

## Wonca Europe Council Meeting Lisbon 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

### Country Report – Romania

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### County Report (max 250 words):

*In October 2013, we had Elections for a new Board of the SNMF, You already have received the new boardmembers list.*

*Romania's government, through the National Health Insurance House, asked general practitioners to distribute and edit data on the new electronic insurance cards. For the distribution, GPs would have to pick up hundreds of cards from the NHIH office, handle patients coming without appointments "just to pick up the card", fill in paperwork, and delay consultations for actual medical conditions. We found this activity a de-professionalization, made a huge campaign to prevent this, we asked for help from Wonca Europe and World Wonca. We received letters of support from the presidents of the two organizations. Based on these and through extensive campaign we managed preventing this decision, card to be sent by post. We are still accused of delaying the implementation of the project because of this.*

*Romania has implemented electronic prescription. However, this project is made in proportion of 90% in primary care, as there are no good control on other levels of care, and hospitals continue to not implement this project citing lack of necessary equipment. However, national EHR system implementation has begun and we believe will meet the same resistance.*

*The National Cervical, Colon and Breast Cancer Screening Programs (NCCBCSP) for which 6000 GPs across Romania were trained in 2012, didn't restart as planned.*

*The Young GPs Group launched in November 2011 reached over 150 members and is currently recruiting regional coordinators. 4 coordinators were selected in the beginning of 2014. For VdGM activities, 6 more young GPs participated in one-week Conference Exchanges organised by VdGM member countries in 2013. Sadly this year no young GP will attend VdGM's Preconference in Lisbon. The first Hippokrates Exchanges took place in Romania in 2013, when 3 young GPs from the UK visited the host practice of 4 Romanian GP trainers (one exchange was divided between a rural and urban practice). **Raluca Zoitanu** represents Romania in the Europe Council of VdGM and was elected in the Executive Group as Image Liaison in 2012.*

*For 2014, the Ministry of Health announced plans to introduce new criteria for the payment of Romanian GPs, based on pay-for-performance. Some Boardmembers of SNMF were involved in a special working group for revising the health System. Unfortunately, the Minister was changed before accomplished this task.*

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*SNMF was involved in many campaigns like “International Immunization Week”, “World Family Doctor Day”, a huge campaign and public debate about prevention in Primary Care, World Health Day 2013 and others.*