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**Meeting of the Council
of the European Academy of teachers in General Practice
(EURACT)
held in Leuven, November 4-7, 2010**

Members present:

Dr. Egle Žebiene, Lithuania , President
Dr. Roar Maagaard, Denmark, Honorary Secretary
Dr. Georgis C. Spatharakis, Greece, Honorary Treasurer
Ass. Prof. Janko Kersnik, Slovenia, EB member
Dr. Philios Phylaktou, Cyprus, EB Member
Dr. Roger Price, United Kingdom, EB Member
Dr. Mette Brekke, Norway
Dr. Francesco Carelli, Italy
Prof. Jan Degryse, Belgium
Dr. Snezana Djordjevic, Serbia
Prof. Bernard Gay, France
Dr. Razvan Miftode Florentin, Romania
Prof. Elena Frovola, Russia
Dr. Luis Filipe Gomes, Portugal
Dr. Ruth Kalda, Estonia
Dr. Yvonne van Leeuwen, The Netherlands
Dr. Monica Lindh, Sweden
Dr. Edit Cerni Obrdalj, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Dr. Brendan O'Shea, Ireland
Dr. Bernhard Rindlisbacher, Switzerland
Dr. Mario R. Sammut, Malta
Dr. Ilse Hellemann, Austria
Dr. Esra Saatci, Turkey,
Dr. Alma Eir Svavarsdóttir, Iceland
Dr. Howard Tandeter, Israel
Dr. Markku Timonen, Finland
Dr. Mladenka Vrcic-Keglevic, Croatia,
Dr. Stefan Wilm, Germany
Dr. Adam Windak, Poland

Members absent:

Dr. Dolores Forés, Spain
Dr. Sandra Gintere, Latvia
Dr. Nevena Georgieva Ivanova, Bulgaria
Dr. Givi Javashvili, Georgia
Dr. Eva Jurgová, Slovakia
Dr. Llukan Rrumbullaku, Albania
Dr. Peter Vajer, Hungary
Dr. Natalia Zarbailov, Moldova
Dr. Natalija Kryzyna, Ukraine

PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

Thursday, 4th of November 2010

Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting.

Session 1:

Welcome and introduction.

Introduction of new members.

Review and approval of meeting agenda.

Discussion on country reports.

Session 2:

Working in Committees

Friday, 5th of November 2010

Session 3: Future of EURACT as organization.

Session 4: Business meeting part 1.

- **President's report**
- **Hon. Treasurer's report**
- **EURACT Business plan 2010-2012**
- **Other Matters**

Session 5: Theme session on education – educational research presentations

Session 6: Business meeting – part 2

- **EURACT Executive Board Elections**

Session 7: One slide 5 minutes presentations

Saturday, 6th of November 2010

Symposium:

“Transforming your practice into a challenging learning environment”.

Session 8: Working in task forces and reports from task forces.

<p><i>Sunday, 7'th of November 2010</i></p>

Session 9: Discussion club and review of meeting.

Session 10: Review of meeting

Post-Council Executive Board Meeting

REPORT OF THE MEETING

Pre-Council Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board met prior to the Council Meeting.

Jan Degryse went through the program and explained the practicalities regarding the meeting.

The President went through the agenda for the meeting – and in particular the agenda for the business meeting and the session regarding the future of EURACT as organization.

Election of the new President and EB was discussed: President to be elected first and afterwards the 3 EB members.

Concern about shorter time at this meeting for Committee work.

No Council Members from Czech Republic: Member Service Committee must still work with this problem!

EB to handle the new legal situation regarding registration after elections (with assistance from Job Metsemakers).

Session 1:

Welcome and introduction.

Introduction of new members.

Review and approval of meeting agenda.

Discussion on country reports.

- The president welcomed all – 29 members present.
- A special welcome to all new members – these presented themselves to Council.
- Meeting agenda reviewed and approved by Council.
- The country reports were discussed in small groups and highlights from individual countries presented in plenary.

