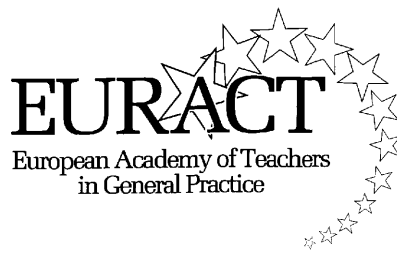


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# EURACT Council meeting – Adana, November 2012





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# Report of the 2'nd 2012 EURACT Council meeting

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**Meeting of the Council  
of the European Academy of Teachers in General Practice  
(EURACT)  
held in Adana, November 1-3, 2012**

**Members present:**

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Assoc. prof. Roar Maagaard, Denmark, Honorary Secretary  
Dr. Georgis C. Spatharakis, Greece, Honorary Treasurer  
Dr. Jachim Bednar, Czech Republic  
Prof. Mette Brekke, Norway  
Prof. Francesco Carelli, Italy  
Prof. Jan Degryse, Belgium  
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Dr. Dolores Forés, Spain  
Prof. Elena Frovola, Russia  
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Dr. Ilse Hellemann, Austria  
Dr. Givi Javashvili, Georgia  
Dr. Inguna Locmele, Latvia  
Dr. Roger Price, United Kingdom  
Dr. Bernhard Rindlisbacher, Switzerland  
Assoc. prof. Llukan Rrumbullaku, Albania  
Assoc. prof. Esra Saatci, Turkey,  
Dr. Katarina Stavric, Macedonia  
Dr. Alma Eir Svavarsdóttir, Iceland  
Prof. Stefan Wilm, Germany  
Dr. Natalia Zarbailov, Moldova  
Dr. Howard Tandeter, Israel

**Members absent:**

Prof. Ruth Kalda, Estonia, EB member  
Dr. Mario R. Sammut, Malta, EB member  
Prof. Adam Windak, Poland, EB member  
Dr. Liudmilla Bohush, Belarus  
Dr. Razvan Miftode Florentin, Romania  
Prof. Christian Ghasarossian, France  
Dr. Nevena Georgieva Ivanova, Bulgaria  
Dr. Eva Jurgová, Slovakia  
Dr. Natalija Kryzyna, Ukraine  
Assoc. prof. Yvonne van Leeuwen, The Netherlands  
Dr. Edita Cerni Obrdalj, Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Dr. Brendan O'Shea, Ireland

Dr. Philios Phylaktou, Cyprus  
Prof. Markku Timonen, Finland  
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## **PROGRAM OF THE MEETING**

*Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2012*

### **Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting.**

#### **Session 1:**

**Welcome and approval of meeting agenda.**

**Joint meeting with EGPRN: “Teaching research and researching teaching”.**

*Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2013*

#### **Session 2:**

**Towards a new paradigm for assessment. Prof. Jan Degryse will give a short introduction.**

#### **Session 3:**

**Updates on committees’ and task groups’ work.**

#### **Session 4:**

##### **Committees work**

- **BME**
- **ST**
- **CPD**
- **Member services**

**First the Committee’s chairs will have the short introduction about the tasks and activities of the Committee, after which new members can freely choose the most suitable Committee to join with.**

**Report back from Committees.**

#### **Session 5:**

##### **Task groups session 1:**

- **New European definition of GP task group**
- **European specialist exam task group**
- **Educational research task group**

#### **Session 6:**

**Business meeting. Part 1.**

**Session 7:**

**1 slide 5 minutes presentation.**

<i>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2012</i>
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**Session 8:**

**Towards a new paradigm for assessment. A discussion following prof. Jan Degryse's presentation Friday.**

**Session 9:**

**Task groups session 2.**

**Session 10:**

**Business meeting, part 2 – incl. General Meeting**

**Review of meeting.**

**Post-Council Executive Board Meeting.**

# REPORT OF THE MEETING

## Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board (only Janko, George and Roar present) and chairs met prior to the Council Meeting.

Welcome by the President – and welcome by the host – Esra Saatci.

Discussion points:

- Janko will perhaps be nominated for WONCA EB Hon. Secretary – this means that EURACT will have to nominate another person for WONCA EB
- Leonardo Course, level 3 participants have expressed wishes to continue to work together as a network. Leonardo organizers discussed this in Copenhagen 2 weeks ago and suggest a plan for next EURACT Council meeting in Graz April 2013 (see this proposal from the group) - this was supported by EB. It will be presented for Council during Business Meeting for approval. Roar to seek out practicalities with Ilse – also regarding finances.
- EUPA – Stefan will come to this meeting – and it will be dealt with this during Adana meeting
- non-paying member countries: Georges reported about latest payments etc.: Belarus have payed – so here the situation is OK. Ukraine has not responded or payed – EB suggests to dismiss Ukraine
- countries with less than 3 paying members:
  - o Bulgaria: only 1 member originally, now 3 members or more, and they have payed – so Bulgaria is OK
  - o France: situation is unclear – George to consult Babrara regarding this – France cannot be an individual member state – but can be affiliated to another country (EB to suggest this to Council)
  - o Israel: Howard will bring payments for this meeting
  - o Hungary: has responded positively – but no money received – so suggestion of dismissal
  - o Germany: has payed for 2011 – so OK
  - o Italy: payment has arrived
  - o Ireland: payment has arrived
  - o Deadline for payments for ”endangered countries” is Nov. 30
- Winter EB meeting Jan. 19.1.2013
- WONCA World presentations in Prague? – Framework, EUPA?
- Election 38 countries will have to take place by the end of 2012.
- Timetable for EB elections approved in Jerusalem
- Non-attending Council members in 3 consecutive Council meetings? – Roar and Barbara to check this out by Winter EB meeting
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Committee chairs joined:

