

Annex 2

President's Report

**EURACT Council meeting
October 8-12, 2008
Larnaca, Cyprus**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 25, 2008

EURACT Council meeting Larnaca, Cyprus, 2008

Since the last Council meeting in some activities took place which I would like to report to the Council.

- **WONCA Europe EB meeting, June 7-8, Vilnius.**

Ongoing WONCA Europe activities were discussed during the meeting. Significant part of the meeting was dedicated to solving the existing problem of European Journal of General Practice, which included finding the new Editor and further measures to be taken together with the new publisher - Taylor and Francis, in solving the serious current problems of the Journal. In regard to the Wolfgang's proposal on "Directory of skills and procedures", I officially asked the permission of EB not to take part in the discussion due to the previous discussions in EURACT. My request was accepted. After discussing this issue, WONCA Europe EB came to the conclusion that this document is enormous task for the organisation and will not be feasible in the situation internationally or in individual countries, so Wonca Europe decided not support the development of such a comprehensive directory. For those who would like to know the detailed opinion of WE EB, the letter by prof. Igor Svab is available.

- **WHO Ministerial Conference, 25-27 June, Tallinn (Estonia).**

Invited by WONCA President Chris van Weel to represent WONCA in WHO European Ministerial Conference on Health Systems: "Health Systems, Health and Wealth". Very interesting and important event, highlighted by signing of the Tallinn Charter, which is available on the Conference website <http://www.euro.who.int/document/E91438.pdf> Short report was sent to the Council members after the Conference, in June.

- **WONCA Europe Conference, Istanbul, Turkey**

- ✓ Participation in EB pre-conference meeting;
- ✓ WONCA Europe Council meeting, EURACT report presented;

- **WONCA Europe Conference**

- Meeting with Vasco da Gama Executive Board members and WONCA Europe EB members on possibilities for future collaboration. Discussion was held due to repeating problems in organising VdG pre-conference activities before the WONCA Europe Conferences. Great satisfaction was expressed by VdG Steering Committee about the contribution of EURACT facilitators in Istanbul, as well as expectations for the future collaboration. It was agreed with VdG and WONCA Europe EB that for the Conference 2009 in Basel 5 EURACT facilitators will be invited, and

WONCA Europe will pay their accommodation for 2 extra nights in order to avoid last minute arrangements and changes.

- Meeting with Paul van Royen, EGPRN chairman, concerning the joint meeting with EGPRN in 2010.
- Meeting with WONCA Europe Conference organisers 2009, WONCA Europe 2010 Scientific Committee. WE 2010 will have a special emphasis on the Academic aspects of the discipline, each network presumably will have the keynote speaker as well as the number of workshops within scientific programme. Special interest of organisers is “networking the networks”, and joint activities of networks and special interest groups will; be very welcome.

Ongoing activities:

- ✓ WONCA Europe EB liaison person for the WONCA Europe 2009 Conference in Basel.
- ✓ Member of WONCA Working Party on Education.

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