

EURACT Spring Council Meeting – April 2020

Due to Covid-19, the meeting (Kiev) was cancelled, this document replaces the planned meeting.

The document obtains information for the Council Members.

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1. President's Report September 2019 - March 2020

This is my last report to you as President, and what an unusual time it is to be writing it. We are all focussed on the pandemic – either dealing with a rapid increase in cases or waiting for that increase. Educational activities in most countries have been stopped. This is a challenging time for all of us and particularly for our medical students and trainees. In many countries they are being moved rapidly into the workforce and being asked to work in difficult circumstances.

As Educators you will have had to support them whilst at the same time dealing with the workload in your practices, managing your patients' anxieties and concerns about your health and that of your family. As General Practitioners we will respond to these challenges but there will be costs. At times like this being aware that we are part of a wider community across Europe is important and EURACT helps us to do that.

Over the last six months EURACT EB, Peter and Nynke have been busy planning the conference in Budapest. The programme looks exciting and interesting. Sadly, as you are aware, we have decided to postpone the conference until September 2021. I am sure that is the correct decision. Now is the time when people would normally be submitting abstracts and no one has the energy or interest to do that. However all the basic work is done and it will be relatively easy to promote it at the start of 2021.

The EB met in Vienna in January, which now seems a very long time ago, when life was normal and we could all go out for a meal together. It was very good that Francesco was well enough to be able to join us there. We had a productive meeting and came up with plans for the future development of EURACT.

During this time Pavlo has been working hard to deliver the Leonardo 2 course – 36 doctors registered for that and we were all looking forward to joining him in Kyiv for the council meeting. Again this has been postponed until 2021.

I hope to come to the next council meeting to see you all once more before I hand over to a new UK representative.

My experience as President of EURACT has been one of the most significant of my career. I have been humbled by the visits I have made to so many different countries where I have witnessed the professionalism, commitment and passion that you and your colleagues have for the

promotion of Family Medicine through education. One of the fascinating observations I have made is that when we visit each other's practice it always feels very familiar – each one of us can see ourselves in that doctor's seat. EURACT offers us the opportunity to learn from each other but also to recognise how much we have in common.

When the pandemic settles, there will be a busy time for Family Doctors. We will have to deal with the psychological costs from the pandemic and all those conditions which were not dealt with because of the pandemic and people's fear of leaving their houses. However we will return to our roles as Educators and the work of EURACT will continue.

I am delighted to be handing over the role of President to Nele Michels. I am confident that Nele and the EB will lead the organisation through this difficult time.

I send you all my very best wishes and thank you for making me so welcome in the EURACT community.

Jo Buchanan

March 2020

2. Word of the new president

Some weeks ago, it became clear that it was uncertain what March & April would bring. At first we had *hope* of course; *hope* that we still could have another fruitful meeting in Kiev, that we could make plans for the future, could move forward; that we could have a chat, a drink with our EURACT colleagues and friends. Unfortunately, we had to be realistic because the world changed: it locked down and became still in one way. In another way, for us as caregivers and teachers, it was never so full: new challenges, new ways of working, new threats.

Now Jo has handed over her presidency, we had to celebrate and honour her. And I, as your new president, should have been before the council to see you all, to ask for your trust and to enjoy the warmth of the work that we do together and the friendship that we feel.

A new start that feels like a false start. But lucky we can also say that we postpone our plans of celebration, meeting and working, and we are not cancelling it. We should keep that in our mind and hearts: so at the end, we have *hope* again; that we will manage, that we will be strong, that new opportunities arise and that we will meet again!

In mean time, next to our patient and student care, we still can have a look at the future of EURACT and what we can do for the European GP teaching community. That means we can move forward to the work that we already planned and started but we should also see how EURACT's work changes in the light of this pandemic situation.

Therefore, here some thoughtful decisions and plans that EURACT EB, together with involved Council Members/Chairs, made in the last weeks:

- We took the difficult decision to **postpone our 3rd EURACT Medical Education Conference to 24-25th September 2021**. It is too hard to support people now in writing abstracts, the pressure on promoting attendance to the conference is too high, and probably the competition between (postponed) conferences in Autumn could be too tough. We agreed with Peter Vajer that the conference still will take place in **Budapest**, and that also our Autumn meeting 2021 will be there.
- This means that the **Autumn Council Meeting 2020** will take place at another location than Budapest. When we have a more clear idea about when and where, we will let you know as soon as possible.