- ST:
  - o Alma reported that she will step down, and a new chair is going to be proposed by ST Committee
  - o European exam is a new initiative
  - o Approval of hospital departments for GP-training – this document to be updated



- BME:
  - o Francesco reported that there is good work in BME during meetings – but not all are working that hard...
  - o Mapping of undergraduate GP training in all European universities – Mette Brekke has been very hard working, and a solution should be found when she is leaving EURACT Council
- MSC:
  - o Esra reported: 23 applicants (from 8 diff. countries) for 12 sponsored places in Leonardo 1 course in Krakow... MSC to deal with this matter.
  - o Election procedures to be discussed in MSC
  - o Wonca World Conference in Prague – which initiatives?
- CPD:
  - o Ruth not present.

## **Session 1:**

### **Welcome and approval of meeting agenda.**

### **Joint meeting with EGPRN: “Teaching research and researching teaching”.**

Janko welcomed all. 2 members more and Barbara will arrive later and join.

Small changes and explanation to meeting agenda presented by Janko – and agenda approved.

Mehmet Urgan, acting Chair for EGPRN joined the meeting – so the first part of our meeting was a joint EURACT-EGPRN meeting.

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Mehmet Urgan gave a presentation on the topic – see his presentation on [www.euract.eu](http://www.euract.eu)  
Council divided into two groups and discussed:

- A. **Promoting educational research** – Jan Degryse chaired this group.  
Some of the points: what is the need for this research? Very few of group members were active in edu. research – and perhaps: many of us take part in it – but do not label it as research? Can't we "Just Do It"? Can we make a toolbox for this area? Arrange a course? Create the most important research questions?
- B. **Teaching research for non-researchers** – Mehmet Urgan chaired this group.  
Some of the points:
  - The practicing physicians do not like research
  - Those who like research go to research related works not General Practice
  - Small numbers of GPs make almost the whole amount research in the country
  - Speciality training makes a difference and to put GP in research as it is mandatory
  - Very few in residency makes research

- Money glory reaccreditation process must be regulated by some kind of official institute
- Part of the motivation process: the students must be informed early that if they learn research they may have less burnout!
- They may much better understand what they read
- We must start to explain why
- Collecting data- “ maybe I may be afraid of collecting data if it is only for research without putting the results in to practice”
- Check if the research really made a change in FM?
- Ask before the training and after the training if any thing changed? Probably very small percentage...
- Why to make research? this subject could be a starting point
- What is the impact of any module on research?
- General practice needs everybody: those who like or dislike the research
- We need to take in ot consideration that we may also produce GP’s who do not like research by forcing them to research training!
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Mehmet Urgan afterwards made his conclusions:

*I believe Howard will go on further writing on the collaborative research project which I would certainly be interested and carry to EGPRN research strategy committee.*

*As Janko mentioned, we should make a common presentation for our web pages to open the discussion on Educational Research & Research Education topics for sustainability of this joint discussions.*

Full support from Council to include a small research project into ST-training.

Evaluation of this session: material can be brought to the educational research task force.

## **Session 2:**

### **Towards a new paradigm for assessment. Prof. Jan Degryse will give a short introduction.**

Jan Degryse gave a short introduction: Towards a new paradigm for assessment. This was based on a paper by Cees van der Veuten et al. "Programmatic assessment".

Ass. Principles:

1. Competence is specific, not generic.
2. Objectivity is not the same as reliability.
3. What is being measured is more determined by the stimulus format than by the response format
4. Validity can be 'built-in'
5. Assessment drives learning.
6. No single method can do it all.

A brief discussion followed – and Saturday a broader discussion – see later in this report.

Ref.: A model for programmatic assessment fit for purpose, C.P.M. van der Vleuten et al, Medical Teacher, 2012; 34: 205-214.

### **Session 3:**

#### **Updates on committees' and task groups' work.**

### **Session 4:**

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#### **Report back from Committees.**

Committee chairs presented the future work to Council prior to splitting into Committees.

