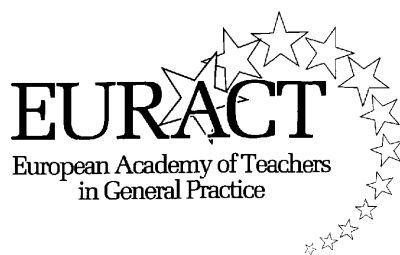


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Prof. Jan Heyrman, Belgium, EB member
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Dr. Bernhard Rindlisbacher, Switzerland
Dr. Llukan Rumbullaku, Albania
Prof. Adolfo Rubinstein, Argentina, President of WONCA Iberoamericana
Dr. Mario R. Sammut, Malta
Dr. Wolfgang Spiegel, Austria
Dr. Georgis C. Spatharakis
Prof. Igor Svab, President of WONCA Europe
Prof. Paula Vainiomäki, Finland
Dr. Adam Windak, Poland
Dr. Yonah Yaphe, Israel

Members absent:

Dr. Okay Basak, Turkey, Honorary Treasurer
Dr. Bernard Gay, France
Dr. Eva Jurgová, Slovakia
Dr. Jaroslava Lankova, Czech Republic
Dr. Iuliana Popa, Rumania
Dr. János Szabó, Hungary
Dr. Stefan Wilm, Germany

PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

Wednesday, 3rd of May 2006

Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting

Session 1: Country reports

Thursday, 4th of May 2006

Session 2: Committee work & Reports from committees

Session 3: Business meeting

Session 4: “Five minutes – one slide”

Friday, 5th of May 2006

Session 5: Duodecim/EURACT Conference

Session 6: Task group work

Saturday, 6th of May 2006

Session 6 (ct.): Reports from task groups

Session 7: Future plans

Post-Council Executive Board Meeting

REPORT OF THE MEETING

Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board and Committee chairs met before the Council meeting and discussed the following issues:

- The President went through the agenda for the meeting – and in particular the agenda for the business meeting.
- A course on the educational agenda in Prague had been discussed earlier – but the latest news was that this course was not wanted in autumn 2006 in Prague.
- Administrative secretariat: A preliminary paper trying to list our wishes and plans for a secretariat after Agnes Goethuys had been produced. It was decided to propose a plan for council: Council to give input to the process – and Job, Agnes, Adam, Egle and Roar to prepare a proposal for final decision in Prague.
- Honorary Treasurer not being present in Turku due to personal reasons. Egle presented an outline for a budget – and it was decided Prof. Job Metsemakers should be deputy for Hon. Treasurer during Council meeting and try create an overview over the financial matters.
- The Italian situation: there had been some misunderstandings in Italy regarding membership and membership lists. Dr. Filipe Gomes had tried to solve problems and misunderstanding prior to Turku meeting
- Discussion about the Assessment task group: Decided that the course level should be “Entry-level” and not a “Master-Class” – and also decided that the group should find a new chairman from the next meeting as Prof. Justin Allen is leaving EURACT Council
- Relations to other organisations: EURIPA → meeting with EURIPA in Florence to discuss if further steps are to be taken. AMEE → discussed – no decisions.
- EURACT Director of Communications: discussed – discussion and decision to be taken by Council at Business meeting.

Session 1: Country reports

- The President Dr. Egle Zebiene welcomed all the Council Members present to Turku. She introduced Dr. Givi Javashvili who is Council member from the new member-country, Georgia – and the President introduced and welcomed Prof. Adolfo Rubinstein, Argentina, President of WONCA Iberoamericana. Prof. Rubinstein wanted to study EURACT at first hand in order to get inspiration for educational issues in Latin America
- The Council was divided into groups of 3 – and in these groups country reports from the concerned countries were discussed – and a short summary of 1-3 points given to the plenary afterwards.
- The country reports are available in ANNEX 1.

Session 2: Committee work & Reports from committees

- **BME-committee.** Dr. Yonah Yaphe presented the work of the BME-committee:

