

Report of the WICC 2015/16 for Wonca

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The WICC currently has 45 members from 29 countries

Its major activity is the updating and further development of ICPC. However, the WICC is not the ICPC-committee, but the Wonca classification committee. Work is also done concerning the development of a primary care linearization (classification) of ICD-11. Also there are members of WICC involved in the special interest group of primary care in IHTSDO having created a primary care subset of SNOMED-CT. Work on PC subsets of ICF is also done by some members of WICC.

Work done between the 2015 meeting in Hyderabad/India and the 2016 meeting in Turku/Finland was:

- Revision of WICC Policy Document according to the discussions of the last meetings
- Clearance of the member list of non-active people by insisting on member duties like voting, COI-statements, country reports and meetings attendance
- Ongoing work of the IHTSDO GP SIG – Terminology Group
- Continuing problems with WHO concerning collaboration for ICD-11 PC work. Kees van Boven is leading the PC-group within WHO in order to develop a primary care linearization. Work was started but then stopped due to a missing MoU between WHO and WONCA concerning property rights, licensing and control over content. Kees van Boven and Thomas Kuehlein are currently at the WHO-FIC annual meeting in order solve the problems concerning this MoU.
- Development of ICPC-3: Progress in the development of ICPC-3 has been slow in the past. The problem is mainly the volunteer workforce of WICC. Anybody working on ICPC-3 has enough other tasks without this. Therefore the idea arose to set up a consortium as the basis for receiving grants to support this work and employ people – mainly Kees van Boven – to do the ground work of development to be decided upon by WICC. There have been major discussions on this consortium and the corresponding work-plan for ICPC-3 development. These problems could be settled at the WICC-meeting in 2016 in Turku/Finland. The next steps will now be to sufficiently raise funds to support the work. Nothing will strengthen the Wonca position in the negotiations concerning ICD-11 PC linearization more than ongoing work or best getting ready with the development of ICPC-3. If Wonca wants WICC to have a voice in world standards for classifications useful for primary care, it should urgently support ongoing work on ICPC-3.
- WICC meeting held in Turku/ Finland from 10.-15. September 2016

- Thomas Kuehleln elected as the new chair of WICC
- Helena Britt, Jean-Karl Soler and Kees van Boven elected as new members of the executive committee together with the former member Shabir Moosa.
- Ongoing chapter work in the development of ICPC-3
- Agreement on major elements of the construction of a consortium to develop ICPC-3
- Agreement on the opinion of WICC that ICPC should be made available without charging license fees, but earning money for further development in different ways
- WICC action plan 2016/17 (reduced to the main targets)
 - Ongoing work to set up a consortium and raise funds to finish the development of ICPC-3
 - In the meantime ongoing work of developing ICPC-3
 - Ongoing work to achieve a MoU with WHO concerning collaboration for the development of ICD-11 PC linearization.