Short oral reports were given afterwards:

MSC: ESRA reported

- booth in Prague? Perhaps a little corner in WW booth..
- Filipe has produced a nice booklet
- Prague workshops:
  - o PBL - BME
  - o Leonardo project
  - o CPD – perhaps on portfolio learning?
- non-paying members: in detail in Business Meeting
- EUPA: about to be finished
- Krakow Leonardo course: 23 applicants – 12 to be selected
- Bled course will have 5 sponsored places
- Leonardo course 2014 - Skopje, FYRM (Macedonia)

ST: new chair approved, Katharina

- worked on EURACT statement on training in hospital posts
- will be finalized during mail correspondence until next meeting
- no workshops in Prague

BME: Francesco reported

- present: all data will be present soon on "EUROPEAN mapping of BME-training in GP"
- future: see written report

CPD: Elena reported

- revise the information in the dynamic database on CPD informations
- collaboration with UEMO? – to be further discussed
- workshop in Prague? – perhaps a WS on the use of portfolio in CPD/CME?

Full report from the committees can be found in ANNEX 2.

## **Session 5 + 9**

### **Task groups sessions 1 + 2:**

- **New European definition of GP task group**
- **European specialist exam task group**
- **Educational research task group**

First

Stefan presented the **EUPA** and his progress plan for further work – this plan approved by Council.

Esra, Francesco and Ilse to review it before January 2013.

EB to deal with the preliminary material in Winter EB and it should be finalized by Graz and printed before WW Prague in Summer 2013.

**New European definition of GP task group:** the group will suggest a minor revision – not a real change. The process suggestion will be communicated. Filipe reported.  
See full report in ANNEX 4.

**European specialist exam task group:** Roar reported from this group in Brendans absence. The group tried to keep the process on track – but further fuelling will be needed before and in Graz. Roar to discuss matters with Brendan.  
See full report in ANNEX 4.

**Educational research task group?** Jan Degryse reported orally.  
Written report is missing.

## **Session 6**

### **Business meeting. Part 1.**

Jerusalem report approved – Francesco asked to the election plan and this was explained by Janko.

Leonardo project ended 31.10.12. – final report will appear. This was a very successful project. Special thanks to Egle and Justin.

Presidents report: Janko gave supplementary information to his report – and report approved. Filipe expressed a hope that the President also will be invited as speaker to countries outside

Balkan.

New members: in total 63 new members approved. See the full list in ANNEX 3.

Item 6: Leonardo: Roger Price presented Egle Price's powerpoints on this project in her absence.

Item 7: Council Elections 2013:

a. George presented slides regarding status for non-paying countries – an update in relation to the situation presented in Jerusalem – and as a result Council approved:

- Ukraine: discarded if not having payed by end of November 2012
- Hungary: discarded if not having payed by end of November 2012
- France: discarded if not having payed by end of November 2012– but one paying member, that can contact another country to be affiliated (Jan Degryse to use his French contacts to motivate for more members in France)

b. Roar presented and repeated the timetable for EB elections – see Jerusalem report Annex 6.

c. Election for Council 2013: first week of December a letter – and deadline for nominees 31.12.12. – in case of more than one candidate deadline for voting is Jan. 15.1.2013.

d. Future meetings:

Graz Spring meeting 2013: Ilse explained – there will be 2 hotels options at different prices

Council approved to invite Leonardo 3 participants to a pre-meeting in Graz with these conditions:

*The offer to the participants looks like this:*

*In connection with the next EURACT Council meeting (in Graz Austria) you are invited to a separate and a joint meeting - see details below:*

***Aim***

- *to communicate with Euract council about level3 programme*
- *to develop plans for a network of advance teachers in Europe*

***Time schedule:***

***Wednesday 3/4/13***

*Arrive late afternoon or evening - to be ready for work next morning*

***Thursday 4/4/13***

*AM Prepare **short** report level 3 course – their experiences reflections good points need further work*

*PM Sustainability of the network – propose concrete actions*

*(Adam and/or Roar will be present for facilitation - if needed)*

**Friday 5/4/13**

*AM Presentation to Council with Roar / Adam:*

*15 minute introduction – Adam*

*1h15m participant presentation and discussion*

*PM Depart*

***Practicalities:***

- *at least 5 participants from the group must participate*
- *EURACT will cover expenses for accommodation including breakfast, lunch Thursday and Friday and dinner Thursday evening. Regarding accommodation incl. breakfast this will be covered with maximum 69 Euro per night (see below)*
- *participants cover their travel expenses themselves - some might get support from national colleges etc.*

*Due to planning of the Council meeting and booking of accommodation etc. deadline for registration for participation is: before Christmas 2012.*

***Accommodation - 2 options (reimbursement of real expenditures - but maximum 69 Euro per night for hotel including breakfast):***

*(more than 2 nights is a possibility - at own expense)*

*(Business meeting report to be continued)*

**Session 7**

**1 slide 5 minutes presentation.**

5 Council Members gave interesting presentations:

- Elena – "Respect"
- Filipe – teaching humane medicine
- Francesco – some points and operative reflections – see it on [www.euract.eu](http://www.euract.eu)
- George – preparing primary care for the grey epidemic – see it on [www.euract.eu](http://www.euract.eu)
- Howard – connection with AMEE?

**Session 8:**

**Towards a new paradigm for assessment. A discussion following prof. Jan Degryse's presentation Friday.**

Discussion led by Jan.

Assessment "at the top of the Pyramid".

High stakes/Low stakes assessment.

Assessment of the "does".

A round with comments from all countries.