- Dr. Givi Javashvili had joined the committee
- Dr. Yonah Yaphe reported on survey on ECE (Early clinical exposure) in Europe done by this committee. Very interesting results and diversity across Europe! Results will be presented in Florence in August in a very active way.
- Full report available in ANNEX 5.
- **Specific Training committee.** These issues were reported to plenary:
 - The survey regarding funding for VT had been done – and the results were presented in an enormous big poster produced by Dr. Bernhard Rindlisbacher and Dr. Monica Lindh. These results were discussed and to be presented in Florence.
 - The recruitment and selection of trainees discussed – especially mentioned: new system launched in the UK.
 - Challenges arising from much more female trainees and challenges arising from recruiting candidates from other countries.
 - Dr. Roger Price will in Florence present the new UK-system in a workshop in Florence – and the Vasco da Gama movement will be invited to participate in both Florence workshops.
 - Future work in the committee could be dealing with ethical aspects in training and with “problematic candidates” in training.
 - Full report available in ANNEX 5.
- **CME/CPD committee.** Dr. Mladenka Vrcic-Keglevic reported on the activities in this committee as chair of the committee, Dr. Paula Vainiomäki, was busy being host for our meeting.
 - The committee had planned the activities going on next day in Turku with the Finnish colleagues.
 - Planning participation in Paris Conference 2007 and Singapore Conference 2007.
 - Planning to put the CPD-inventory on the EURACT website.
 - Full report available in ANNEX 5.
- **Member Services committee.** Dr. Filipe Gomes presented the work of the Member Services committee:
 - Next Leonardo Course on teaching will run in Portugal in May 2006 – 38 participants in total (20 funded participants and 18 paying participants).
 - The Leonardo Rolling Course in 2007 is planned and dates fixed (22.-25. May 2007) for this course in Switzerland. Participating countries to be decided for the 2007 course.
 - Venues for Leonardo Course in 2008 and 2009 not decided – but council members invited to suggest venues – note: these courses will not include sponsored participants!
 - EURACT will continue to sponsor 5 persons for the Bled courses.
 - A questionnaire for members on needs and expectations will be produced.
 - EURACT will produce an official short version of the EEA.
 - There are only 5 members in this committee now – new members are welcome! It was mentioned that Hon. Secretary and Treasurer especially welcome.
 - Reports will be made to EURACT members:
 - Newsletter before WONCA Conference – summarizing EURACT activities like workshops, keynote lectures and General Meetings.
 - Short report after every Meeting.

- These reports would be best prepared by the webmaster/web editor(s) and the Director of Communications.
- Full report available in ANNEX 5.

Session 3: Business meeting

- Adam's report from Vienna approved.
- NB!! Agreed on future reports from Council meetings to be sent electronically – and council members to print these reports by themselves if a printed report is wished!!

Presidents report: (see written report in Annex 2)

- Work is done trying to get WONCA Europe recognised as a legal body.
- EURIPA and EUOPREV were decided not to have the same status as the three networks (EURACT, EQUIP, EGPRN) by WONCA Europe.
- European Journal of General Practice: to be published by Taylor & Francis in future.
- No more actions taken in relation to “pediatric curriculum for GP's” that we have formerly dealt with.
- WONCA still working for new guidelines for WONCA conferences ensuring higher standards.
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Treasurers report:

- Okay Basak, Hon. Treasurer not present
- Agnes Goethyus and Prof. Job Metsemakers had taken over in receiving membership fees from national representatives.
- Job Metsemakers stressed the importance of receiving money in the year the fee should be paid!
- The membership list should be correct and updated when we come to Prague (to be able to run elections in 2007) – and payment should be done according to the actual membership list.
- Job Metsemakers presented the figures in the budget and actual expenditures – but because of fees collected one year might be from the actual year, the year before or even 2 years before it is very difficult to get a clear overview.
- Discussion regarding collection of fees – Justin stressed the Country Treasurers duties – a paper was produced for EB meeting in Barcelona – and this paper will be used to produce a proposal for decision in Prague (group of Okay, Job and Roar to prepare this!).

Other issues:

- Just to remember: country representatives only to note if applicants are teachers or not – not to make further qualitative judgement! If the national representative finds an applicant unacceptable this should be presented for and dealt with by Members Service Committee.
- Members Service committee to make a proposal for next general meeting (in Paris) regarding payment fees when entering EURACT and when re-entering EURACT.
- Discussion in Prague regarding membership by others than GP's – the bylaws gives right to membership to all teachers in GP.
- President participated by the kind invitation of Dr. Luis Pisco in the national conference of Portuguese Association General Practitioners, March 8-11. This has been a great and very

well organized conference, with more than 2000 participants. During the last plenary session Egle had been invited to make a presentation about EURACT and its activities to colleagues in Portugal. Also Filipe invited Egle to present our Educational Agenda implementation during the workshop of GP trainers society.

