

WONCA Statutory Committees

Finances

Dr. Donald Li, Chair

The general financial situation has improved further since last year, and is healthier than for some time. In recent years the trend has been for WONCA to run a surplus during world conference years but a deficit in the intervening two years. However I am pleased to report that 2014 ended with a surplus, as can be seen in the 2014 Financial Statement and audit report. Nevertheless 2015 will remain tight financially, and the organization is not yet out of the woods in terms of having a healthy reserve fund.

Income has been increasing via a number of routes. More accurate reporting of membership numbers by Member Organizations has increased MO payments, whilst increasing Direct and Life Direct Membership numbers have also improved income. WONCA is also trying to further develop consultancy services, most especially through programme and practice accreditations, and whilst these are unpredictable sources of income nevertheless I am optimistic that this income source would develop.

At the January 2015 WONCA Executive meeting in Bangkok I presented a revised budget for 2015 to Executive, which they endorsed. Executive also continues to receive monthly financial reports from me, together with the CEO, to help them to monitor the organization's financial status. Finally the Financial Statement and Audit Report for WONCA Trust for 2014 is included as an annex to this report.

Bylaws Committee

Dr Karen Flegg, Chair

There is relatively little to report at this stage on the work of the Bylaws Committee. Various discussions have taken place at Executive meetings, and the Committee has canvassed opinions on a range of Bylaws amendments. Those opinions are now being considered by the Committee as it finalises proposed amendments to the Bylaws for presentation to the WONCA Executive in October 2015. The final proposals will be sent out to all MOs for consideration well in advance of the 2016 World Council meeting.

Organizational Equity Committee

Prof. Amanda Howe, Chair

The Organizational Equity Committee (OEC) continues to "meet" every 3 to 4 months, by teleconference. Work has continued throughout this 12-month period on discussions on, and development of, a draft Conference Equity Statement, which can ultimately be presented to the WONCA Executive for consideration, and recommendation to the 2016 World Council.

As noted in last year's report, a number of issues have been considered, including: language equity; equity between young and old; north and south; developed and less developed. The committee has been keen to produce a document which is comprehensive whilst at the same time being short enough to capture the key issues in a user-friendly manner.

OEC has also been consulted by the WONCA Working Party on Women in Family Medicine (WWPWF), which has been working on a gender equity checklist for WONCA conferences and events, and members of OEC have provided feedback for me as Chair to forward on to WWPWF.

Membership Committee

Prof. Job Metsemakers, Chair

Membership Committee continues to assess all applications received for Member Organization, Associate Member Organization or Academic Member status and to make recommendations to Executive.

The July 2014 Executive Committee meeting in Lisbon considered the situation of a number of countries, whereby recognised groups or alliances of doctors do not meet the current membership criteria, but are keen to become part of the WONCA family. Executive agreed to allow applications for "Membership Pro Tem" from these groups or alliances until membership categories can be revisited and any proposed changes considered by World Council for endorsement. Members pro tem will be charged as Associate Members and have observer status at Council.

Lists of WONCA Life Direct Member

DM Number	Title Full Name	COUNTRY
LDM 001	Dr Wai-Wang Gene TSOI	HONG KONG
LDM 002	Prof Nabil Kurashi	SAUDI ARABIA
LDM 003	Dr Matie OBAZEE	NIGERIA
LDM 004	Dr Veerachai Sachdev	THAILAND
LDM 005	Dr Joseph Varghese	MALAYSIA
LDM 006	Dr Tesshu Kusaba	JAPAN
LDM 007	Dr Anthony Davies	CANADA
LDM 008	Dr Olubamiji Peter Olukowi	NIGERIA
LDM 009	Dr Zaaba Bin Abdullah	MALAYSIA
LDM 010	Dr Nivin Youssef	MALAYSIA
LDM 011	Dr Henk Parmentier	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 012	Professor Gabriel Ivbjaro	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 013	Dr Omneya Elsherif	EGYPT
LDM 014	Dr Valerie Wass	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 015	Dr Lap Kin Chiang	HONG KONG
LDM 016	Dr Krishnaraj Bashyam	INDIA
LDM 017	Dr Jane Greacen	AUSTRALIA
LDM 018	Dr Ramnik PAREKH	INDIA
LDM 019	Dr Jyoti R PAREKH	INDIA
LDM 020	Dr Yukiko Mashiyama	JAPAN
LDM 021	Dr Chi Wing Vincent Lo	HONG KONG
LDM 022	Dr Tooraj Chamacham	AUSTRALIA
LDM 023	Dr Sylvester A Osinowo	NIGERIA
LDM 024	Assist Prof Krishna Suvarnabhumi	THAILAND
LDM 025	Dr Sudev Santira Kesu	AUSTRALIA
LDM 026	Dr Balvinder Dhillon	AUSTRALIA
LDM 027	Dr Lovett Lawson	NIGERIA
LDM 028	Dr Olusoji Soogun	SOUTH AFRICA
LDM 029	Dr Neil Jensen	AUSTRALIA
LDM 030	Prof Sameeh Alalmaie	SAUDI ARABIA
LDM 031	Dr Kathryn Brotchie	AUSTRALIA