Broad wish for assessment guidance from EURACT.

Conclusion: Committees to work with this agenda – and have a common discussion in Graz.

ST-committee maybe in lead of the project...

## **Session 10: Business meeting, part 2 – incl. General Meeting**

General meeting:

- a. Opening – Janko
- b. Quorum determining by Roar – 23 as Howard was absent. 23 out of 41.
- c. Budget – George gave a full report regarding the current economical situation – we have a healthy economy right now is the conclusion. Approved by Council.
- d. Policy plan – Janko's plan approved (a little mistake: WE Vienna to be replaced by WW Prague)
- e. Other issues – auditors appointed for next years: Roger and Dolores.

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Future meetings, continued:

Autumn 2013: Tirana, Oct. 3. – 6. 2013.

Spring 2014: Bratislava, March 2014. (If not: perhaps Skopje). Latest: it will not be in Bratislava!

Autumn 2014: Katarina → Skopje. Francesco → Milan. To be decided later.

Spring 2015: Prague.

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EURACT Newsletter: yes!!! Council Member expressed big interest in continuation of this.

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AMEE – cooperation? 2014 or already in 2013? Howard presented a suggestion the previous day and proposed a closer cooperation quickly.

Discussion. We are interested in such a cooperation, but think we should go for 2014 instead of 2013.

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Roar told about EB thoughts regarding settlement of membership fees – this will be settled by Winter EB meeting in January 2013.

Action points:

Francesco had raised some questions:

- fees discussion to winter EB and
- other ways to collect fees?
- Absent more than 2 times? – They will get a letter also in the future?
- People who are working on projects can continue after leaving council as invited to the relevant projects – Yes, was the answer.
- Big countries/small countries...
- Position paper – we are not a political organization but educational – no p.paper!

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Janko thanked leaving Council Members for their big efforts for EURACT in many years: Filipe, Bernhard, Alma, Mette and Snezena. Council followed Janko in applauding for these 5 leaving Council Members.

## **Review of meeting.**

All thanked first of all Esra for her good organization of the meeting and her hospitality. Many thanks to leaving Council members from all. A fruitful meeting – but many were sorry for missing rather many CM's at this meeting.

## **Post-Council Executive Board Meeting.**

Vienna 19.1. EB meeting

All contributions to Adana report to be sent to Roar by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Ruth to liaison with Jan regarding his presentations in Graz (educational research).

Next time: important that chairs can inform about what is going on in different committees (due to new Council Members).

Barbara and Roar to find persons not attending two times in a row. – warning letter before Graz.



Jan's assessment paper: a slot in Graz for whole Council – after Committee work.

Geriatric education project? – dealt with in Vienna – George to prepare

How to teach research light for ST-trainees? – Janko and Mehmet Ungan will prepare an early report on this.

European definition: Givi takes over after Filipe.

European Exam will also need fuelling to make further progress – Roar to discuss with Brendan.

## **Annex 1**

### **President's report**

**EURACT Council meeting**  
**November 1-3, 2012**  
**Adana, Turkey**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### EURACT Council meeting Adana November 1-3, 2012

Since the last meeting in Jerusalem, Israel, I attended Wonca Europe EB and Council meeting in Vienna July 4, 2012. Wonca Europe EB will keep the same structure of the Wonca Europe EB with additional member from Vasco da Gamma network. Key and coordinative role of EURACT in developing revision of European definition of general practice has been approved.

After March Council meeting we kept two EURACT sponsored meetings: The second part of Level 3 training course for trainers in family medicine took place in Faro, Portugal, June 22-24 and Learning and teaching about managing difficult relationships with patients in general/family practice took place in Bled, Slovenia, September 20-24 (<http://www.bled-course.org/lang/>).

Leonardo da Vinci project successfully runs towards its final phase. Besides a legacy of three new or renewed courses we got an important document Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice/Family Medicine in Europe (<http://www.euract.eu/official-documents/finish/3-official-documents/241-framework-for-continuing-educational-development-of-trainers-in-general-practice-in-europe-cedingp>). We have to congratulate all partners, but give special thanks to Justin Allen and Egle Price who worked hard on behalf of EURACT in this project.

My international activities related to family medicine education on behalf of EURACT:

- 30-31 March I attended and give a lecture on a repetition of EURACT Bled course on professionalism for family medicine teachers in Novi Sad, Serbia.
- On May 7 I delivered a one-day workshop on teaching EBM and teaching basic research skills to teachers affiliated to Family Medicine Department in Riga University.
- Together with two EURACT members from Slovenia (Zalika Klemenc-Ketis, and Marija Petek-Ster) we kept a one day workshop on teaching research as a EGPRN preconference workshop in Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 10.
- On behalf of EURACT I gave a key note speech on Quality Improvement in the Care of Chronic Disease in Family Practice: the contribution of education and research at EGPRN conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 11. I had a successful meeting with President of EGPRN on future collaboration between these two network organisations.
- On behalf of EURACT I was invited speaker at EURIPA conference on island Pag, Croatia, May 12. I had a successful meeting with President of EURIPA on future collaboration between these two network organisations.
- I contributed to EURACT workshop Educational research in undergraduate and postgraduate GP training at Vienna Wonca Europe conference in July.
- I contributed to joint workshops with EUROPREW and EURIPA at Vienna Wonca Europe conference in July.
- 18-20 May I attended and give a lecture on a repetition of EURACT Bled course on professionalism for family medicine teachers in Arandjelovac, Serbia.
- I attended 21<sup>st</sup> Bled course on Learning and teaching about managing difficult relationship with patients in general practice/family medicine September 18-20. Among 45 participants from 13 countries there were five EURACT sponsored participants attending the course. The theme attracted also many new participants.