- Normally we would have **elections on EB members** during this Spring meeting. We were happy to receive nominations from some of you. We agreed that real 'live' elections would be better than virtual elections. Therefore we also postponed the elections but certainly hope that we can rely on the same candidates later this year.
- For the continuity of the work of **task groups and committees** we will support possible online meetings or other ways of working if necessary.
- For the continuity of our organisation it is important to **stay connected to our EURACT members**. So please keep them informed, ask them if they need anything and if EURACT can support them. Let them know that we will have our conference on 24-25th of September 2021. Maybe this also creates opportunities to attract new members. Please also think about collecting the **membership fees 2020**.
- One of the opportunities that we will take with EURACT in supporting European GP/FM teachers in their work towards students/trainees/GPs is giving them insight in the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in Europe and offer tips & tricks. Together with the task groups' chairs we started to work at **2 surveys**: one quick survey to gather practical information on covid-19-related care in all European countries. And another one investigating current situations, good practices and threats related to GP/FM education within this crisis.

So you see, we had to take difficult but important decisions in this strange period. However, as we still not know how the situation will change in the next weeks and months, it will be necessary to stay in contact, keep ourselves up to date and maybe review some earlier taken decisions. We certainly will try to keep you informed as much as possible. And of course we welcome feedback, suggestions and questions!

As Jo suggested, let us make 'EURACT will survive and strive!' our motto. We will do that together.

Take care,

Nele Michels

3. Agenda / Council & Business Meeting – on paper

- a. President's report and handover to new President (*see above 1. and 2.*)
- b. Honorary Secretary's report of Sofia meeting (September 2019) – *available from EURACT website*
- c. Report from EURACT representative on WONCA Europe Executive Board (Adam Windak) – *see attachment 1*
- d. Finances (Hon. Treasurer, Esra Saatci) – *see attachments 2, 3, 4 & 5*
Note: The financial report and predicted budget were agreed at EURACT EB meeting in January 2020. Clearly some of the expenditures will not occur (due to the pandemic), so this will be adjusted in the next financial report.
 - i. Financial report 2019
 - ii. Audit reports for 2019
 - iii. Predicted budget for 2020
 - iv. Membership fees: update country payments
- e. Approval of new members (Hon. Secretary & Barbara) – *see attachment 6*
- f. Recent EURACT courses – report: Assessment course, Oct 2019, Lisbon, Portugal (Denise Velho) – *see attachment 7*
- g. Future Agenda
 - a. Future EURACT courses:
 - i. Janko Kersnik International Bled Course, Slovenia, 8-12 Sept. 2020 (Vesna Homar)
 - ii. Level 2 Teachers' Course 30 March to 01 Apr 2021 – Kiev (Pavlo Kolesnyk)
 - iii. To be decided:
 1. Level 1 Teachers' Course 2022 - Malta (Renzo De Gabriele)?
 2. Level 3 Teachers' Course 2022/2023 – location to be decided
 - b. Future Council meetings:
 - i. Autumn Council meeting 2020 – date & location to be decided
 - ii. Spring Council meeting 01-03 Apr 2021 – Kiev (Pavlo Kolesnyk)
 - iii. Autumn Council meeting 22-23 Sept 2021 - Budapest, Hungary (Péter Vajér)
 - iv. Spring Council meeting May 2022 - Madeira, Portugal (Denise Velho)

- c. Future EURACT Medical Education Conference:
 - i. 3rd EURACT Educational Conference, 24-25 Sep 2021 - Budapest, Hungary (Péter Vajer)
- d. Other Conferences:
 - i. WONCA Europe Conference *date to be announced* - Berlin, Germany
 - 1. tasks: EURACT booth (Barbara)
 - 2. abstracts/workshops
 - a. ST & CPD without peer review
 - b. BME?
 - ii. WONCA World Conference 26 - 29 Nov 2020 - Abu Dhabi, UAE
- h. EURACT Website (Barbara Toplek)
 - i. There is a new provider for the WONCA Europe website + the network organisations – interface and way of working is the same as before
 - ii. We will provide a note about the situation during this pandemic on the website

Attachment 1. Report of the EURACT representative on WONCA Europe Executive Board

WONCA Europe face-to-face Executive Meeting took place on 13 – 15 February 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece. Moreover, monthly virtual meetings are held via GoToMeeting application. During the meetings all issues related to the current functioning of the organization and plans for its strategic development are discussed. The most important issues that may affect the functioning of EURACT or which are of interest to it are briefly summarized below.