Lists of WONCA Life Direct Member (Cont'd)

DM Number	Title Full Name	COUNTRY
LDM 032	Dr Anton Johann Beck	GERMANY
LDM 033	Dr Abdullah Tawfik Khoja	SAUDI ARABIA
LDM 034	Dr Naveed Shah Abbasi	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 035	Prof Sarah Larkins	AUSTRALIA
LDM 036	Dr Bikash Gauchan	NEPAL
LDM 037	Dr Satish K. Kaushik	AUSTRALIA
LDM 038	Dr Nirmala Kaushik	AUSTRALIA
LDM 039	Dr Evelyn Fang	CHINA
LDM 040	Dr Masatoshi Kondo	JAPAN
LDM 041	Dr Vikas Bhatia	INDIA
LDM 042	Dr Seema	CANADA
LDM 043	Dr Niranjan Sharma	NEW ZEALAND
LDM 044	Dr Adeel Ahmad	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 045	Dr Mohammed Hilal Al-Azri	OMAN
LDM 046	Dr Pat Avery Masecampo	UNITED OF ARAB EMIRATES
LDM 047	Dr Hiroki Ohashi	JAPAN
LDM 048	Dr Ibrahim Sebutu Bello	NIGERIA
LDM 049	Dr Chuba Chigbo	UNITED KINGDOM
LDM 050	Dr Asma Viqar	PAKISTAN
LDM 051	Dr Gabriel Tanson	USA
LDM 052	Dr Junya Shimamoto	JAPAN
LDM 053	Dr Rodney Pearce	AUSTRALIA
LDM 054	Prof Ryuki Kassai	JAPAN
LDM 055	Dr Dr Hiroto Yamanashi	JAPAN



Conference Planning Committee

Dr Garth Manning, Chair

The Conference Planning Committee (CPC) has met twice in the last year. The first meeting was in Rio in late October 2014, when Drs Bohumil Seifert and Dan Ostergaard joined me in meetings with the Rio Host Organizing Committee (HOC) and the Professional Conference Organizers (PCO). During that meeting we visited the proposed venue for the WONCA Council meeting – the Windsor Hotel at Barra da Tijuca, on the outskirts of Rio – and also visited the conference venue – RioCentro.

The second meeting took place in Natal, in northern Brazil, in early July 2015, just after the annual conference of the Brazilian Society of Family and Community Medicine, and Professor Michael Kidd joined us on this occasion. Huge progress has been made in the conference planning, and plans for abstract submission are almost complete. There will be up to eight plenaries throughout the conference, with careful attention to gender and geographical equity, and we look forward to presentations from colleagues such as Amanda Howe (UK), Katherine Rouleau (Canada), Peter Gotzsche (Denmark), Atai Omorotu (Uganda) and ZENG Yi-Xin (China). The remaining keynote speakers have been chosen, but have not yet confirmed their availability, but they will all bring something special to the conference. We also hope to have senior WHO representatives present, further strengthening the collaboration between our organizations.

For further details of the conference, and also the hotels, social activities and tours being arranged, keep an eye on the conference website (www.wonca2016.com.br) or you can always access full details through the WONCA website (www.globalfamilydoctor.com). It might also be useful to highlight key dates for your diary around Rio conference time:

Wednesday 26th to lunchtime Friday 28th October	WONCA Executive meeting in Paraty
Saturday 29th October	WONCA Regional meetings at Windsor Hotel, Barra di Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro Evening welcome reception for Council delegates
Sunday 30th October to lunchtime Tuesday 1st November	WONCA World Council at Windsor Hotel, Barra di Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro
Afternoon of Tuesday 1st November and/or Wednesday 2nd November	WPs and SIGs meet (RioCentro – the conference venue)
Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 6th November	WONCA World Conference at RioCentro (Opening ceremony at 1800 on 2 nd November).

WHO Liaison



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WHO Liaison*

The World Health Organization (WHO) over recent years has advocated for Universal Health Coverage and stronger Primary Health Care, however its focus on the role of Family Medicine in strengthening Primary Care service delivery has been relatively weak. WONCA has an important role in strengthening this. Therefore one of the key performance indicators for WONCA's Executive Board during the 2013-2016 triennium is to increase WONCA's engagement with the WHO.