Session 2:

Working in Committees

Reports from Committees:

BME Committee

Francesco Carelli as chair reported from this committee:

We will try to map the BME situation in Europe:

- how many Departments of Medicine/population size
- how many departments of FM
- which level of FM teaching (courses, attachments,, clerkships, how long)

and from this to extrapolate

- one example of highly developed level
- some examples of developing level
- one example of no level FM in BME
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Then, we plan to interview persons at these 3 levels so to get information “how and why” FM develops, starts to develop, has no developments.

Howard is in charge to prepare a protocol on this now, and Committee will finalize it before the Council meeting in Tallinn.

See full report in ANNEX 2.

Specialist Training Committee

Alma Eir Svavarsdóttir as chair reported from this committee:

Many items discussed – but the to-do-list ended up like this:

1. Specialist Training Schemes in General Practice in Europe for the future. **Roar** will continue to lead the group on finalizing this work.
2. The survey on Training and Re-training in General Practice in Europe, **Monica and Alma** will continue working on the paper with Owen.
3. The committee decided to work on one new project. We choose to work on what a GP has to do to become a trainer and what is mandatory for a GP trainer to do as a CPD. **Brendan** will lead this work.

See full report in ANNEX 2.

CPD Committee

Ruth Kalda as chair had left at “reporting time” – so Mladenka reported orally:

The Committee has been working on re-certification of family doctors and accreditation of CME/CPD courses in Europe – and decided to carry on with this work.

It was suggested from the Council not only to write an article on the topic, but also something like a position paper or recommendations, in preparation of which the whole Council should have a role and should reach some kind of consensus around the main topics such as voluntary versus mandatory rules, role of governmental control etc.

See full report in ANNEX 2.

Member Services Committee

Janko Kersnik as chair reported from this committee:

- a. Czech and Latvia situation to be sorted out regarding elections
- b. New chair to be approved for MSC at next Council meeting

Full report is missing

Session 3: Future of EURACT as organization.

The discussion about this topic was fuelled by input from several persons:

- Monica reported from the "task group" in Bled.
- Bernhard spoke about election of Council Members – this must be done in a strict and proper way: a proposal for procedure for election was created in Bled.

Jan and Yvonne gave presentations – and raised several questions:

- why do we not have more members?
- why are so few academics involved in EURACT?
- are we going home after CM enriched with new ideas?
- what do we have to offer EURACT members?
- could we create a comprehensive development plan?
- empowerment of trainers and involvement of academics?

European educational GP Conference? Could this be a way forward?

- we did a lot on curriculum development until now
- let us now turn more to GP teaching

A discussion in plenary followed with input from several Council Members – and this led to small group work – and reporting back to plenary.

This is some of the input:

- different expectations to EURACT services in different countries
- can act as a collaboration between countries (keynote speakers to national conferences)
- collaboration with other organizations (WHO, AMEE)
- increase number of member
- better website with updated material
- exchange of trainers

And more input from 2 of the small groups:

A (Reporter Mario):

Concrete ideas:

- Focus on evidence-based medical education
- Increase members' numbers and participation by offering them concrete advantages of membership:
 - website with useful resources
 - prestige through collaboration in academic projects
 - educational conferences, also for non-members
- Improvement of academic standards
- Use of EURACT activities in individual countries for local accreditation of members and also to generate funding for participation at European level

Proposals to Council:

- Focus on members: offer them concrete advantages of membership, e.g. a professional website providing useful educational/teaching resources.
- Reach out to non-members, e.g. through organising attractive conference/s, following which satisfied participants go back home to spread the EURACT message to their colleagues.
- Increased commitment by Council members to actively participate in work on such projects, not only during but also between meetings.