WONCA Europe Conference in Berlin 2020

- DEGAM informed WONCA Europe EB that the 25th WONCA Europe conference in Berlin planned for June 24 - 27 2020 cannot be conducted.
- The proposed new date is December 17 - 19 2020.
- Also the venue would be changed to a more modern Hub 27.
- The conference would be one day shorter and has an option to a hybrid format: digital solutions for presenters as well as (remote) attendants.
- The new date is in conflict with the WONCA World Conference in Abu Dhabi in November – there must be at least four months distance between WONCA World and any regional Conference. So, WONCA World do not agree to run the conference in December under the name of WONCA Europe. At this moment legal advices are sought and alternatives considered (run the conference without name of WONCA, cancel it or postpone to the beginning of next year – but then too close to Amsterdam). No firm decision at this moment.

Financial situation

- Dues from WONCA World and levies after the Berlin conference might be essential to the liquidity. This might be problematic due to potential low attendance or even cancellation of WONCA Europe conference this year.
- Most probably it will not be possible to keep the reserved funds intact within the current limit.
- It will be necessary to seek for new sources of income, including agreements with external companies. WONCA Europe as an academic organisation have to protect our identity and reliability.
- There might be a need to increase future levies for conference organizers, seek for other sponsors, organize events which might bring some additional income or apply for projects securing extra funds for activities.

New WONCA Europe IT platform

- New WONCA Europe IT platform will be launch soon.
- There will be new features available like webinars, online courses, web conference.
- All current websites of the Networks (including EURACT) have been moved to this new platform free of charge.
- Any additional request for changes that will bring extra costs most probably will have to be covered by the Network requesting them.
- New IT specialist responsible for the new IT solutions (including new platform) is Burak Usgurlu from Turkey

WONCA Europe Newsletter

- WONCA Europe is going to launch a Newsletter, which will be published and distributed to all members monthly.
- The first issue can be expected within a couple of days.

Application for a new EU-funded project

- WONCA Europe and EQUIP have been approached by the Danish organization to participate in the project focused on the identification of best practices, and the development and validation of interventions, infection prevention and clinical management plans for dealing with resistant bacterial infections in high prevalence settings.
- The project worth 10 million EUR and it is 100% financed by EU.
- WONCA Europe role would be to disseminate of the materials and other outcomes of the project.
- EB decided that WONCA Europe will participate in this proposal as a partner with the responsibility to disseminate the results of the project to WONCA Europe members.

Adam Windak, EURACT representative
WONCA Europe EB member at large

Krakow, 2 April 2020

Attachment 2. Financial report 2019

**EURACT Council Meeting (cancelled due to Corona virus pandemic)
2-4 April 2020
Kiev, Ukraine**

Financial Movements
From 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

INCOME

INCOME	EUROS
Membership dues 2019	24.909,01 (predicted 30.000)
WONCA funding	8.000
Assessment Course-Lisbon	4.565
Others	581,48 (Jo Buchanan and Vienna hotel returned money)
TOTAL	38.055,49 (predicted in January 2019 as 38.000)

INCOME DETAILS

Red: non-paying countries
Yellow: fee only for the previous year (2018)

Membership fees for 2019	Number of members	EUROS
10 euro countries		
Albania	5	50
Bosnia & Herzegovina	34	340
Georgia	4	40
Kosovo	8	80
Moldova	15	150
Moldova (2018)	15	150
Ukraine	74	740
Kazakhstan (bank charges?)	?	19,01
20 euro countries		
Bulgaria	22	440
Macedonia (2018-2019)	37	740
Montenegro	4	80
Serbia	13	260
30 euro countries		
Croatia	39	1.650
Estonia	10	300
Greece	55	1.650
Greece (2018)	17	510
Hungary (2018)	3	90
Latvia	7	210
Lithuania	1	30
Poland (2018)	1	30
Poland	8	240