In January 2014 an internal strategy for WONCA-WHO liaison activity was agreed by WONCA's Executive Board. This has three broad objectives; to increase WONCA members' understanding of and engagement with WHO activities; to increase active participation in WHO activities, relevant across the discipline of Family Medicine; and to increase WHO's understanding and engagement with WONCA and Family Medicine.

The WHO has undergone significant reorganisation in recent years and continues to face financial challenges which limit its ability to support the engagement of external organisations such as WONCA. Likewise WONCA also has internal limitations in terms of resources to support organisation wide engagement with the WHO. Yet despite this, existing WHO links continue to be strengthened, new ones have been established and communication with WONCA members regarding work with the WHO continues.

During 2014/2015 WONCA has been represented at high-level meetings including at the World Health Assembly, Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) Forum, Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, First Dialogue Meeting for the Global Coordination Mechanism on Non-communicable Diseases, and Prince Mahidol Awards Conference. In September 2015 the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) will be agreed by the United Nations with the aim of shaping the international development agenda following on from the Millennium Development Goals. Primary care must play a vital role in achieving this and to this end WONCA has been advocating for inclusion of relevant primary care indicators and targets in the SDGs through correspondence with the Lancet, through participation in the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative led by the World Bank and Gates Foundation, and through seeking engagement in the Primary Care Systems Profiles and Performance initiative in collaboration with the WHO, Gates Foundation and Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

In 2016 the World Health Assembly will be important for primary care and family medicine globally with two relevant major strategies on Person Centred Integrated Health Services and the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 due. These have been in development over the past year and WONCA continues to provide regular input to draft documents, repeatedly emphasising the importance of primary care and within this the vital contribution of family medicine.

Over the past year WONCA and its member organisations have also contributed to WHO work on subjects including classification systems, ageing and health, patient and family engagement, childhood obesity, palliative care, mental health, non-communicable diseases, the framework convention on tobacco control, occupational health, action across sectors for health and health equity, safe radiation and imaging for children, women's and children's health, rural workforce and transformative education.

WONCA has been represented at annual WHO council meetings in European, Eastern Mediterranean, African, South East Asia and Western Pacific regions . In particular over the last two years WONCA in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has been extremely active with the WHO's EMR Office in helping shape WHO regional strategies on non-communicable diseases, mental health and on 'Strengthening service provision through family practice approach: Towards universal health coverage in EMR'. This includes supporting the development and implementation of national action plans to scale up Family Practice in various countries in the region.

WONCA continues to work towards strengthening its links with other non-governmental organisations with common interests in their work with the WHO including; the World Medical Association, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, International Council of Nurses, Medical Women's International Association, International Commission on Occupational Health, World Psychiatric Association and International Alliance of Patients' Organizations.

Good progress is being made in WONCA's collaboration with the WHO. However there is still potential for significantly more, in particular through of broader engagement by all WONCA working parties, special interest groups, as well as between member organisations and WHO across all regions, country offices and across a greater number of WHO departments. However we need your help to achieve this.

If you would like to learn more about current or future WHO engagement, or find out how you could become more involved please contact Dr Luisa Pettigrew Executive Board Member-at-Large and WHO Liaison Officer (whowonca@wonca.net)



WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY





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World Family Doctor Day (FDD) – 19th May - was first declared by the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) in 2010 and it has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event has gained momentum globally each year and it is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of our specialty in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all of our patients. It's also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in family medicine and the special contributions of family doctors all around the world.

This year World Family Doctor Day has been celebrated by more people in more countries than ever before. Our President posted a video message on the WONCA website, and we have been overwhelmed by the number of activities notified; we send our thanks to all who have contributed, whether as individuals or on behalf of organizations.

Translating the words "World Family Doctor Day: May 19" has become important as the day spreads around the world, for example: into Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese.

Día Mundial del Médico de Familia: 19 de Mayo
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519世界家庭醫師日

It is clear that World Family Doctor Day has now become a major event on the calendar of family doctors worldwide. This year, in WONCA News, we chose to feature celebrations from Nepal, as despite the very recent devastation of their country by earthquakes, the general practitioners of Nepal made a celebration of World Family Doctor day and used it to pay tribute to the victims of the recent tragedy. Truly inspiring.

For more information on World Family Doctor Day, and for reports from the 2015 events around the world, go to the WONCA website at <http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/member/ForMemberOrganizations/WorldFamilyDoctorDay.aspx>



Activities for the celebration of World Family Doctor Day