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# Chairman's report

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Budapest 2008





# 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)
- Collaborative studies
- Develop an European Research agenda
- Membership
- Connect to other networks and WONCA
- Involve more (young) GPs in research



# Educational strategy

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- 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

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- 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

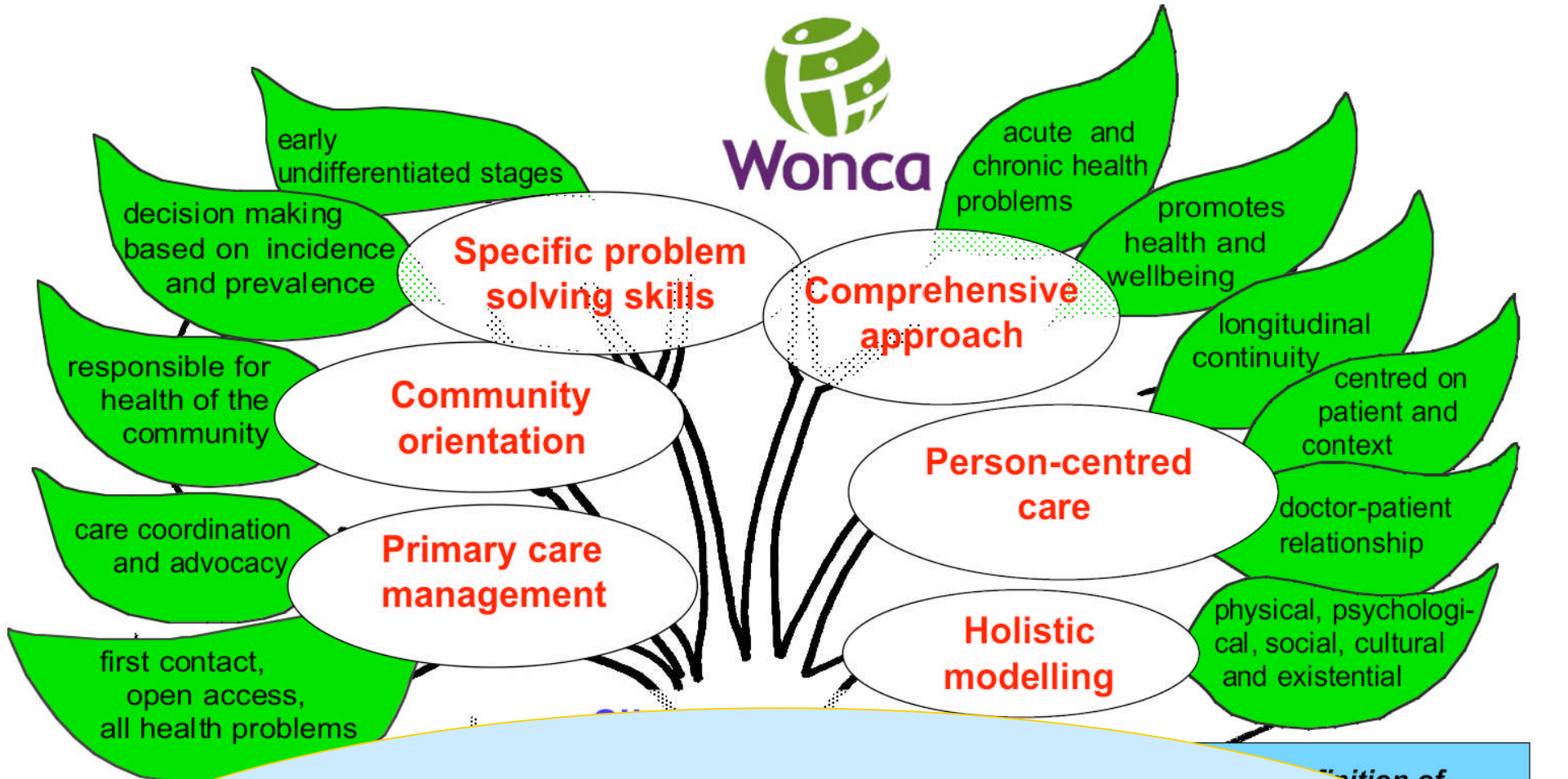
- Target groups: GPs, researchers and policy makers, providing advocacy of GP in Europe
- Position paper and reference manual
- Based on facts and evidence
- Focus on relevant topics
- Provide a research strategy and policy recommendations

# A research agenda as reference manual

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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  
(incl. applying/lobbying for research funds)





**Clinical, patient focussed research**

**Health services reseach**

**Educational research**

**Research Methodology**



# Patient centred care

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## 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

# 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



# Research needs

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- 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?