- President have taken part in planning meeting regarding WONCA 2007 in Paris. The networks will be more visibly in Paris – and there will be one EURACT plenary session – ideas for topic and speaker are welcome.
- Project Globe: not much news since latest Council meeting – President will keep us informed.
- Cooperation with Florence organisers: tried to get the best out of suboptimal conditions given by the conference organisers.
- Cooperation with EURIPA: they are very interested – we have decided not to do anything in a hurry and participate in their coming workshop in Florence. Decided that president and Hon. Secretary should meet EURIPA representatives in Florence.
- Singapore Conference 2007 has invited us to present a symposium – we will try to do so.
- President listed her future activities.
- Policy decisions:
 - EURACT registration → later decision because of Dr. Wolfgang Spiegels absence at this time of discussion
 - Secretariat issues → suggestions welcome – decision in Prague – final proposal to be produced (see Pre-Council EB meeting)
 - Membership issues (see Barcelona EB meeting report)
 - EURACT Director of communications – approval of terms of reference: the paper was discussed – and it was decided that:
 - Dr. Francesco Carelli will serve as Director of Communications until election for this post will take place when new council has been elected (Spring meeting 2007). Francesco Carelli supported by Dr. Bernhard Rindlisbacher and Dr. Roger Price.
- Job Metsemakers reporting about the EGPRN-EURACT cooperation with workshop the following week in Sweden and Denmark. More EURACT council members involved in this meeting. Afterwards it will be discussed with EGPRN how to proceed with further cooperation.
- Cooperation with EURIPA? One issue: no special need for special teaching strategies – another issue: the context is quite different in rural medicine. Discussion will be taken up with EURIPA in Florence.
- Vasco da Gama: Prof. Justin Allen reported about newest evolution of VdG – a core group has been created and an application for association to WONCA Europe has been sent. Justin has handed over his responsibilities in relation to VdG – and Egle will take over. VdG wish us to choose 5 council members to be group leaders in Florence. (The VdG will run Sunday and Monday in Florence).
- EQuIP-cooperation? – meeting EQuIP in Florence to discuss further actions.
 - Country experiences on implementation of EURACT activities:
 - Leonardo Mentor Course in Belgrade, February 2006 – and more to come! (Smiljka)
 - Training the trainers, Leonardo Courses, twice held in Albania (Llukan)
- Professor Rubinstein told about efforts to produce certification and accreditation programs in Family Medicine in Latin America.
- Approval of new members: Following new numbers of members were presented to Council: Belgium: 1; Bosnia & Herzegovina: 5; Cyprus: 1; Italy: 6; Latvia: 1; Poland: 1; Portugal: 4;

Romania: 4; Russia: 6; Serbia & Montenegro: 3; Sweden: 2; Switzerland: 7; Turkey: 4. 45 in total

Session 4: “Five minutes – one slide”

- EURACT website – plans and thoughts - by Dr. Roger Price
- Educational agenda dissemination in Israel – by Dr. Yonah Yaphe
- Preliminary results of VT funding questionnaire – by Dr. Monica Lindh
- Educational agenda and UEMO - by Dr. Georgis Spatharakis
- New textbook in family Medicine in Croatia - by Mladenka Vrcic-Keglevic.

Session 5: Duodecim-EURACT Conference

The Turku conference material is available on the website <http://www.duodecim.fi/koulutus/>

It seems also to work on the website:

http://www.duodecim.fi/pls/kotisivut/sivut.nayta?p_sivu=37758.

Session 6: Reports from task force groups

Task Force Group on Educational agenda:

Chair: Prof. Jan Heyrman

The task force group has fulfilled its mission. Copyright and the use of complete version, short version and translated versions were discussed – and it was decided Jan Heyrman should make a clear outline of the use of EEA. This outline can be seen in ANNEX 6.

Patient/case vignettes (like Igor Svab’s vignette at presentation in Turku) will be made and put on the website – an ad hoc task force will produce these patient/case vignettes.

See full report in ANNEX 6.

Task Force Group on Assessment:

Chair: Prof. Justin Allen. As Justin Allen is leaving Council Dr. Roger Price was elected as new chair for this task force group – taking the chair at Prague meeting.

- In the notes of the last meeting there were two main areas for possible future action, a course on assessment and the development of a high level overview publication – the EURACT Assessment Agenda. It was in Turku decided to concentrate on producing an assessment course.
- Producing an assessment agenda (like the EEA)? The thoughts not given up – but set on stand-by.
- The course should meet a practical and basic level for GP teachers.

- It is to be a “Leonardo” format with the intention of providing participants with course materials to repeat the course in their own country.
- A template for the course is to be ready before Florence conference.
- It was felt that in the first instance the Faculty should be delivered by task group members, and the following members volunteered and were approved by the group: Justin, Fergus, Roger, Janko, Roar, Monica.
- Justin Allen is leaving Council now and Fergus after the Prague meeting but the group approved their continuing involvement – that includes continuation as Faculty Members for these courses. Justin will continue to act as programme director. These decisions later approved by Council!
- In Prague to decide venue – but preliminary: October 2007 Zakopane, Poland

See full report in ANNEX 6.

