

Chairman's report

Spring Meeting
Bertinoro 2009





EGPRN's History

- October 1971 – since then 68 meetings
 - 2003 – from EGPRW to EGPRN
- other timing- start with parallel sessions
and preconference workshops – clear
labeling of abstracts- theme of a
workshop – NR reports- more active at
WONCA congresses



EGPRN in 2009

- Important meeting of Exec Board in Paris – 30 Jan- 1st Febr 2009
- What is the future profile of our network ? What needs to be changed ?

Our future : a professional network organisation

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- 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



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- Increase research skills through research courses (Educational strategy)
- More output: Collaborative studies-publications
- 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
- Basic Course June 2009 in Malta : still open for registration
- 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- with output
- Both OBO study and Gutfeelings project first papers are published
- Manpower project- connection to VdG
- Other projects in preparation
- Capacity – Interaction – Outcome

European Research Agenda for General Practice/Family Medicine

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RESEARCH NETWORK

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A research agenda as reference manual

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- 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 : implications
(incl. applying/lobbying for research funds)

Agenda for future research

A whole list of topics and subjects less researched until now, as an agenda for future GP research

F.i. Validity and utility of information technologies incl. electronic patient records in a general practice as a tool for both care and research

or

Good quality studies on primary care epidemiology, with a longitudinal perspective, and data collected referring to reasons for encounter/episodes of care, also aiming to understand the social, cultural and environmental circumstances and their effect on health

Agenda for future research

A whole list of list of recommendations for appropriate methodologies for future research in GP/FM

F.i. Longitudinal studies are important to assess continuous, comprehensive care and sustainability of intervention effects

or

Studies should measure relevant health outcomes or quality of life instead of only focussing on patient satisfaction, service uptake, or surrogate (bio-)markers.

Research agenda basis for our EGPRN Vision

- Increasing number of Special Interest Groups
- EGPRN should stay generalist, with an overview, focus methodology, in addition to producing knowledge
- Combine 3 dimensions
 - Focused theme (i.e. Diabetes or musculoskeletal dis.)
 - Methodology (i.e. Focus on outcome measures or mixed method research)
 - Generic theme (i.e. Equity, continuity, patientcentredness) related to the Research agenda
- EGPRN - Position papers

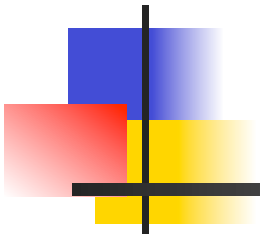


Future of this agenda?

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- Finalizing the document
- Full document: WONCA Basel Sept 2009
- Articles in (open) journals
- EGPRN position papers as an update of this agenda

EGPRN Management plan 2008-2011



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How to professionalize?

- Central office in Maastricht : more coordination and support- by enlarging the appointment of Hanny from 0.3 FTE to 0.5 FTE (partly paid by Maastricht)
- Task and function profile
- Website will be further developed – <http://www.egprn.org>
members-only part



Membership

- Individual members: 105
- Institutional members (N=19) :
scientific Societies of General
Practitioners, Colleges and other
scientific or academic organizations
involved in research in GP/FM or
primary care



Institutional members

- Institutional members are to appoint one institutional representative for the full three yr period. This institutional representative will be a member of the Advisory Board and will have all rights and responsibilities as an individual member of EGPRN

New Fee System: Membership fees



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- 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

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- 50 % reduction for conferences/ workshops
- 50 % reduction for subscription EJGP/FP
- Access to different bodies and committees
- Access to 'Members only' part of website
- Collaborative studies funded by EGPRN
- Mentorship in helping for publications
(increasing publication rate of abstracts from
47 % to ?)
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PR/Communication

- Increasing public relations, communication about EGPRN
- Through publications, position papers, newsflashes, contacts with other networks, being active at WONCA conferences

Future EGPRN meetings

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- 15-18 Oct 2009 Dubrovnik (Croatia)-
Research on multimorbidity in GP
- 6-9 May 2010 Plovdiv (Bulgaria): Children in
General practice
- 14-17 October 2010 Zürich (Switzerland)
Motivation/motivating (also educational
research- collaborating with Euract)
- May 2011 Nice (France)

Executive Board

- Eva Hummers Pradier, vice chair
- Jelle Stoffers, Treasurer
- Jean-Karl Soler, Secretary
- Teresa Pawlikowska
- Denis Pouchain
- Peter Kotanyi
- Mehmet Ungan
- Myself, chair -- > new election of chair in October 2009
- Hanny Prick, central office

