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Dear Council & Executive Board Members

I know that our Schedule is tight in the meeting, that is why I will try to be very short on some topics related with EGPRN Family and also international relations. And will try to answer your questions if any. You may also ask it online : mehmetungan@gmail.com

Here are some items from WONCA Europe

1. WONCA Conferences – 15-18 June 2016 Wonca Europe Copenhagen, Denmark

- WONCA Europe had a election for President Wonca, President Elecet is now Anna Stavdal (Norway). She is elected with all countries agreement and as a single candidate. President elect will be first time for WONCA Europe, before it was called vice president but we have decided that it would be better to know the president in advance to prepare for the next term. So it was changed by Bylaws. Job Metsemakers will handover the chair to her in RIO Wonca World Conference.
- Now president elect position is open. And 2 nominations were made by colleges. Turkish College with come other colleges nominated me for President Elect position. Carl Stylerts from Belgium was nominated by Hungary. Election will be made in RIO Council Meeting.
- Denmark Council Meeting: We made a presentation of our Network, Royal College asked what kind of projects we ahve as they were not able to see. We have provided the web address for those who would like to see what colloborative projects were doen(being done).
- Our presentation in Council was a good promotion of institutional membership also.
- **2-6 Nov 2016 WONCA World, Rio, Brazil**

A concern for RIO Conference- ZIKA VIRUS . A question of security was raised by some organizations. Zika virus There is lack of information on the virus on Rio 2016 conference website and WONCA in general. Young people may abstain from attending the conference.

- 1.** WONCA Europe 2019 Conference : WONCA Europe will be in Bratislava, there were other candidates from Dubrovnik, Florence, Kos, Paris and Vilnius.

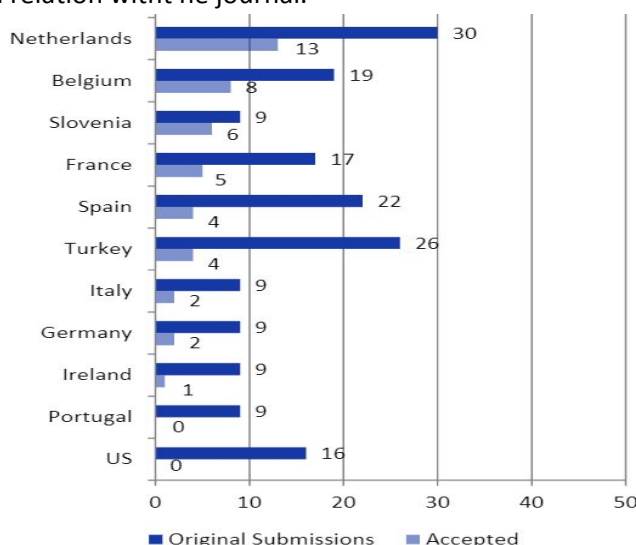
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1. **EJGP (Journal-WONCA Europe).** The journal joined the Taylor & Francis journals online (<http://www.tandfonline.com>). We thought that Taylor & Francis would follow the same line. The journal moved up in the rankings. Now it is 11th among 19 Primary Health Care (previously 16) journals and 80th among 153 in General & Internal Medicine (previously 103). But at the same time there are some changes for EGPRN. We will pay for our papers (detail is in Hanny's report), and also some minor changes to reconsider our formal relation with the journal.

Top Submitting Countries:

2014		2015	
Country	No	Country	No
UK	17	UK	29
Turkey	19	Turkey	21
Netherlands	22	Netherlands	15
France	13	France	11
Belgium	6	Belgium	10
Spain	13	Spain	9
Portugal	6	Portugal	8
United States	7	United States	7
Italy	8	Italy	6
Slovenia	4	Slovenia	6



Those figures were taken from the Journal's EJGP Usage and Stats Report to WONCA Executive Board and WONCA Council in Denmark

1. **Memberships** : Some countries were still pending, although many years passed, but we are proud that Bulgaria, our institutional member is now a member organization of WONCA and that is also good for EGPRN's representation in the WONCA Council.

I am chairing both Bylaws committee and also Membership Committee at present. Nothing much is happening at the moment. WONCA Europe Membership fees must be paid before the council in June. New candidates may approach me for WONCA membership.