Portugal	52	1.650
Romania	26	650
Russia	???	No payment
Slovakia	13	390
Turkey (2018-2019)	63	1.860
40 euro countries		
Czech Republic	8	320
France	2	80
Israel	20	800
Italy	10	300
Slovenia	14	1.450
Spain	???	No payment
United Kingdom	27	1.080
50 euro countries		
Austria	8	475
Belgium (2018)	41	2.050
Belgium	36	1.800
Denmark	12	575
Finland	42	1.060
Germany	19	900
Ireland	11	500
Malta	15	580
Netherlands (2018)	29	2.050
Netherlands	29	1.450
Norway	58	2.825
Sweden	1	50
Switzerland	13	575

Lisbon Course Fees (the fee triple of the national fee; to avoid no-shows)

Name	Euros	Country
Sebastian Huter	250	Austria
Petrynych Oksana Anatolivna	30	Ukraine
Semianiv Marianna Mykolaivna	30	Ukraine
Ivanna Shusman	30	Ukraine
Marilyn Baldacchino	120	Malta
Nursah Ozkan	90	Turkey
Eva de Fine Licht	250	Sweden
Z. Albina Volodymyrivna	30	Ukraine
D. Tetiana Oleksandrivna	30	?
Ketevan Jugheli	30	Georgia
Virginia Salaru	30	Moldova
Loria Kakhi-Nino Gelashvili	15	Georgia
D. Falanga Merzczak Ines	250	Italy
Christina Vestlund	250	Sweden
Georgiannos Nikolaos	250	Norway
Skujas Imenes	300	?
Alises Nicmanes Gimenes	250	?

Nina Tusa	300	Finland
Iveta Mailkova	250	Slovakia
Marcia- Alfonso Fernandes	600	Brasil
Monika Paluskova	250	Slovakia
Jachym Bednar	250	Czech rep
Jumah Abdulaziz	250	Israel
Kucera	250	Slovakia
TOTAL	4.385	

Bled Course Fees (the fee triple of the national fee; to avoid no-shows)

Name	Euros	Country
Suzana Savic (reduced fee)	30	?
Sashka Janevska	60	?
Darinka Punosevac	60	?
Luminata Suveica	30	?

TOTAL EXPENDITURE**42.458,30 (predicted 38.670)****EXPENDITURE DETAILS**

EXPENDITURE	EUROS
Vienna EB meeting January 2019	
Jo Buchanan (travel)	130
Mario Sammut	82,32
Francesco Carelli (travel)	176,99
Ruth Kalda (travel)	331,00
Adam Windak (travel)	347,99
Esra Saatci (travel, lunch, dinner)	709,20
Barbara Toplek (travel)	157,20
TOTAL	1.934,70 (predicted 3.500)
Kolpinghaus Wien Zentral (prepayment EB meeting January 2020)	705 (1.394,10 in January 2019)
Reimbursements for Riga Council meeting spring 2019	
Albania (travel)	366,75
Albania (hotel)	150,00
Georgia (travel)	219,44
Georgia (hotel)	150,00
Moldova (travel)	159,26
Moldova (hotel)	150,00
Ukraine (travel)	145,50
Ukraine (hotel)	150,00
Total	1.490,95 (predicted 2.500)
Barbara Toplek (travel)	437,00
Barbara Toplek (hotel)	100,00
Reimbursements for Sofia Council Meeting autumn 2019	
Albania (travel)	251,25
Bosnia & Herzegovina (travel)	174,60
Moldova (travel)	213,75
Barbara Toplek	73,10
Sponsored council members and Barbara Toplek accommodation (SOIBOM)	990,00
TOTAL	1.702,70 (predicted 2.500)
Barbara Toplek (travel)	519,00
Secretariat travel to meetings TOTAL	956 (predicted 1.500)
EURACT COURSES	

