

Annex 2

President's Report

**EURACT Council meeting
May 7-11, 2008
Mosta, Malta**

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April 18, 2008

EURACT Council meeting Mosta, Malta, May 2008

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

WONCA Europe Conference, Paris, France

- Participation in EB pre-conference meeting;
- WONCA Europe Council meeting, EURACT report presented;
 Chairing the group working on future strategy of WONCA Europe Conferences (summary available).

WONCA Europe Conference

- EURACT General meeting (report attached).
- Meeting with Vasco da Gama Executive Board members on possibilities for future collaboration. The discussion was very interactive and productive, it was agreed that in future Vocational Training Committee will be responsible for the joint activities with VdG.
- Chairing EURACT plenary session. David Haslam presentation on education.
- Meeting of WONCA Europe EB with Special Interest Group representatives.

WONCA Europe EB meeting, February 2008, Istanbul (report attached below).

EURACT EB meeting, Slovenia, February 2008 (report attached).

Ongoing activities:

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

Forthcoming activities

- WONCA Europe EB meeting, June 7-8, Vilnius
- WONCA Europe Council meeting, WE Conference 2008, Istanbul

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**WONCA Europe EB meeting,
February 1-3, Istanbul**

This was the first meeting of the new Executive Board of WONCA Europe, and very intensive agenda of the meeting.

Discussion of WE Council during the Paris conference has been considered very fruitful, and some ideas as state of art sessions, involvement of SIGs in the conference scientific programme, are already in the process of implementation, and some of the ideas will be presented in Istanbul.

The idea of developing the proposals for further elaborations and developments based on the discussion will be presented in Lisbon, during the Colleges meeting.

EJGP. There are some ongoing problems defined in the Journal functioning, which have not been solved during the 3 years. The changes in the publisher internal organisation (now the sub-branch of "Taylor and Francis" - "Informa healthcare" is responsible for the publishing) and management gives possibilities for improving the process and possible outcomes. Explicit discussion has been held for improving the editorial process and marketing in future. Full report on the issue will be send in a meeting minutes.

WONCA Europe Conference in Istanbul 2008. No information about the EURACT activities was got by the HOC. Chairs of the Committees should take the actions immediately, the abstracts of our activities to be sent to HOC by the deadline in March. The state of art sessions and plenary presentation will have to o the same procedure.

Vasco da Gama pre-conference meeting will take place on September 3-4, 2008. 7 facilitators from EURACT are invited to come on, 2nd of September, an additional night of accommodation for them will be covered by HOC, which has been agreed with the Istanbul Conference organisers.

Reviewers for the Conference: EURACT experts, who would like to contribute to the Istanbul Conference by reviewing the abstracts for the conference, please, send the replies to Egle as soon as possible.

Assessment course was discussed during the EB meeting, in regard to the new WONCA Europe internal networks funding strategy which will be proposed to the Council for approval. The essence of the proposal is that three networks, in case they would take to develop activity which is important on the European scale, will be able to apply to the special projects fund to WE for the project funding. As this initiative is new and should be approved by the Council, also other networks should have enough time to develop proposals and projects, the decision was taken to introduce this strategy from 2009, in case it gets approved by the WE Council. In this situation EURACT could not take this possibility to apply for support for the Assessment course. As this course is considered important for WE educational system, also there is high interest within countries in this course, it was decided that EURACT will run the course using it's own capacity, making efforts to attract the paying members. In case of the financial loss WONCA Europe is ready to cover the loss of the course. This can be considered a real possibility to run the course, as does not have the significant burden on the financial stability of the organisation.

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