1. **Country reports:** Not only EGPRN but Wonca Europe also has problems with the country reports, delaying, absence, and etc. We expect to have responses soon enough to evaluate them before the council meeting in Denmark. **Country reports theme for this year: Refuges and how they affect GPs work in every country.** Personal reports each council member and chair of Network / SIG will provide bio information through Wonca Europe webpage. The user profile feature will be used on WE webpage by adding new fields, in which users will be invited to provide specific information.

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All profiles should be ready before the council meeting; an email containing the links to the online profiles of the Council participants will be sent.

1. Relations with WHO/UEMO/EFPC : Wonca Europe strive for good collaboration with all the organizations, facing a lot of overlapping WONCA now has very good contacts with WHO especially in Copenhagen conference they made a good presentation and was full of members. WHO needs our help and support (FPs/GPs) in their activities on implementations. We have to update them on our future conferences.

1. Communication strategy: We need to improve our communication with our members. And we need to communicate in the council meetings, not only decisions to be made here. We are to work with Communication Group well to enhance it. We are eager to see how the new IT will effect it. Like us WONCA had the same thoughts and came forward with an idea. WONCA Europe Newsletter – it is circulated now. Harris (Hon Sec) and Barbara (Office manager) are making the newsletter for all Networks and all members now, they ask contribution, any news monthly to be sent to Barbara via Hanny Prick. The newsletter will be published quarterly.

2. Internal communication: WONCA Europe agreed that 1.300 EUR per year will be invested for or using of Dropbox (for 9 EB members). For the Council, we also started to publish materials on the website. The documents are always uploaded on Dropbox for download of the members. Changes are online so we may always be updated. I don't know to which extent we may expect it from our IT but we may at least consider using drive or dropbox like already functioning IT solutions until we have one under our IT tool.

3. As executive board we are making a skype meeting in the first Friday of every month which enables us to talk on some specific items to conclude/prepare/ evaluate. This is new for the EGPRN EB work style. All members are actively participating and all contributing a lot. Hanny unfortunately could not attend 2 of them but she is kept up to date by Honorary Secretary and other EB members by taking minutes while she was not able to join (thanks to Ferdinando and Davorina).

4. We have started to make an evaluation for our office. Hanny will evaluate herself, and EB members will evaluate also in another form. Then they will be combined by Honorary secretary. Thanks to Davorina and all EB members as all of them actively contributed in creating an EGPRN specific Office evaluation form. That is for improving our services to our members but also to let office express the benefits and threats for the office in a more official way. Every 6 months that small report will be provided to the EB by the Honorary secretary. Further details will be by Hanny and also by Honorary Secretary.

5. Our new web software and abstract evaluation softwares are on the way. Hanny and New IT company which we have signed the contract (USKUR from Turkey), started very recently. We aim to go step by step and design a comprehensive management system including all. There is now a team, you may still wish to join, which we try to keep in minimum number to work with the company and

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Mr Burak Usgurlu, Computer engineer and master's degree in process management is the primary contact from the company. The group is necessary to go in a correct way.

6. We gave a start for on/off line EGPRN research course by a search for infrastructure, tutors and subjects. The primary format will be based on classical EGPRN Research Courses already made. My university and College will accredit /accept the course once we are completing the first version. As far as I know Israel Association also will approve that. Some other colleges also showed their interests. We know that is hard when considering policy and educational plus financial aspect. But, that is a task which EGPRN must achieve in some way and open for those who want to start to primary care research while working hard for their patients at the same time. We have time and we have to work more for that. Shlomo and Ferdinando has more to say if you have questions.

7. By invitation I have attended to the Bulgarian Primary care Society for Research and Education's 5th Scientific Conference and presented Immunizations-a challenge in the work of the GP/FP. There were more than 60 participants interested in research and all were active. They gave an opportunity to introduce EGPRN once more. Thanks to Radost, Gergana and George as they created such an active scientific organization.

8. International Projects, especially European project led by Esparenza and Executive Board's representative Clair will talk on that if you have more questions but seems like they are coming to some certain level which makes us happy. EGPRN has already decided to consider supporting when needed.

9. Multi-national Symposium in WONCA Istanbul:

Thank you for your interest in the event. That is a great contribution of EGPRN to the WONCA Europe Symposium/Panel. Topic: "Organization of the healthcare system in Europe: What facilitates & What impedes the delivery of effective primary care". There were 7 EGPRN members, presenting their countries, in Copenhagen WONCA Conference. That is chaired by C.Lionis and me .

Please see my report's second part below- GO FOR PART -2

Kind regards

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