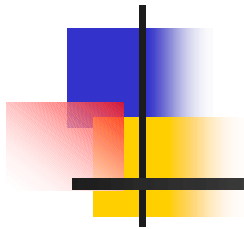


# Future of this agenda?

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- 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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# To 'survive' we have to professionalize:



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- 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

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- 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



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- 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



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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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## 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 !!



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- 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

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- Website is further developed
- <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

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- 7-10 May 2009 Bertinoro (Italy):  
Computerized Database in GP
- 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)  
joint meeting with Euract :  
Motivation/motivating

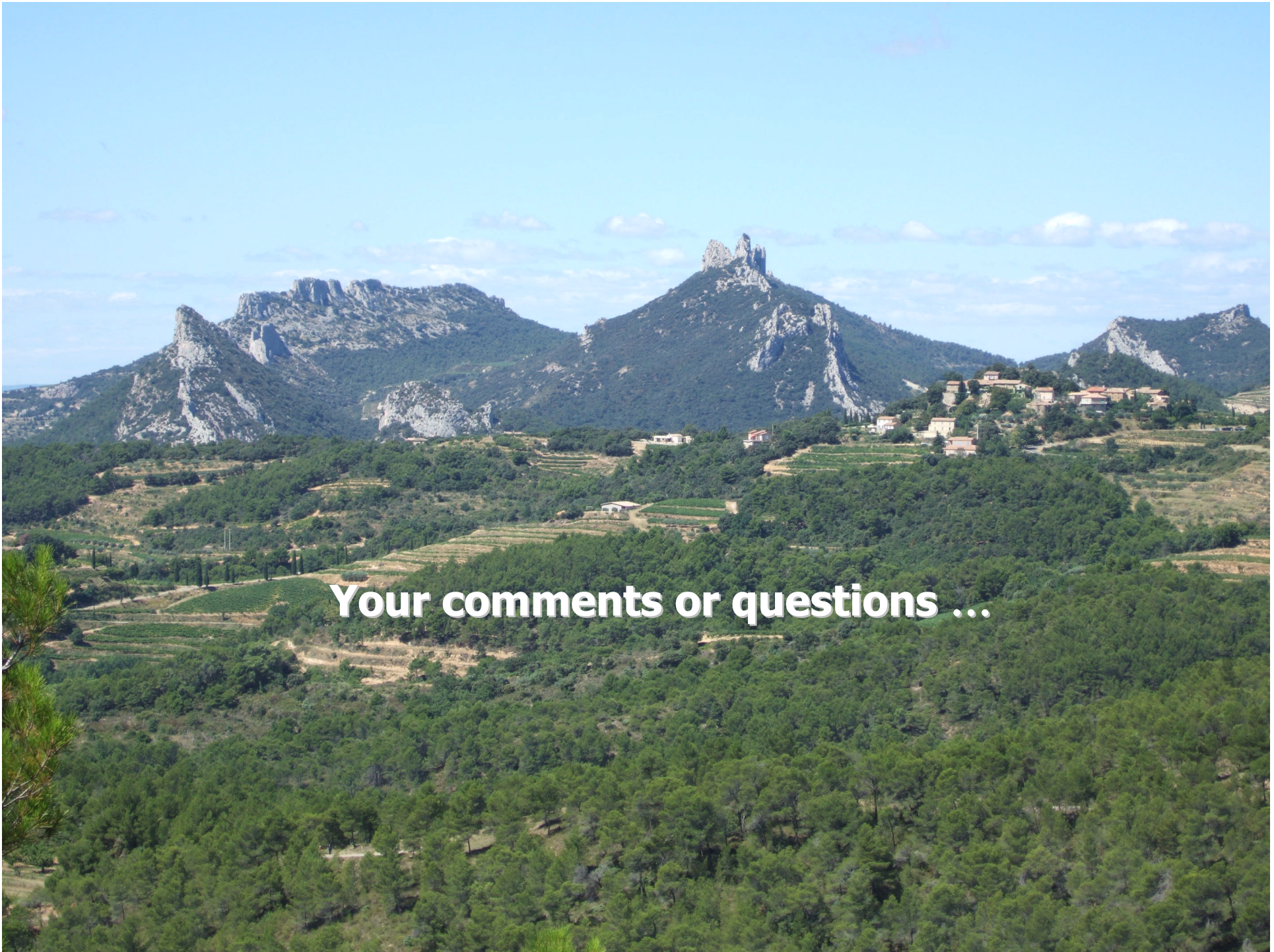
# Involving young GP's

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



vasco da gama movement





**Your comments or questions ...**