EURACT Level 1 Course Prague Spring 2019	
1 st instalment	4.500
Roar Maagaard (faculty)	1.113,13
Dimitrios Karanasios (faculty)	874,71
Adam Windak (faculty)	838,43
2 nd instalment minus course faculty reimbursement	1.673,73
TOTAL	9.000 (predicted 7.500) (afterwards increased to 9.000)
EURACT Assessment Course Porto October 2019	
1 st instalment	4.500
Registration fees collected	4.135
2 nd instalment	4.500
TOTAL	13.135 (predicted 7.500) (afterwards increased to 9.000)
EURACT Bled Course 2019 (ZDRM)	3.000
TOTAL	3.000 (predicted 3.000)
ZRDM	
ZRDM TOTAL	6.000 (predicted 6.000)
Bank commissions	
Bank commission (01.10.2018-31.12.2018)	106,56
Bank commission (01.01.2019-31.03.2019)	67,22
Bank commission (01.04.2019-30.06.2019)	57,55
Bank commission (01.07.2019-30.09.2019)	91,76
Cash deposit	2,40
TOTAL	325,49 (predicted 350)
The Remedy website updates	149,74 + 33,28 + 66,55
Website TOTAL	249,57 (predicted 1000)
Euro Group-IT services appraisal portfolio	796,43
Violetta Kijowska-appraisal portfolio assistance July 2018-March 2019	1.314,00
Appraisal TOTAL	2.110,43 (predicted 820)
Denise Velho EUROPREV Porto reimbursement	318,24
Pavlo Kolesnyk EGPRN Vigo reimbursement	371,64
Reimbursement for other network meetings TOTAL	689,88 (predicted 1.500)
WONCA Conferences	
Bratislava stand plasma TV rental (Guarant)	399,30
EURACT courses and conference leaflets	597,82

(Studio Aleja)	
TOTAL	997,12 (predicted 500)
EURACT 2020 Graz financial contribution	636,00
TOTAL	42.458,30 (predicted 38.670)

Current Balance: 58.343,98

Attachment 3. Audit reports 2019

Attachment 3a. Luis Felipe Gomez

To EURACT EB & To EURACT Secretariat

Dear friends and colleagues

In my role as an Auditor to EURACT accounts, I am now to present the respective report.

After carefully reviewing all the accounts referring to 2019, I found no errors or mistakes whatsoever. Three interpretation doubts were promptly and correctly explained by EURACT Administrative Secretary Barbara Toplek and EURACT Hon. Treasurer Esra Saatci.

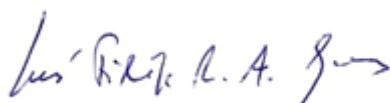
The current 2019 balance, referring to the 31st December 2019, shows a deficit of 4977,35 €. This balance is correct.

The overall current balance is now of 58343,98 € (2018 overall balance of 63321,33 minus 2019 deficit of 4977,35 €).

I therefore am able to state that all the accounting referring to EURACT finances for the year 2019 is correct and needs no further action.

With my best regards

Portimão, Portugal, the 5th February 2020



Luís Filipe Gomes

Attachment 3a. Martine Granek-Catarivas

To: **EURACT Executive Board & EURACT Council**

EURACT FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT 2019

I have received the task of auditing EURACT 2019 financial balance from EURACT Executive Board. This audit report is produced for presentation at the Council Meeting in Kyiv, April 02-04, 2019

I have been presented with the following:

- Spreadsheet of all financial records of the year (2019)
- Spreadsheet of previous year (2018) financial records
- Balance account.

Predicted budget of 2019 presented at Riga Council Meeting (April 2019)

The financial data are all recorded chronologically in a straightforward way, distributed into logically formed columns. The calculated sums of each column are placed in the top line, these are checked to be correct. All data are easily explainable and seem to be in accordance with the tasks of EURACT.

Comparative Results	Previous 2018	Actual 2019	Predicted 2019
	EUR	EUR	EUR
INCOME			
Member Dues	29,020.00	24,909.01	30.000
WONCA Funding	8,000.00	8,000	8.000
Project / Lisbon Course	0.00	4,565.00	
Interests	0.00	0.00	
Others	70.00	581.48	
Transfer IN	3,750.00	0.00	
Total income	40.840,00	38.055,49	38.000
EXPENDITURE			
Council meetings	7,092,73	4,249,65	6,500
EB	3,156,75	2,639,70	3,500
Secretariat	6,000,00	6,000,00	6,000
LdV Project	1,752,00	2,110,43	820
Bank fee/tax	335,70	325,49	350
Extras	1,281,92	249,57	3,500
Other Meetings	23,432,24	27,458,00	21,000
Transfer OUT	3,750,00	0,00	
Total Expenditure	46.801,34	43.032,84	41.670
BALANCE	63.321,33	58.343,98	

Compared to 2018, total income is lower by 2.784.51 Euros due to a lower amount of member dues, and less transfer in, despite the additional income brought by Lisbon Assessment course.

