Chairman’s report

Autumn Meeting
Budapest 2008
Our future: a professional network organisation

- Growing network
- Strengthen our position as a network in Europe
- Raise the quality and output of our meetings
- Raise research capacity in PHC
- Formulate a research agenda
Some of our present action points

- Increase research skills through research courses (Educational strategy)
- Collaborative studies
- Develop an European Research agenda
- Membership
- Connect to other networks and WONCA
- Involve more (young) GPs in research
Educational strategy

- Basic course in Poland june/oct 2008
- Advanced course in B/NL/D nov08-sept09
- Courses planned in Malta
- If you want to develop Res courses- contact Teresa and/or secretariat
- Preconference workshops: new ideas or requests – contact Ferdinando
Collaborative projects

- Increasing number of collaborative projects:
  - OBO study: obstacles
  - Gutfeelings project → Eur. expert group
  - Manpower project
  - Other projects in preparation
- Capacity – Interaction – Outcome
European Research Agenda for General Practice/Family Medicine

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A research agenda - Aims

- Target groups: GPs, researchers and policy makers, providing advocacy of GP in Europe
- Position paper and reference manual
- Based on facts and evidence
- Focus on relevant topics
- Provide a research strategy and policy recommendations
A research agenda as reference manual

- Defining the evidence base of the European definition  
  *Are the core competencies are covered by research/ references?*

- Pointing out research needs and evidence gaps

- Indicating what is of imminent importance  
  for countries with low research capacity *Manual how to get started*

- Provide a basis for positive action to influence  
  health and research policy  
  (incl. applying/lobbying for research funds)
Clinical, patient focussed research

Health services research

Educational research

Research Methodology

Specific problem solving skills

Comprehensive approach

Community orientation

Person-centred care

Primary care management

Holistic modelling

Decision making based on incidence and prevalence

Early undifferentiated stages

Acute and chronic health problems

Promotes health and wellbeing

Longitudinal continuity

Centred on patient and context

Doctor-patient relationship

Physical, psychological, social, cultural and existential

First contact, open access, all health problems

Responsible for health of the community

Care coordination and advocacy

Internalisation of
Patient centred care

Results

- Many opinions, little research (mostly qualitative)
- Preferences not all patients prefer involvement
- Continuity: valued for serious, chronic and psychosocial diseases
- Effectiveness: Trend to better patient satisfaction, treatment adherence, improved medical outcomes, and less malpractice claims

Research aims

- Definition and instruments
- Patients’ and doctors’ perspectives and preferences
- Effectiveness, relevant health and quality of life outcomes
- Training methods and their sustainability

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Summary of findings

- MeSH labelling is highly inappropriate
- Little evidence on comprehensive/holistic/community care
  Need for better, “researchable” definitions, instruments, outcomes
- A lot of clinical research – but not in primary care
- Strong focus on quality issues - but not on the benefits
- (Too) many cross-sectional attitude surveys
- Blank spots:
  - Longitudinal research
  - Multimorbidity
  - Primary care diagnostics

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Research needs

- Is general practice care good (enough)?
- How can it be measured?
- Does it make people healthy (not just happy)?
- What is an appropriate diagnostic approach and best care for GP patients – on the long run?
Future of this agenda?

- The draft document at our website
- Peer-review and feedback from other bodies: colleges, Wonca, networks, SIGs, editors of journals
- WS of author group start of 2009
- Full document: WONCA Basel Sept 2009
EGPRN Financial and Management plan 2008-2011

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On behalf of the EGPRN Executive Board
To ‘survive’ we have to professionalize:

- Overhead: Central office, Web site, Electronic payment system
- Core business:
  - Effective in supporting meeting organizers
  - Effective in supporting Collaborative Studies
  - Effective in organizing Research Courses
- Attractive partner for (academic) experts, whom we need as teachers, key note speakers and role models for junior researchers
- Dependable partner for WONCA, colleges, universities, other networks
Reduced fees for EU countries <70% inc. GDP /hd EU

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Estonia
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Macedonia
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia and Montenegro
- Slovakia
- Turkey
New Fee System: Conference fees

- Conference Fee Non-members €200
- Reduced for first time participants from listed countries, vocational trainees, students, members of Vasco da Gama Movement: 100 €
- Conference Fee Members: €100
- Fees are paid in advance by bank transfer/credit card
- Pre-conference workshops: non-members 50 €/workshop, members 25 €/workshop
New Fee System: Membership Fees

- **Individual Membership Fee:** €300/3years
- **Reduced M’ Fees:**
  - Countries in list: €200/3yrs
  - Direct WONCA members: €150/3years
- **Institutional membership fees**
  - €800/3yrs
  - Countries in list: €500/3yrs
Advantages of EGPRN membership

Individual M’ Fee:
- 50 % reduction for conferences
- 50 % reduction for subscription EJGP/FP
- Access to different bodies and committees
- Access to ‘Members only’ part of website

Institutional M’ Fee:
- 2 persons/meeting with conf.fee as ‘member’
- Advisory Board of senior staff
- Reduction for subscription journals
- Access to ‘Members only’ part of website
We count on you!!

- Baby blues → constructive comments
- Become an EGPRN-member!
- Contact your colleagues/your institution to become member
- Specific task for NRs in recruiting new members and institutional members- and promoting EGPRN (portfolio)
- Communication Committee: Denis Pouchain (chair), Peter Kontanyi, JK Soler, Hanny Prick
The website

- Website is further developed
- [http://www.egprn.org](http://www.egprn.org)
- Sending in abstracts (and the whole scoring process by the reviewers)
- Electronic payments
- ‘Members only’ part of web site will now be developed
Future EGPRN meetings

- 7-10 May 2009 Bertinoro (Italy): Computerized Database in GP
- 6-9 May 2010 Plovdiv (Bulgaria): Children in General practice
- 14-17 October 2010 Zürich (Switzerland): joint meeting with Euract: Motivation/motivating
Involving young GP’s

- Involve first attenders and young GPs in reporting about EGPRN meetings
- Member of VdG Movement Research group in Council
- Involvement in collaborative projects
- Workshops
- ....