- 21-23 September I attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Serbian general practice congress in Belgrade, Serbia and gave a lecture on Teaching and studying ethics in family practice.
- As a national representative I attended a meeting of Association of South East European Societies in FM/GP September 22 in Belgrade, Serbia, which assembles 10 countries from that region. I had short meetings with teachers from these countries, especially Bulgaria and Montenegro about their stronger involvement with EURACT.
- I had a chance to meet with other representatives of Association of South East European Societies in FM/GP Croatian President of state who invited us to listen our proposals for the development of family medicine in Western Balkans.
- 10 October I gave a lecture on the role of teaching in family practice environment for the development of future doctors for Croatian society of general practitioners in island Brac, Croatia.

EURACT is facing a kind of a turning point. Many Council members are in spite clear successes of EURACT projects disillusioned, exhausted through the fights for family medicine recognition and educative work in their countries, frustrated because some task we started are not finished due to low motivation of some council members. However, there are at least two new projects going on, i.e. licensing of GPs/FPs and new definition of GP/FP.

Janko Kersnik

**Janko Kersnik**

## **Annex 2**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**EURACT Council meeting  
November 1-3, 2012  
Adana, Turkey**

## Report of Basic Medical Education Committee

### BME Committee Report from Adana

Present: Mette, Snezana, Ilse, Natalia, Stefan, Howard, Givi, Francesco

Absent: Nevena ( no information at all by her ) Christian, Markku ( already at least 3 absences on 4 times also in between )

The Committee welcomed Stefan's return. Having worked so much and so well in the between since previous Council meeting in Faro, we realized, as Committee, to be on scheduled time on getting data for our mapping research about Family Medicine teaching and courses and rotations in Europe. It was not possible only for UK, Germany and France. Stefan promised to get complete data for Germany before end of November. He would have to do the same for France being in charge for this since the beginning.

Many Council members are leaving or could not be re-elected in December. This could cause a big problem on finalizing works ( not this one ) , on deciding about future works, on future of committee itself being so stopped by triennial elections stopping persons when working so well or not permitting to ideas to be developed in logical time... .

We discussed how the situation for family medicine is confused everywhere also for the same concept of Family Medicine and General Practice and we discussed how complete the paper so to be published next year also if some will be out of committee since next year but will be finalizing as Committee.

In the second part ( one hour ) of time reserved to Committees' work, we got a big brainstorming on how to develop the research about mapping in other collateral researches and papers. It is difficult to discuss many good topic without having ideas on with whom and how long would be possible to work with. We opted for contacting with an official EURACT's letter the Universities where no FM development is, ask why of the situation, continue considering level of no, minimal or good answer and finally verify in right time ( this a not answerable question at the moment - see above ) what happened after that, so that EURACT also in this case could contribute to development of undergraduate Family Medicine.

Francesco Carelli  
EURACT Council, Basic Medical Education Committee

## Report of Specialty Training Committee

Date: November 01-03<sup>th</sup> 2012

Place: Adana, Turkey

**Present:** Katarina Stavric (Macedonia) chair, Alma Eir Svavarsdottir (Iceland) previous chair, Eva De Fine Licht (Sweden), Inguna Locmele (Latvia), Roar Maagaard (DK), Llukan Rrumbullaku (Albania), Dolores Forès (Spain). Jan Degryse (Belgium), Roger Price (UK)

**Not present:** Mario Sammut (Malta), Brendan O'Shea (Ireland),

### Agenda

1. Election of new ST Committee chair
2. EURACT Statement on Hospital Posts used for General Practice Training
3. Will the ST committee run a Workshop at the next Wonca meeting?
4. Miscellaneous

The above agenda was discussed.

Alma Eir Svavarsdottir (chair) started the meeting by asking the Committee to vote a new chair. Katarina Stavric was voted and she accepted the position. The Council was informed and approved Katarina as a new chair of the ST Committee.

The Committee started to work on the document “*EURACT Statement on Hospital Posts used for General Practice Training*”. We started with brainstorming, and the members present their experience in organising hospital posts and their thoughts about the EURACT statement. The members agreed to shorten the introduction and to review the arguments why the hospital training can still be a valuable part of GP training:

- Trainee is following what is happening with the patient in the hospital (longitudinal view on disease)
- Learn some specific and selected skill more effectively
- Develop a clear understanding of the epidemiology of diseases
- To get familiar with rare conditions

We started to work on rewriting the key principles that should be further discussed before to be approved.

