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Chairwoman's report

Eva Hummers-Pradier
EGPRN Meeting
Krakow, Poland
Oct. 2011

Anders Håkansson

1950-2010

- Swedish representative since the 1990s
- Previous Swedish editor of the Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care
- Professor of Family Medicine in Malmö/Lund, Sweden



Claudio Carosino

+ 2010





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Current membership (2011-2014=)

- All: **83** past period: 211
 - Individual members **69** past: 182
 - Institutes **14** past: 29
- Where are the old members?
- Why are there few new members?

Clear benefits... and a media campaign...

- Currently in steady state
- Dependant on membership and conference funding and attendance
- May soon be difficult in view of a future full time office or if conference sponsoring goes down

- Presentation of a summary of Nat Rep reports (Nicola, Ferdinando)
 - good for internal critical use
- EGPRN's activities:
 - We need to be more than a conference/course organiser
 - Use social networks and twitter
 - Find new forms of mentoring?
- Relation to WONCA and National Colleges

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Spin – off collaborative projects

Future meeting in Turkey May 2013

Option 1

- Parallel meeting invited by the Turkish Association of GPs
- Separate finances and organisation, but sponsoring
- Chance for new participants
- **Antalya**

Option 2

- Stand alone meeting as usual
- **Istanbul**, modest frame
- 1st weekend of May
- Few Turkish participants

Research Strategy Committee

- Future follow up of the Research Agenda
 - ➔ Survey on implementation
 - ➔ Discussion with NAPCRG
 - ➔ Update: make it larger, more open, more prospective
- Discussion on feedback on abstracts
- New forms of collaborations with other networks or special interest groups
 - ➔ Only joint sessions in WONCA?
 - ➔ Joint meetings: collaborate early and more flexibly
 - ➔ Do projects together

- **Preconference workshops**
- **EGPRN Research Courses**

- Gap between need perceived by organisers and attendance/real need
- Unrealistic teacher - student ratio

- Demands of VdGM

- Ongoing research course programme
- subsidies for members only

Communications committee

- National pages on the website: in local language (Nat Reps)
- Face book, Linked-in and Twitter
- Analysis of the National Representative Reports
- Opportunity joint meetings: Ljubljana (EURACT & EQUIP); future meeting with Euripa
- Opportunity to show up in the WONCA news bulletin:
 - ➔ Interview (Jean Karl, Ferdinando & Hanny) Febr. 2012
 - ➔ brief reports about our meetings twice a year.
- Brainstorming: Strategy on how to re-involve senior-academic old members.

1. TRANSFoRm: developing the primary care infrastructure to support research based on electronic health records in Europe.
2. EGPRN – PCDE: Collaborative diabetes studies in PHC.
3. What do medical students and educators think about the discipline of family medicine and how does it influence career choice?
4. EGPRN capacity building through courses, workshops and meetings
5. EGPRN – EPCCS: Research into cardiovascular disease in GP
6. Appraising medical literature. EGPRN-VdGM workshop.

- Abstract reviewers, session chairs
- Workshops:
 - ➔ The art to deal with a ethical review board
 - ➔ How to measure the impact of GP research on society
 - ➔ Influencing decisions of funding bodies
 - promoting GP research
- Keynote: „the art of translating evidence into daily practice for individual patients“

- **Free open access to the online Eur JGP**
for all individual EGPRN members
 - **Impact factor from 2010**
 - Abstracts published after each conference
 - EGPRN communications
 - Position papers after each conference
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- ➔ Rethans JJ, Donner-Banzhoff N. [Motivation in medical education and patient communication. The EGPRN meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, October 2010.](#)
Eur J Gen Pract. 2011;17:129-32.
 - ➔ Svab I, Van Weel C. [Research challenges for family medicine in a changing Europe. Reflections after an EGPRN conference on multimorbidity \(Dubrovnik, 2009\).](#)
Eur J Gen Pract. 2011 Aug 15. [Epub ahead of print]

Where to go next...

Deadline for abstracts: Jan. 15, 2012




Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 10-13, 2012

**Quality improvement in the care for chronic diseases
in the family practice with contributions
from education and research (EGPRN - EURACT)**

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Antwerp, Belgium, October 18 – 21, 2012
Research on patient-centred interprofessional collaboration
in primary care



- Goals
- Shape and activities of EGPRN
- Position within and versus WONCA EU, other networks and groups
- New forms of communication
- New forms of collaboration...

Council workshop in Ljubljana