

Wonca Europe Council Meeting, Basel, 16 September 2009

Agenda Topic Template

AGENDA TOPIC: New projects for the new team of the National Family Medicine Society

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Type of Item (Bold/Underline the Type): Information Discussion Motion

INTRODUCTION:

The Romanian Society of Family Medicine/General Medicine (NSMF/MG) has a lot of difficult objects in this moment and in the future. We hope that the new team of the executive board, after the 24-th january 2009 elections, will succeed in all these purposes and we will obtain the normal role in our health system.

First of all we have to develop our own Society and it's 40 local organizations. We hope that everyone will understand that together we can be stronger. We are a quarter of the Romanian doctors, we work with 20% of the romanian nurses. Often, especially in rural regions, primary care is the only medical service easy to reach for everybody.

We have to increase the role of our professional society, so that most of us will be better practitioners, better managers for our praxises.

Secondly, the new elected Board of the Romanian NSFM has a very difficult job, to formulate a modern curriculum for this speciality

We have to convince the decidents of the national health system that primary care is the best solution for the needs of medical services of the population. We still have a hospital centered health system, which means high costs and low issues. During 2006-2008, we hoped that Family Medicine will obtain a normal role in our health system. We had an important prevention and health evaluation program. Now, unfortunately, we lost an important achievement in our prevention role.

Sometimes we have to fight with a permanent changing health system that failed to put the family practice on its normal place. In Romania, health funds are always insufficient, we have about 3,8% of BIP for health needs. Primary care gets today in Romania only 5,4 % of the National Social Health Insurance Fund. That means only an extremelly difficult surviving, instead of developing. Family Medicine has not the role that our profession deserves and is put in jeopardy. For these meanings we have a partnership with the National Federation of Family Medicine Employers. Also we have a Legislative initiative which asks the parliament to allocate at least 6% of Romanian BIP for health problems.

Thirdly, we have projects wich are centered on some major needs : we have projects in developing the computer abilities so that everybody be able to work in medical software. We have projects which will allow us to have a better management of our offices. These projects will take place all over the country, and will be accessible for thousands of General Practitioners.

We have groups of doctors working on guidelines.

In parallel, many of our local associations organize conferences, symposia, workshops and trainings. Family Physicians publishes magazines, brochures, manuals.

A real problem in our country is the primary care in rural regions. That's why we have a group which is involved in a project about rural medicine, which will try to find solutions of this delicate problem. NSMF is now organizing a department of rural medicine where some doctors are known for their participation in EURIPA.

In the next period we will develop a department of IT, and a NSFM review.

RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION:

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We started, we need to fight with the system but we must modernize, to adapt to new and we want to be together with our colleagues in Europe. Increasingly more family doctors in Romania to reach international events.

We are optimistic and eager for change, the proof is the increased number of family doctors who now participate in this conference.

We really hope that in Basel we will be infected by the legendary communicative disease named «Wonca fever». There is no vaccination available and we don't want it anyway !

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/WEB LINKS: www.snmf.ro; www.snmf.eu (under construction)

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