Berlin Conference and Pre-Conference with our first virtual exchange

In December we held our first-ever virtual exchange and VdGM Pre-Conference in the run up to the WONCA Europe Virtual Conference! Both were a great success, with a lot of learning by all the participants, and also by the organisers. The success of the virtual exchange has led to other online exchange events, and we hope that in this way our members can still participate in VdGM in spite of the pandemic.

Edinburgh Online Event

The VdGM Edinburgh Forum has been postponed to January 2022. In the meantime, however, the fantastic HOC led by Sonia Tsukagoshi, gave us a little taste of what they have in store with a fun-packed 2-hour online event. This included inspiring words from Amanda Howe, Anna Stavdal, Mehmet Ungan and Roger Neighbour. We also had a ‘Pub Quiz’ and Ceilidh dancing!

Council meeting - new bylaws, great discussions

Our Council meeting was held a little later than planned - taking place in February rather than during the Pre-Conference. Among other matters, we discussed and voted on our new Bylaws, replacing the previous Constitution after some hard work by our Good Governance Committee. We also voted on and accepted a proposal to extend VdGM membership by a year to try and mitigate the effects of the pandemic. We had some great small group discussions talking about our strategy and vision for the future of VdGM.
On the 14th of March we held a joint virtual exchange with Waynakay. This was a very fruitful day, exploring the health systems in different parts of the world. We would like to thank WONCA for supporting this endeavour, especially Harris Lygidakis. We plan to have exchanges with other YDMs in the near future too!

**International Womens’ Day**

In conjunction with the Family Violence (FV) and Equally Different (ED) SIGs, we marked International Womens’ Day.