Finally we discussed the idea of a running workshop at the Wonca congress in Prague. The members didn't support the idea.

We want to discuss on the article that Jan presented in the morning session, but because of lack of time we decided to look for additional time from the Council.

Meeting finished at 12:00.

November 02th 2012.  
Katarina Stavric, chair

## Report of CPD/CME Committee

**Participants:** Elene Frolova, Bernhard Rindlisbacher, Jachym Bednar

Welcome, stating we are so few, many members missing

1. Short information about workshop “Is there a need for harmonisation of the requirements for re-certification of GPs in Europe?” we have presented in Vienna, where Ruth, Mladenka, Eva, Jachym were participating.
2. Discussion about Dynamic Database on CPD/CME - Jachym will prepare a proposal on " what kind of the data should the database include about CME activities ", it was decided that

original country questionnaires will be the suitable base of structure of Dynamic database (DD). Only the really important questions/data shall be included to improve the chance that the information for each country will be regularly updated by the responsible council member. It shall also include 1) name of the responsible person of the specific country with e-mail address, 2) date of last update, 3) definitions of “accreditation”, “certification”, “licensure”  
4) references for the data given.

Our DD will be formally similar to Dynamic Interactive Database of Specialist Training in General Practice/Family Medicine. Later on Jachym will contact Mario and Matej ( administrator of Euract website) with completed structure of database approved by committee members.

3. Again discussion about portfolio as a method of CPD. Jachym made a proposal to the Committee to give a workshop in Wonca World Conference in Prague 2013 called :  
"Portfolio as a method of continuing professional development, is it effective and efficient in CPE/CME? -Sharing experiences and brainstorming" . Ruth as a leader is kindly asked to submit the abstract until 31 December 2012. There might be participants in Prague workshop more practically experienced than we are. :)
4. Discussion on material sent by Ruth and Peter van den Hombergh, Netherlands representative in UEMO, member of CME group within UEMO. The UEMO Working group on CME has been active since 2007. Participating countries were: Portugal, Belgium, Czech Republic, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Norway, Ireland and Turkey. We have stated that further cooperation is suitable, we have a lot to offer, and both organizations would benefit from the cooperation.

Ruth Kalda (not present in Adana).

## **Report of Member Services Committee**

### **Minutes from the Member Services Committee, Adana, Turkey**

Friday 2 November 2012

10.00-11.00 and 11.30-12.30

Present: Janko, Filipe, George, Esra

Missing: Yvonne, Egle and Adam



### **1- EURACT Bled Course**

Janko: This year course went very well. There were participants from 13-14 countries. Next year Bled course will be organized following the same terms of condition meaning that 2 participants from 10 euro countries, 1 participant from 20 euro countries, 1 from 35 and 1 from 50 euro countries; 5 in total. The contract will be exactly the same.

### **2-EURACT Booth in Wonca Europe Conference in Prague**

Publicitary materials: George and Janko: Each participant of a course will have a note-book. Booklets were prepared for Prague. They will be shipped wherever required. In the booth, we will have 500 leaflets, 500 booklets and chocolates and bonbons and minimum 1 and maximum 3 posters and leaflets for the promotion of the EURACT courses. Janko: It seems that it will not be possible to have a EURACT booth. However, during the meeting Janko wrote an e-mail to Bohumil Seifert and asked if we could have a booth in Prague. He wrote that they had to discuss it with PCO and that they hardly could accomodate booths of all European networks, but the principal ones (EQUIP, EURACT, EGPRN) should have one. His idea was to built a big European stand which all network could share. Last year's experience in Vienne about having national EURACT members in the booth was quite good.

EURACT workshops: We will have two workshops: Problem Based Learning by Yvonne and CEDin Project by Dilek and Niels.

### **3- Non-paying members and countries**

Belarus has paid and is in again. France, Hungary and Ukraine did not pay and they will be out by 1 January 2013 and they will not have elections. Ireland has paid.

### **4-Bulgaria**

There are 11 new applications. Therefore, the problem was solved.

### **5- New Definition for GP/FM**

Proceeding as planned. Task Force will inform us.

### **6-Krakow Course**

Out of 23 applications from 7 countries, 12 were selected. National representative will select the names of the participants. 2 out of 6 from Romania, 2 out of 3 from Macedonia, 2 out of 3 from Denmark, 2 out of 3 from Serbia, 2 out of 4 from Turkey, 1 out of 1 from Georgia, 1 out of 1 from Moldova. There should be a waiting-list for the non-appearing participants. Esra forgot to add the candidate from Latvia to the list.

Therefore, according to the decision taken; to give at least one place to all countries in first place we should either add this candidate as the 13th place or add him/her to the waiting list.

**7-L2 course in 2014**

Candidate for Level 2 course will be held in Macedonia. The datum will be set in due time.

7000 euros sponsorship will be provided.

**8- EUPA**

It is about to finish. We will have printed copies for Prague next year and for Wonca Europe 2014.

Esra Saatci.

