I'm desperately trying to find the motivation... to get motivated.
Elections for Executive Board

- Mehmet Ungan, vice-chair, WONCA EU executive
- Jean Karl Soler, hon. secretary, communication committee
- Jelle Stoffers, honorary treasurer, Eur JGP
- Davorina Petek, research strategy committee (Pinar T.)
- Kristin Hendrickx, feedback and mentoring
- Ferdinando Petrazzuoli, website content
- Teresa Pawlikowska, educational com., research courses
Report from council

- Upcoming financial plan to be considered

Cooperation with Vasco Da Gama Movement:
- Prize, workshops

The future of EGPRN:
- Timing, size, ambitions
Educational Committee

- **Research Courses**
  - Next in Nice, May 2011, prior to our conference
  - We have a system - if you want to run a research course…
  - Contact Teresa Pawlikowska!
  - Course template, teacher database

- Review **preconference workshops**, assess needs

- **WONCA EU network funding** of 6400€
  “Basic and intermediate courses for researchers from countries with low capacity” (P van Royen, T Pawlikowska)
  - Support organisation
  - Subsidize participation
Research Agenda

- Five publications in Eur JGP, comments
- Translations (portuguese, spanish, polish, italian, turkish…)
  - notify Pinar / Hanny
  - respect the rules, send a copy and pdf
- Executive Summary is ready

- How to disseminate and use it?
  - Indicators for implementation
  - Open slots in EU funding frameworks
Communication committee

- Re-forming the committee
- Regular communications in the EuJG (Jean Karl, local conference organisers)
- Website content: Ferdinando incl. members only site
- Summary and article of your Nat Rep reports
- Re-vamp the listserver for communication and discussion
- Other ideas: discussion board, newsflash
Cancun (may 2010)
- Presentation of EGPRN
- Workshop on the Research Agenda

Malaga (last week)
- Keynote: Future perspectives for research in GP/FM
- EU-TRANSFoRm project:
- Clinical research in general practice
- Networking networks & special interest groups

Position of networks within WONCA EU council & executive
Free open access to the online Eur JGP for all individual (not institutional) EGPRN members

Abstracts published after each conference wanted: more structured abstracts, English language editor

Regular communications

Position / background papers
Themes and methods of research presented at European General Practice Research Network conferences

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Background. The World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca) defined core characteristics of general practice and general practitioners’ competencies. It is unclear to which extent research has addressed these issues so far.

Objective. To determine themes and research methods of general practice research as reflected by presentations at the European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN) meetings.

Methods. Descriptive and retrospective study. All abstracts presented at each of the 14 EGPRN conferences between June 2001 and October 2007 were analysed for content and study design/methodology. Categories for content were developed inductively; a predefined hierarchical scheme was used for study designs.
Are presentations of abstracts at EGPRN meetings followed by publication?

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Abstract

Background: Research presented at scientific meetings is inaccessible to clinicians, unless the findings are subsequently published in a journal. Aims: To assess the publication rate of studies presented at 10 European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN) meetings between 1999 and 2006. Methods: Survey by e-mail or postal questionnaire among all presenters. Results: Information was obtained on 251 presentations (response rate 60%). In total, 113 out of these 251 (45%) presentations had been published. However, only 60% of the research findings were published in English Medline-listed journals, whereas 20% were not Medline-listed. The most frequently cited reason for non-publication was that the paper had not been submitted yet at time of follow up (103 responses). The main reason for non-submission was that the research presented had not been completed yet.

Conclusion: Presentations at EGPRN meetings commonly concern research ideas or ongoing research. In this light, the ratio of published work to presented work compares well with the corresponding ratios found for international meetings in other specialist fields. This survey was also meant as an audit of the EGPRN meetings and gives better insight in needs for future strategy.

Key words: Publication rate, research capacity, survey, general practice
Where to go next…

- Nice, France 19.-22. May 2011
  abstract deadline: Jan. 15, 2011
- „Outcome measures of GP research on chronic diseases“
Where to go next...

- Krakow, Poland, October 2011
  „Infectious disease – a challenge between community orientation and person-centredness“
“This could be the discovery of the century. Depending, of course, on how far down it goes.”