movement. Document to be discussed and approved by WONCA Europe Council. As a result of previous collaboration, I was asked to act as a contact person on behalf of WONCA Europe in collaborating with VdG movement.

UKCEA Conference June 14-16, Chester, UK.

By the invitation of Tony Mathie organized together with Roger Price the workshop on Educational Agenda during the annual UKCEA Conference of UK educators. We had the possibility to run two workshops during the conference course. Workshops were well attended, and participants contributed by small group discussions and then general discussion on implementation of EEA.

WONCA Europe 2006, Florence.

WONCA Europe pre-conference EB meeting, August 27. Mainly questions concerning issues to be discussed during the WONCA Europe Council meeting. Also together with Igor Svab were invited to open Vasco da Gama pre-conference meeting .

WONCA Europe Council meeting, August 27. Minutes of the meeting available if there is interest in decisions. Major results of the meeting:

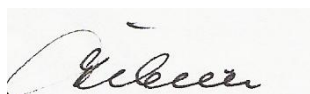
- Council anonymously accepted the proposal of EB to register WONCA Europe as independent foundation in order to own the EJGP, and register the brand.
- Financial annual support of 5000 USD for Vasco da Gama movement, based on project of collaboration, approved for 3 years.
- “Integrating patient empowerment as an essential characteristic of the discipline of General Practice/Family Medicine” – proposal from Italian associations ASSIMEFAC and CSERMEG presented by Ernesto Mola and discussed. It was concluded that there is no need to change the document at the moment. The issue will be discussed within the next review procedure.
- Proposal of WONCA Europe Hon. Treasurer. From the year 2008, if approved by the Council meeting in Singapore 2007, it is suggested that the financing of the organisations in collaboration by WE, will be provided on the basis of the clear 3 year business plan. The same strategy will be used in future for financial support of three network organisations.

Three network meeting, hold during the conference with representatives of 3 networks and WONCA Europe EB members. General agreement was achieved that collaboration of networks should be based on common areas of interest and projects organised together. New possibility of support to projects may be found in future, after agreement with WONCA World about finances from satellite symposia during WONCA Europe conferences. This may be the possibility to run bigger projects, including educational research.

WE EB members’ meeting with WONCA World Executive Board members. Mainly questions of registration of WONCA Europe as a legal body, satellite symposia during the conferences in accordance to the bylaws, Project Globe issues were discussed.

Meeting with the Chairman of WONCA Working Party on Education. Together with Igor Svab had a meeting with the chairman Michael Kidd. The party in it’s current stage is in the process of development, on the basis of regional representation from each WONCA region. Europe is supposed to be represented by the members from EURACT and also RCGP. The first meeting is scheduled for the WONCA Conference 2007 in Singapore.

Plenary workshop “Humanity and biology in General Practice – the EURACT approach”, run together with Yonah and Roger within the Conference programme. Although the workshop took place on the last day, it was well attended and participants took active part in the workshop. Reflections on the activity were very positive, and some participants suggested that it should be repeated as a EURACT workshop in smaller group during the WONCA conference 2007 in Singapore.



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