B (Reporter George):

- 3 GENERAL POSSIBILITIES of FUNCTIONING/ORIENTATIONS of the EURACT COUNCIL:
 - 1) Function as a “Think Tank”
 - 2) Dilate as much as Possible through New Members to Cover the WONCA Space
 - 3) Act just as a Meeting of Representatives of Colleges / Countries

COMMENTS:

- Ideas presented as new, are not really so new, but old, coming back again (Adam)
- These ideas do not go towards just one direction, there are opposite and conflicting views (for example: new members, young ones VS Professors in EURACT) [Adam]
- A BIG PROBLEM: People too busy, with a lot of activities, overloaded. This leads to VAIN PROMISES (Adam)
- SECOND PROBLEM: No concrete propositions (Adam)
- There is a Gradual Evolution of the EURACT Council: From initially “a group of strong personalities” TO “a Council of Country Representatives” (Bernard)
- Important to have input to each country from the Council Meetings (Bernard)
- Even though EURACT has been productive in the past, now it must CHANGE its Structure and Functioning (Monica)
- It should be more open > Organize Workshops for Colleges on Demand (Monica)
- Intensify the exchange with local teachers/trainers/students during meetings, Become student / trainee and trainer oriented (Yvonne)

- QUESTION and PROBLEM of ORIENTATION: Council Members should be Representatives of MEMBERS or COLLEGES (different directions) [Adam]
- Although the future possibilities, the Council works well (Brendan)
- Unfortunately the NUMBER of Members is LOW and their ACTIVE PARTICIPATION even LOWER (Brendan)
- NEW IDEA - PROPOSITION 1: A good NEW WEB-SITE should be good for Members and could energize younger people (Brendan)
- PROBLEM: Imbalance of the NUMBER of Members within the different countries (Adam)
- Internet is a good idea to be worked, BUT NOT ENOUGH (Adam)
- PROPOSITION 2: The start should be PROPOSING and WORKING on SMALL PROJECTS that is through Project Oriented Collaboration: for example, Vasco da Gama Mouvement and Hospital-Based Learning Problems (Yvonne)
- PROPOSITION 3: Propose activities for young Registrars and GPs in Internship (Brendan)
- We need a critical mass of people, members, not with 5-10 persons per country, but with 50 members (Brendan)
- We should provide concrete educational products (Adam)
- Web-Site should be useful for local GPs, should be nice to attract their interest (Adam)
- To become EURACT Member the procedure is too complex and time consuming (Monica), Allow young teachers to participate in EURACT (Yvonne)
- PROPOSITION 4: Facilitate Hippocrates Program for TRAINERS, as well as for Trainees (Monica, Yvonne)
- The Web-Site should facilitate new Membership: Dispose of Application Forms (Adam)
- Web-Site Needs Re-construction > Funds for these are available (Adam)
- For the Web-Site it is necessary to have at least a COORDINATOR and some ADMINISTRATIVE WORK (Adam)
- The Web-Site could be self-financed by Members (Brendan)
- Private Companies can arrange the CONSTRUCTION of a NEW WEB-SITE (Adam)
- Should be careful about our role as a “THINK TANK” within WONCA > we should not raise reflexes of competition, this could lead to a DISASTER (Ilse)
- Address topics that seems to be problematic, like the hospital training in postgraduate training (Yvonne)
- Seek cooperation with EPPC and UEMO (Yvonne)
- Stimulate and publish educational research (Yvonne)

PROPOSITIONS to the COUNCIL

- a) A good NEW, Fresh and Dynamic/Interactive WEB-SITE > Opening to New and Young Members
- b) Make a “market research”, produce and promote Project Oriented Collaboration -- Offer a variety of educational workshops in WONCA (eventually an educational preconference??)
- c) Propose activities for young Registrars and GPs in Internship
- d) Hippocrates Program for TRAINERS and Trainees

The presentations made by Jan Degryse (Belgium) and Yvonne van Leeuwen (Netherlands) on the topic are distributed to Council members together with this report.

Session 4: Business meeting part 1.

Witten Report approved.

EB meeting in Vienna 2010 – Council was informed about decisions.

President's Report – approved by Council. See report in ANNEX 4.

Hon. Treasurer's Report. presented by George – and approved.

Afterwards Hon. Treasurer has sent an overview regarding cash transaction in relation to the Leuven meeting – see report of this in ANNEX 5.

Business plan for EURACT was presented and approved. Especially mentioned: the need for new Faculty members at some of the courses. Egle described the procedure for selecting new Faculty members – approved by Council.