Compared to 2018, total expenditure is also lower, by 3.768.50 Euros due to lower expenses for Council Meetings , EB, no "extras" and no transfer out, despite higher costs spent on LdV and other meetings.

Compared to 2018, the balance account at the end of 2019 is still positive, but lower by 4.977.35 Euros.

When compared with the predicted budget presented at Riga's meeting :

Actual income in 2019 is almost equal to the predicted one, despite the decrease in Members' dues , that is opposed to what was expected. The compensation is the result of the additional income generated by Lisbon Assessment Course.

Actual expenditures are higher that predicted only by 1.362,84 Euros, mainly spent on the 3 courses (Bled, Prague and Lisbon) and on LdV project.

The reserves as stated in the balance are still greater than what is required to run the organisation efficiently in the perceivable future.

In my opinion, there are no doubts regarding the destination of expenses or the accuracy of income registration.

I state that the financial operations of EURACT are run and registered precisely and accurately, according to the demands of the organisation.

I appreciate the efforts and efficiency of Honorary Treasurer, Esra Saatci, and of Barbara Toplek and I wish to thank them for their work.

Martine Granek-Catarivas

Auditor

20/03/2020

Attachment 4. Predicted budget 2020

EURACT Predicted Budget 2020

INCOME	EUROS
Membership dues	25.000
WONCA funding	8.000
Total	33.000

EXPENDITURE	EUROS
Leonardo Level 2 Course Kiev (12 places)	9.000
Roger Price (observer in Kiev Level 2 Course)	1.000
Secretariat expenses	6.000
Educational Conference 2020	5.000
Vienna EB meeting January 2020	3.000
Bled course September 2020 (5 places)	3.500
Appraisal portfolio	2.500
Reimbursement for 6 countries for Council Meeting spring 2020	2.000
Reimbursement for 6 countries for Council Meeting autumn 2020	2.000
Secretariat travel to meetings	1.000
WONCA Europe Berlin 2020	1.000
WONCA World Abu Dhabi 2020	200
Other	500
Bank commission	350
TOTAL	37.050,00

37.050,00-33.000=minus 4050 euros

Attachment 5. Membership fees: update country payments

Membership fees 2020

- Due to the favourable financial position of EURACT it was decided that the category bands should be adjusted so that more countries qualify for reimbursement.
- The fees are based on the Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita at Purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita as estimated by the IMF.

The following option was agreed

<u>Fee categories</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Countries</u>
• \$<14.999	€10	6
• \$15.000-29.999	€20	8
• \$30.000-36.999	€30	8
• \$37.000-44.999	€40	5
• \$≥45.000	€50	13

Countries with GDP at PPP pc of < Curr. Int. \$ <14.999: fee of 10 Euro	Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Ukraine Total: 6 countries
Countries with GDP at PPP pc of Curr. Int. \$ 15.000-29.999: fee of 20 Euro	Bulgaria, Croatia, N. Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey Total: 8 countries
Countries with GDP at PPP pc of Curr. Int. \$ 30.000-36.999: fee of 30 Euro	Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia Total: 8 countries
Countries with GDP at PPP pc of Curr. Int. \$ 37.000-44.999: fee of 40 Euro	Czech Republic, Israel, Italy, Slovenia, Spain Total: 5 countries
Countries with GDP at PPP pc of > Curr. Int. \$ ≥45.000: fee of 50 Euro	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom Total: 13 countries

2 countries down

Russia has moved from 30 to 20 euros

Turkey has moved from 30 to 20 euros

5 Countries up

- Slovenia has moved from 30 to 40 euros
- Finland has moved from 40 to 50 euros
- France has moved from 40 to 50 euros
- Malta has moved from 40 to 50 euros
- United Kingdom has moved from 40 to 50 euros