## **Annex 3**

### **List of new EURACT members**

**EURACT Council meeting  
November 1 -3, 2012  
Adana, Turkey**

**Applications Adana Meeting 2012**

Austria

1. Michael Wendler

Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Berina Hrustić

Bulgaria

1. Magdalena Balashkova
2. Gergana Foreva
3. Lubomira Gadjelova
4. Svetlana Hristova
5. Paraskeva Mancheva
6. Vanya Nedkova Milanova
7. Zhenya Ruseva
8. Radost Asenova
9. Valentina Madjova
10. Arman Postadzhiyan
11. Tsvetelina Valentinova Miteva

Denmark

1. Jette Kolding Kristensen
2. Søren Svenningsen
3. Jesper Nielsen
4. Anette Boll Moeller

Estonia

1. Tarmo Loogus

Finland

1. Pilvi Schmidt

Georgia

5 new members – (Barbara has the names....)

Italy

1. Massimo Bergamini
2. Luca Puccetti
3. Ernesto Mola
4. Giovanni Battista D'Errico
5. Paolo Marangoni

Ireland

1. Irphan Y. Shammari
2. Nick Flynn
3. Sylvia Mckenna
4. Fionnuala Loughrey
5. Devy Adam

Republic of Macedonia

1. Katerina Kovacevic
2. Marija Mihajlova
3. Suzana Ilieva Jovanovska
4. Orhideja Neceva Petrova
5. Darko Iliev

Moldova

1. Tamara Codrean

Spain

1. Clotilde Boix Gras
2. Juan Vicente Quintana Cerezal

Turkey

1. Erhan Yengil
2. Mahcube Cubukcu
3. Elif Deniz Safak
4. Günter Dilsiz
5. Özgür Eginyurt
6. Aysegul Uludag
7. Mustafa Yasin Selcuk
8. Hakan Demirci
9. Seçil Arica
10. Selim Kadioğlu
11. Berrin Telatar
12. Ibrahim Bashan
13. Mustafa Haki Sucakli
14. Ferhat Ekinci
15. Emrah Kirimli
16. Yavuz Erdinc

The Netherlands

1. Pieter van den Hombergh
2. Nettie Blankenstein
3. Karin Verschoor

Ukraine

1. Pavlo Kolesnyk

United Kingdom

1. Madeleine Alice Attridge

63 new members in total.

## **Annex 4**

### **Reports from taskforces**

**EURACT Council meeting  
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Adana, Turkey**

## Report of the New European Definition of GP task group (Plan for Development)

### EURACT Meeting in Adana, November 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

#### 1. Members of the task-group present

Lukan Rrumbullaku, Ilse Helleman, Givi Javashvili, George Spatharakis, Francesco Carelli, Filipe Gomes, Stefan Wilm.

#### 2. Chair

Filipe. Need for a new chair (Filipe is stepping down from the Council)

#### 3. Information about what we are asked

EURACT got a mandate to lead the process of revision.

The previous plan prepared by this task-force in Jerusalem, following a solicitation of the WONCA EB, could not be accepted (as we actually expected) because of the costs; nevertheless, some parts of it can be used (namely the literature review and, possibly, the Delphi panel).

EURACT and this task-force will proceed with the revision project.

#### 4. Opened floor for opinions/reflections on these matters

After discussing some of the recent evolution, the group started to reflect on the revision of the Definition, and wishes to state:

- As a principle, a revision of the Definition should be done every 3-5 years, reflecting the evolution of General Practice/Family Medicine and society in general;
- The group will first revise it, and then decide if there is need for a change;
- The above shall not imply “dramatic” changes; the group favors the idea that we will keep the six core competencies;
- Improvements can and possibly must be done in some areas, including the key features.

Bearing in mind these three principles, the group discussed some subjects:

**Patient empowerment** – do we really need it in the definition? Before addressing such a subject we should remind that patient empowerment has different meanings, nowadays referring mostly to the so called patient-consumers “right” to buy medicaments and procedures directly in the health market, without the mediation of medical professionals. Big Pharmas are trying for a long time to start direct drug advertising in Europe, and the GP/FM Definition must be clearly separated from this trend.

We also think that the focus on patient centredness in the present Definition is guaranty enough to patient rights.

**GP/FM within Primary Care** – should we consider the position of the General Practitioner within the system as it is today, and try to find a way for the future?

Some questions arose on this subject which should be answered in a revised Definition:

- Is GP/FM still the first contact? Should it be?
- Are gatekeeping systems effective and in place in Europe? Should they be improved?
- What about out-of-hours and emergency? Should it still be a GP/FM responsibility, (at least at some extent)?
- Is the General Practitioner the center of the Primary Care system? Should he be?

Even if there was no time or occasion to fully discuss these matters, the group seems inclined to answer positively to all the questions above.

The revised Definition should discuss the primary care teamwork and the Family Doctor position within it.

**Societal changes** – in our society, things are changing quickly. This implies possible modifications on some of the core competencies – Community Orientation, for instance. New challenges are present, like working in hospitals (triage), or practicing individualized treatment.

We think there is not a need to define other core competencies, but to stress the need to attentively follow what happens. Capability to change/evolve could probably be made more clear as key features.