Membership fees for 2011 was explained by Roar – fees approved by Council – see scheme in ANNEX 6.

Czech Republic has not elected a new Council Member? – MSC has tried to get a new CM from Czech Republic.

There was discussion about elections in Latvia? and Slovakia? MSC to sort this out. Hungary to run elections.

New members were approved – see list in ANNEX 3.

Received applications for sponsorship to assessment course in Adana, Turkey: Georgia, BiH and Ukraine have applied and were all approved.

EB to discuss a protocol for future council meetings (planning/financing etc.) (George and Roar to prepare this).

Future Council meetings:

- a. 5.-8.5.2011: Tallin, Estonia
- b. 10-13.11.2011: Algarve, Portugal
- c. 2012, March: Israel
- d. 2012, Autumn: Turkey
- e. 2013, Spring, Serbia?

Adam Windak presented “Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe” – partners in this new Leonardo project (Colleges in the countries mentioned):

- a. Poland (Promotor)
- b. EURACT
- c. Denmark
- d. Slovenia
- e. Portugal
- f. Greece
- g. Turkey
- f. Health and Management as Coordinator (Poland)

Specific aims of this Leonardo project:

- to create a level 1 course (competent educator)
- to create a level 2 course (proficient educator)
- to create a level 3 course (educational expert)

EURACT must contribute with 12.000 Euros – a grant application will be sent to Wonca Europe for this amount.

Egle and Justin are responsible for the EURACT contribution. Approved by Council.

Future courses:

- Advanced course: Hungary??? (2011), Portugal (2012), Cyprus (2013). Decision Saturday: as Hungary is not going to take on responsibility for running the 2011 course there is not going to be a course in 2011. A possibility for running a course in Brazil instead was briefly discussed.
- Assessment course: Finland 2011, Georgia 2012, Serbia? (2013).

Francesco Carelli, Director of Communications, gave his report – see this in ANNEX 8.

Session 5: Theme session on education – educational research presentations

1. Ann Roex (Leuven): “Medical trainees’ beliefs about knowledge and knowing”.

2. Howard Tandeter: Delphi study on Minimal Core Curriculum in GP/FM for medical students.

Hon. Secretary has not received these presentations – so if you are interested to see them again, please go directly to the source.

Session 6: Business meeting – part 2

Election of new President and EB:

- A. Janko Kersnik was elected as President with acclamation.
- B. EB elections:
 - Phil and Mette were elected as vote counters
 - Candidates:
 - o Natalia (Ukraine)
 - o Mario (Malta)
 - o Adam (Poland)
 - o Ruth (Estonia)
 - o Yvonne (Netherlands)
 - o Mladenka (Croatia)

Result of elections (number of votes):

Mario: 23
Adam: 22
Ruth: 15
Yvonne: 14
Mladenka: 13

Result was that Mario, Adam and Ruth were elected to the new EB.

Session 7: One slide 5 minutes presentations

- a. Malta's Specialist Training in Family Medicine bears fruit, by Mario Sammut.
- b. European trainers exchange on WONCA 2011, by Yvonne van Leeuwen – presentation enclosed.
- c. How to teach geriatrics, by Elena Frovola – presentation enclosed.

Symposium:

“Transforming your practice into a challenging learning environment”.

Together with local Belgian colleagues we had a very fruitful symposium and good discussion in small group settings.

The program for this symposium was:

Training in your practice: an international perspective (plenary session)

“Introduction to EURACT”

Dr. Egle Zebiene, EURACT President

[http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Euract Leuven 2010.ppt](http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Euract%20Leuven%202010.ppt)

1. *"Managing 3-4 trainee doctors in our Danish practice"*

Dr. Roar Maagaard (Danmark)

http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/ROAR_Leuven.ppt

2. *“A real General Practice environment for our medical students”*

Dr. Filipe Gomes (Portugal)

[http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Euract courses.ppt](http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Euract%20courses.ppt)

[http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Leuven MIM Ualg.ppt](http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Leuven%20MIM%20Ualg.ppt)

3. *"Implementing practice based assessment"*

Dr. Roger Price (UK)

[http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Module 5 WBA october 2010 Leuven.ppt](http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Module%205%20WBA%20october%202010%20Leuven.ppt)

4. *"Empowering training practices by involving them in research"*

Dr. Mette Brekke (Norway)

[http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Training and Research.ppt](http://www.kuleuven.be/itol/EURACT2010Leuven/Training%20and%20Research.ppt)

Workshops in parallel:

1. “How to use and manage video consultation”
2. “Your Electronic Medical Records as a learning and a teaching tool”
3. “How to introduce research in your training practice”
4. “Being a patient in a teaching practice: threat or opportunity?”