Attachment 6. New members

New Membership Applications

EURACT Kiev Council Meeting 2020

Estonia

- Marta Velgan

Ireland

- Paul Ryan - online

Kosovo

- Mehmedali Gashi – online

Malta

- Jekaterina Juskevic – online
- John Tabone - online

Moldova

- Boris Gilca

Romania

- Daniela Mihaela Balta - online

Slovenia

- Eva Gorup – online

Spain

- Jose Antonio Vidal Ruiz - online

Portugal

- Ana Teixeira Mendes – online
- João Baptista – online

Turkey

- Arzu AYRALER
- Askin KAPLAN
- Bugu USANMA KOBAN
- Burcu BASARAN GUNGOR
- Demet MERDER COSKUN
- Funda YILDIRIM BAS
- Gokce ISCAN
- Gulbahar URUN UNAL
- Hakan GULMEZ
- Mustafa CELIK
- Nazire ONCUL BOREKCI
- Nilufer EMRE
- Secil ARICA
- Suleyman ERSOY
- Yuksel Duygu ALTIPARMAK

Attachment 7 – report of EURACT Assessment Course

Written by one of the Swedish participants, Nikolaos Georgiannos

Teaching and learning... Effectiveness and effectivity... It relates to competence but... Knowledge or skills? Attitude or behaviour? Right...! The Miller's pyramid...! Formative...? Summative...? Well... a programmatic one...! But... It has to be fair...! And reliable...! Shall we go for MCQ? Oral examination or OSCE? Is it EMQ or MEQ? It was all about ASSESSMENT...!

The sixth EURACT Assessment Course for trainers in Family Medicine, held on 10-12 October 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal and became the meeting point for 38 active teachers in General Practice/Family Medicine from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Georgia, Finland, Israel, Italy, Moldova, Latvia, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey. EURACT sponsored 12 participants.



Assessment was described and analysed as a core component of the learning process, through different perspectives and at all levels from the basics of theory to the complexity of its implementation in practice.

The course faculty, Denise Velho (Portugal), Esra Saatci (Turkey) and Nele Michels (Belgium) effectively engaged and facilitated this large group of competent teachers through an inspiring and fruitful interactive process of teaching and learning while sharing experiences, concerns and ideas. Various methods - from pair discussion and small group work to interactive presentations and plenary feedback- were used, not to miss the “gold fish bowl”, which experientially revealed the importance of consistency and transparency in the educational process. Professor Luís Filipe Gomes’ (Portugal) contributed as “surprise” faculty at the last part of the course and shared some of his long experience in EURACT and the field of teaching in GP/FM.

At the course venue (Primary Health Care Centre Unidade de Saúde de Algés) the participants shared valuable moments of learning and some interesting discussions with GPs working in the Portuguese Primary Health Care System. Francisco Carvalho (Portugal) accepted the challenge to –together with Denise Velho- perform a creative role-playing which motivated a plenary discussion about “oral examination” as an assessment method.

The local organisers Denise Velho, Matilde Padrão Dias and Tatiana Consciência took care of every single detail. Their warm hospitality, the good hotel and venue service and the wonderful weather offered the course participants more than a comfortable and nice stay in Lisbon including a social program with live Fado music, traditional tram and walking rounds in Lisbon, charity events and gastronomical highlights such as the famous pastries “pastel de Nata” in Belém.

Assessment, in its functional dimension, is a core component of a process that aims to cognitively turn learning into performance. But it is not easy to be effectively managed within its own complexity. When assessment is embedded within training and based in the work place, it becomes a powerful tool providing ways for early identification of performance issues and evidence for relative decision-making. The integration of assessment in the curriculum enhances quality in performance in all different aspects of practice.

Like teaching and learning needs assessment to be based on a collaborative approach, promoting the partnership and supporting the interaction within the trainer-trainee relationship where constructive feedback serves a key role. Additional feedback from peers, patients and other professionals adds value to the assessment process, protects the relationship and minimalizes the effect of internal bias.

Available and protected time and resources, detailed plans and documentation, practising of adequate methods are crucial for an effective implementation of assessment in the curriculum. Assessors' evidence based training and sharing of experiences within established networks is necessary.

EURACT offers a framework for the establishment and development of international learning and development cultures and structures in GP/FM. The EURACT Assessment course for trainers in Family Medicine is strongly recommended for those interested. International networking is an advantage to be considered and a challenge to be accepted.

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