

Annex 2

President's Report

**EURACT Council meeting
May 9-13, 2007
Zagreb, Croatia**

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April 24, 2007

EURACT Council meeting
Zagreb, 8-11 May, 2007

Since the last Council meeting in Vienna, there were some activities that I was involved in as EURACT President, and would like to report to the EURACT Council.

WONCA Europe EB meeting, January 26-28, Paris.

Major outcomes of the meeting:

- Discussion with WONCA Europe 2007 Paris conference Organising Committee about preparation for the conference. Significant progress with lots of innovative approaches has been achieved by organisers, especially by Scientific Committee, chaired by Bernard Gay.
- WONCA Europe has been registered as a legal body - Foundation. Members of the WONCA Europe EB are now the Board of the Foundation. WONCA Europe now will be able to own the European Journal of General Practice.
- In spite of significant expenditure for buying the EJGP, WONCA seriously improved its financial situation due to the success of the last two conferences. Also in perspective the situation may become even more favourable due to the successful negotiation with WONCA World concerning sponsorship of the European Conferences.
- Elections of the new WONCA Europe EB will be held in Singapore, July 2007. Igor Svab is prepared to stand elections for the second term as a President, Tony Mathie is ready to take part in the elections for Hon. Treasurer.
- Collaboration with several organisations as IPCRG, European Society CVD Prevention and some others were discussed.
- EURACT activities were presented to WONCA Europe EB and other networks.
- Ideas for the future strategy and development of WONCA Europe as organisation were discussed. It was agreed that the organisation should increase and improve its activities through the Conferences, but also try to aim specifically at strengthening the GP/FM position internationally. That will be the major tasks for the new EB.

Next WONCA Europe EB meeting and WONCA Europe Council meeting will take place in Singapore, July 19th.

Other events:

- Organized and chaired EURACT EB meeting, February 16-18, Leuven. Questions discussed: EURACT Council elections 2007, EURACT new secretariat, Legal status, EURACT EB elections 2007, future EURACT courses, finances, budget planning and others (see the minutes of the EB meeting).
- Participation in the Scientific Committee meeting of WONCA Europe 2007 conference in Paris, January 11, 2007.

Ongoing activities

Several activities were continuing throughout the period between the Council meetings.

- ✓ Communication with WONCA 2007 Singapore Conference organizers on EURACT contribution. EURACT will be represented by 2 main activities: Symposium “**EURACT AND IT’S ROLE IN FAMILY MEDICINE EDUCATION. NEW STRATEGY IN FAMILY MEDICINE**” and EURACT workshop “**BIOLOGY AND HUMANITY IN GENERAL PRACTICE - THE EURACT APPROACH**”, (submitted by Roger). Also we were asked to make a presentation on EURACT achievements during the workshop of the WONCA Working Party of Education, chaired by Michael Kidd.
- ✓ Negotiation with organisers of Leonardo-EURACT course 2008 in Iceland. Now Justin, as the course leader, has taken the responsibility for the further collaboration on preparation for the course.
- ✓ Abstract reviews for the WONCA Europe 2007 Conference in Paris.
- ✓ WONCA Europe EB liaison person for the WONCA Europe 2009 Conference in Basel.
- ✓ WONCA Europe EB liaison person for Vasco da Gama movement.

Forthcoming activities

- Rolling course 2007 Magglingen, may 23-6.
- WONCA Europe 2007 Conference Scientific Committee meeting, June 7, Paris
- WONCA Europe EB meeting, Council meeting, Conference 2007, July 19-27, Singapore
- WONCA Europe 2007 Conference in October 17-20, Paris.

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