

Annex 7

President's Report

**EURACT Council meeting
October 7-11, 2009
Witten, Germany**

October 10, 2009,

Report of WONCA Europe Conference Basel

Before the Conference we had a WONCA Europe EB meeting on the Wonca Europe Council . Meeting with UEMO and EFPC representatives highlighted the need for collaboration to complement each other's efforts to stimulate development of FM in Europe. As appears, there is some development in CME/CPD Committee of UEMO, as well as ST Committee. UEMO is working on issues of Recruitment and retention of GPs, and I tried to emphasize need of collaboration with educations from EURACT on that issue. UEMO plans in arranging Conference for Consensus on GP training in Cancer care, which we might be asked to contribute to. It was agreed that WE, EFPC and UEMO identify liaison persons for future collaboration to keep in contact and inform other organisations on important developments.

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EQUIP report- development of the joint course with EURACT on teaching of quality in GP. There was a long discussion about the EGPRN and EURACT membership (being individual membership organisations rather than institutional membership by delegation of members from WONCA Europe member Colleges). Suggestion came from the Denmark and Norway that network members should be delegated by the national Colleges. The objection to that from our point of view was that it would be illegal from the point of view of bylaws, as only EURACT members can decide on the structure and membership of the organisation, and even WONCA Europe cannot have the power to change our bylaws. It may also be unproductive from the point of view of results and expertise. It was agreed that the working group will be created to look into the issue and come back with the proposal to the WE Council.

The network funding proposal was approved by the Council, and the 30 000 USD to support the European projects in area of their expertise. All 6 networks are eligible to apply, and the rules of application will be placed on the WONCA Europe website. That opens the possibility for applying for the small support for network projects.

The WONCA Europe EB re-elections will be held in 2010, in Cancun, and Hon. Treasurer and EURACT representative will have to be re-elected. Tony Mathie expressed the readiness to stand the elections for WE President. Other members will also undergo usual election process. EURACT will be asked to present two candidates, one to be chosen in Cancun to represent the organisation during next 3 years.

Networks are asked to propose keynote speakers for WONCA Europe Conference 2010, Malaga. Networks are also encouraged to make joint workshops and other activities during the conference. No paper posters might be available for WE 2010, and presenters may be asked to send their Posters in ppt presentation, to be presented on the screens and save using the paper posters.

EURACT activities in the Conference

EURACT booth this time was well situated (thanks to Polona), and valuable information has been provided at our stand, which increased the interest in organisation. Filipe has done enormous job of preparing our leaflets, Posters of the courses, EURACT map, powerpoint presentation, and deserves special appreciation and thanks. Well done, Filipe! Very good experience was idea of having Council members present at the booth to promote the organisation, and members taken the task

seriously. New ideas for the development of the booth in future will be discussed with Member Services Committee.

EURACT General meeting has run smoothly, we had more members than during the previous conferences, and more interest than before. Performance Agenda was presented, as well as Legal status summary after the President's and Honorary Treasurer's reports.

EURACT workshops were very well accepted and received good reflections from the participants, special congratulations to Owen, Stefan and all members involved in the preparation of workshops.

Vasco da Gama and WE EB meeting

The discussion has been started based on the previous year discussion, with the outcome that VdG has outgrown the previous facility of the closed organisation, limited to 2 members per country, to the organisation that should open to the bigger number of trainees from all the WE region countries. Main activities in future should be included as VdG stream within the Wonca Conference main programme. That will make it more open to the trainees, and improve the possibilities for expanding the activities and networking possibilities, which is seen as the main mission of the organisation.

Roger has met with Hippocrates and Vasco da Gama groups to discuss our involvement in the development of the trainee exchange programme. Hippocrates programme now is taken under VdG movement, the information is on their website and VdG group is happy to help to facilitate the exchange.

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