**Disease-mongering/Quaternary Prevention** – as their patients avocates, General Practitioners are in the frontline of the fight against overprevention, overmedicalisation and overtreatment.

Already present in the Definition, these issues should be stressed and clarified in the process of revision.

**Social determinants of health** – dealing with the poverty, being aware of the parallelism between biology and biography and of the developments in neurosciences and epigenetics that inform social determinants of health is more and more essential to the daily practice of a GP/FP.

Even if noticeable in the present Definition, these matters should be clarified and explained.

**Palliative care/terminal patients/dying with dignity** – a matter of importance, probably deserving some development in a new Definition.

**Self-care of the doctor** – also a matter of importance, namely in these times of financial crisis, to be probably stressed within the key features.

#### 5. Current tasks

The members of this task-force will be asked to:

- Choose another chair;
- Read the Definition, check it at the light of the points identified, defining the need for change (if it is the case) and communicate it (to Filipe) until December 31 (2012);
- Propose new steps and/or approaches to the revision plan;
- Prepare to discuss it at the next EURACT meeting;
- The group will have to decide what level of external collaboration will be possible/needed (see documents attached).

November 30, 2012  
Filipe Gomes, Chair

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## Report from the European Exam Task Group.

Report by Eva – 121102.

Roar chaired the meeting in Brendans absense. Alma, Katarina, Jochum, Esra, Dolores, Inguna and Eva participated.

Comments – *italic* - integrated in Brendans notes after Jerusalem meeting.

### Outline for developing an approach to a Common European Examination at EURACT

#### Immediate Objectives November 2012

Resource / Inform a 1 hour session on this at EURCT Council at Adana in Nov 2012

Suggestion: Draft a discussion document, for circulation by end of August 2012, to be read by all Council members and then considered and discussed at Council at Adana.

This will comprise an input under 5 main headings; you are provisionally assigned to each, and may of course interface / input with the others. Please also feel free to re assign yourself, through the Chair, if you wish.

- o **Literature Review** Howard, Mladenka, Jean Marie, Ruth, Dolores
- o **Contact (MD/ Anaesth / Urol)** Roaar, Esra, Mladenka
- o **Update Data Base** Alma, Mario,



o **SWOT Analysis**

Brendan, Janko, Alma, Katarina

Adam, Razvan,

o **Communications**

Bernhard

Brendan, Howard, Roaar, Janko,

**Roar** has investigated some sources:

1. *There is a common European project on student examination level: "European Board of medical assessors" – Lesley Southgate, UK and Charlotte Ringsted, DK (now Toronto, Canada) for example. Until now MCQ's only – 200 candidates from Europe have taken this exam in first half of 2012. A practical test should be added. Some want an OSCE exam – some want to have video of patient consultations. Portfoliobased exam as a third part?? Collaborators in America – and the first exam ran practically on their platform.*
2. *Urologists- older story. End 80'es – European Exam – European board of Urology. First exam 1992. Exam with a hundred questions. Later a written exam + an oral if you passed the written. Examination by an examiner in your own language. 2-3 tasks to solve – 3 hours. In no way compulsory but described as a big positive experience by the participants. The different countries vary in the number taking the test. Private organisation .Very appreciated. Some countries – Poland for example – Mandatory (??). It might help you to get a job abroad.*
3. *Anesthesiologists- In some countries Compulsory. Especially Eastern Europe – easier to get a job abroad. Exam has evolved the last couples of years. Exam 2 = an essay exam. UMS board of anesthesiologist.*

**Esra** has also done some research:

*Urologists here in Adana-*

*Exam since 2004- Turkish association of urology. 2-300 participants at camp. Trainers come to give lectures. Financed by the association + pharmaceutical support.*

*4-5<sup>th</sup> year residents take the exam :*

1. *Written test – 70% multiple choice*
2. *6months later OSCE*

*65-70% - score – Take the exam again. 350 Euros = cost  
Not recertification*

*If we were to do something similar; start with a pilot was the advice from Turkish urologists.*

*Dolores: We must decide on what language to use for the exam*

*Alma: – written document on exam for Iceland. They also use the American Board exam.*

*Eva has translated the Swedish national exam*

*Roar: Free movement of doctors in Europe. Sometimes this can be problem – If we have an exam this could be a way to give a quality mark on top of National qualification + an extra stamp of quality with this European Exam.*

*Bernhard: Swiss exam of intensive medicine + an European exam in oncology, pulmonologi in adults and children. Ministered in Bernhards institute. Not exam in GP.*

*Denmark, Greece , Iceland, Sweden, Italy , Netherlands, Norway and Spain are the only countries that DON'T have a compulsory exam at the end of the ST exam. All other countries have some sort of exam but we don't know what it looks like.*

*Howard has written a literature review that he will give us. MCQ based on guidelines could be very based on country.*

*Perhaps we could take general practice questions and pool them and then give the ST doctor 100 or so of them.*

*We should aim for very high standards . Then the exam could be a political tool for getting better routines where they are less good.*

*Roar will discuss further steps with Brendan.*

*In hast, Eva.*

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## **Educational Research Task Group: 24 March, 2012**

Report missing.