12h15: Feedback and take home messages of the workshops (plenary session)

“Results of a recent survey: opinions of Flemish trainers in general practice”

Dr. Johan Buffels (K.U.Leuven, Belgium)

(The presentation is enclosed with this report).

Session 8: Working in task forces and reports from task forces.

Performance agenda (this is no longer a taskforce) – but just for information: work in progress – to be finished in beginning of 2011 – to be presented in Tallin.

1. Educational research task force (Jan)
 - a. Newsletter work to carry on (planning 4 times per year).
 - b. Using art in education – a research question to be produced.
2. Conference/Educational activities task force (Yvonne):
 - a. Contact with Adam regarding time slots in Warsaw. End of November we can expect the outline for EURACT presentations in Warsaw.
 - b. Trainers exchange in Warsaw conference
 - c. AMEE, EURIPA, EGPRN, VdG,
 - d. Educational conferences in the future?
 - e. See full report in ANNEX 7.
3. Website task force (Mario):
 - a. Outlined the future process with the editorial board – and contact with Peter Vajer to include him into the work.
 - b. See full report in ANNEX 7.

Session 9: Discussion club.

A lively discussion took place Sunday morning amongst the remaining Council Members:

Next Council meeting and more:

- Educational research slot also next time
- how to get new input into Council meeting? From academics? local experts? local trainers? expertise inside Council also to be explored and used (but how to find out?)
- problematic to have meeting time Sunday morning
- perhaps still go for meeting starting Wednesday afternoon?
- more work must be done between meetings
- our interest is education! – not clinical items
- shorter business meetings!
- Jan D: EB to make a 2 side document with plan for the next 3 years!

Taskforces? Committees?

- how to manage this?
- what taskforces do we need?
- how to find sufficient time to Committees? – Committees must bring “bigger ideas” to Council
- Jan D: we need this strategic paper to prioritize our tasks!
- Ilse: cooperation with Vasco da Gama is essential
- Roger gave an example of a new agenda (Ideal CPD for GP-trainers in Specialist Training)
 - such an agenda could be expanded to BME or CPD committees

We have 3 taskforces now – are the chairs willing to carry on? and is there work to be done?

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EB to work on this brainstorming results – and trying to produce a policy document.

Session 10: Review of meeting

Janko thanked Monica for her valuable contribution to Council for many years.

Janko thanked Egle for her longstanding contribution as President for our organization.

All thanked Jan for excellent planning of this meeting in very interesting and inspiring surroundings

Post-Council Executive Board Meeting

(Present: Janko, George, Mario and Roar – and from former EB: Roger and Egle)

EB winter meeting February 2011 in Vienna (arrive Friday evening and departure Sunday morning). Barbara to arrange practicalities, please.

Legal issue:

- Barbara to lead process with registration of Mario, Adam and Ruth – and change of status for Janko
- having a new bank account – Janko to lead process

Other issues:

- format of Council meetings in future? preparation of a new proposal for CM's to be done by EB in winter
- so Ruth to plan from Thursday to Saturday and leaving Sunday
- Bernhard to look up for decisions already taken by Council in previous time
- application for project funding for new Leonardo project being sent (asking for 10.000 Euro)

Newsletter: EB to make plans for finances and ways of distributing this

Performance agenda? No decision taken regarding format of publication. Stefan to be asked by George.

Warsaw conference discussed.

Strategy and priorities for Council for the next 3 (reality is 2) years.

Sponsoring countries for Council Meetings – what does sponsoring include?