

**President's Report**

**EURACT Council meeting  
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To: EURACT Council members

Vienna, November 2-5, 2005

Number of activities was running with my involvement as a President of EURACT since the last meeting of EURACT Council in Lillafured, therefore below the short summary of activities is presented for your information:

- Presentation on European networks in General Practice/Family medicine during the First International Conference of Family Medicine in Kaliningrad area (Russia), May 19-20.
- Participation in Leonardo-EURACT course in Kusadasi, Turkey, May 22-25. Very successful and interactive course in spite the fact that the number of participants was higher than before - 34 persons. Report on the course has been presented to the Council afterwards.
- Presentation on Family Medicine training in Primary Care setting in the National Conference of Turkish GPs dedicated to the cooperation between Primary care institutions and Universities; the conference was very well organized, and should have a significant influence to the improvement of cooperation between PHC and academic bodies, as well as overall quality of training of future FPs in Turkey.
- WONCA Europe EB meeting in London, June 4-5 (see summary of the EB meeting, sent to the Council after the meeting);
- Participated in the teleconference of the Project Globe, July 19, 2005;
- Project Globe Steering Committee meeting in Amsterdam, August 30 (report on the meeting attached);
- **WONCA Europe Conference Kos:**
  - (a) WONCA Europe EB meeting. Discussed questions – WONCA Europe Council meeting; EJGP issues; bidding for the WONCA Europe Conferences 2008 and 2009);
  - (b) WONCA Europe Council meeting; Presented report on EURACT latest activities to the Council. Report well accepted by the Council.
  - (c) Held EURACT General meeting; Presented report on EURACT activities and future plans; proposed changes in EURACT bylaws have been approved by the General meeting. .
  - (d) Participated in Vasco da Gama pre-conference meeting.
  - (e) Participated together with Job Metsemakers in meeting with EGPRN representatives on future cooperation strategy. Joined activity is planned in May 2005 (see minutes of the meeting). Job Metsemakers will report on this event during the session on future planning.
  - (f) Ran the workshop on Leonardo-EURACT course together with other course faculty (Adam, Justin, Yonah, Sakis, Igor);
  - (g) Had a meeting with representatives of 3 networks on possibilities for the future cooperation between networks (participants – Christos Lionis, Joachim Szczenyi, Luis Pisco and Paul van Royen). Strong agreement on increasing the cooperation was expressed by representatives from all networks. The idea of joined activities as workshops, joined sessions on specific topics during the WONCA Europe conferences was agreed. First important activity of cooperation with EGPRN may be workshop and training course in Denmark/Sweden, May 2005. If successful, the workshop might be repeated in some form during the WONCA Europe Conference. The idea of inviting representatives from other networks to EQUIP invitational conference in Barcelona 2007 was presented during the discussion

and supported by network representatives. We will have to explore what workshops or other activities with this organization may be developed in future for WONCA Europe Conferences;

- (h) Had a meeting with Michael Kidd (President of The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners) and Igor Svab on the WONCA Working Party on Education. The need for re-establishing the party was discussed by WONCA Executive in Kyoto and Michael Kidd was asked to develop a proposal for that. The discussion was very interesting and fruitful, and the proposed strategy will be presented during the next WONCA Executive Board meeting in February 2006.
- Organized together with Igor Svab, Margus Lember and Ruta Riba the workshop “European Academy of Teachers in General Practice – current activities and future plans”. During the session the presentation of EURACT as organization was made, followed by the presentation of Educational agenda and further discussion on it.

**Other activities:**

- Organized and ran together with colleagues the 3 weeks training the trainers course for the faculty of Georgian State Medical Academy in Tbilisi.

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