Task Force Group on Educational research:

Chair: Prof. Job Metsemakers.

The task force group had a very lively discussion – and also reached some conclusion on future activities:

- Organise courses on educational research – first course to be held in Malmoe/Copenhagen in cooperation with EGPRN
- Starting presenting papers on educational research at Council meetings – Council approved 1 hr to be used at next Council meeting in Prague for this presentation – and afterwards a decision to be taken if this should be permanent.
- Promote research and present research in other for a (AMEE, WONCA and others)
- Conducting multi-national research on education

See full report in ANNEX 6.

Others:

- Patient-empowerment – a paper received via WONCA Europe – it was decided that Prof. Justin Allen should prepare an answer to WONCA Europe. Comments to Justin Allen.
- Proposal by Dr. Georgis Spatharakis suggesting UEMO to implement Educational Agenda to UEMO’s professional strategies. Approved by Council. Dr. Filipe Gomes to carry on with this item.

Session 7: Future plans

- Collaboration EURACT-EQuiP: To be explored – especially on the project level. Especially in the CPD-field this might be of relevance.
- Legal body establishment of EURACT? Dr. Wolfgang Spiegel to carry on with his exploring work.
- Who is plans to leave Council by 2007?: Margus, Fergus, Jan and Anders.
- **WONCA Europe Conference 2006 Florence :**

- -Workshops in Florence planned – abstracts to be sent to webmaster – and it would be nice to circulate information to national members.
- Number of abstracts to Florence Conference:
 - VT: 2
 - BME: 1
 - CPD: 2
- Plenary: 1 (Humanities in education – EURACT approach). Egle, Yonah and Roger participating.
- Educational agenda at EURACT booth? Decision taken: not selling copies – just showing the EA!
- **Vasco da Gama Event: Jan Heyrman, Filipe Gomes , Georgis Spatharakis, Dolores Fores and Mladenka Vrcic-Keglevic (Paula Vainiomäki, Roger Price and Fergus O’Kelly act as reserves) will participate as group leaders.**
- **WONCA Europe 2007 Paris**
 - Rethinking GP will be the topic for the Conference
 - We have one plenary in Paris.
 - Already preliminary planning of workshops for Paris is taking place.
 - There will be a preconference for Vasco da Gama movement.
- **Future Council meetings**
 - Prague, 11.-15. October 2006.
 - Spring meeting 2007, Zagreb, preliminary dates: April 2007 – to be confirmed!
 - Autumn meeting 2007, Sweden, September or October 2007.
 - Spring meeting 2008, perhaps Spain? Dolores Fores to check until Prague.
 - Autumn meeting 2008???
 - Spring meeting 2009, St. Petersburg???
- **Rolling course 2006, 2007**
 - Leonardo-EURACT, teaching course: May 2006 in Algarve, Portugal.
 - Leonardo-EURACT, teaching course: May 2007, Switzerland.
 - First assessment course planned for autumn 2007 – host country to be decided (Poland has offered to be host country) – and by Prague countries interested in sending 4 sponsored participants to be chosen. Interested countries should mail to Justin in advance.
- **WONCA World conference 2007 Singapore**

We have been invited to take part in an invited symposium. EA put forward as a suggestion for topic for this invited symposium – Council elaborated more on this suggestion.

Post-Council Executive Board Meeting

- Evaluation of Turku meeting:
 - Start of meeting with country report: buzz groups to continue!
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 - Council members to update CPD-/VT- and so on overviews once yearly – Council members to be reminded in due time.
 - Committee sessions to be kept at same length as in Turku.

- Job Metsemakers to clarify with Agnes Goethuys and Okay Basak practical arrangements regarding member lists, collection of fees, paying fees to treasurer and claims for refunding expenses.
- Roar Maagaard, Job Metsemakers, Adam Windak, Jan Heyrman and Agnes Goethuys to work out proposal for administrative secretariat before Prague.
- Reimbursement for travel expenses for Turku Meeting 2006:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>REIMBURSED</u>
Adam Windak	606	545
Llukan Rrumbullaku	595	535
Margus Lember	180	160
Samira Herenda	450	405
Smiljka Radic	194	175
Riba Ruta	125	115
Givi Javashili	532	480
TOTAL		2415 Euro

Summary of EURACT Council and EB decisions

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- The future of EEA: it was decided Jan Heyrman should make a clear outline of the use of EEA (see page 10) and: This outline can be seen in ANNEX 6.
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