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From IFPCR Chair

Establishing a regional structure for the IFPCR

On July, 2005, John W. Beasley, Chair of IFPCR proposed the establishment of a regional structure for this organization. Following Wonca's regional structure, IFPCR will have six regions:

- IFPCR — Iberoamericana
- IFPCR — Europe
- IFPCR — Asia Pacific
- IFPCR — Africa
- IFPCR — The Americas
- IFPCR — Middle East South Asia

This organization will promote the participation of more IFPCR members and the development of small sub-meetings, as it has been happening during NAPCRG (the North American Primary Care Research Group) meetings.

To keep the structure simple and this new working group reasonably small to facilitate communications, and considering the activity of some IFPCR members, Dr. Beasley asked them to be representatives for each region. After few email correspondence, the representatives for each region are:

- Francisco Gomez-Clavelina: IFPCR-Iberoamericana
- Danica Rotar Pavlic & Christos Lionis:IFPCR-Europe
- Cindy L.K. Lam: IFPCR-Asia Pacific
- Victor Inem: IFPCR-Africa

John Beasley: IFPCR-The Americas
Waris Qidwai: IFPCR-Middle East South Asia

For all the representatives, their responsibilities will be:

1. Organize, when possible, regional meetings, including research presentations at regional Wonca meetings.
2. Encourage network and primary care research development in the region.
3. Communicate with Francisco Gómez-Clavelina about activities in the region to send information which could be published in the IFPCR Newsletter.
4. Work with others in the region to seek funding for regional activities.
5. Develop materials for publication about PCR and PCRN's in the region.

This new IFPCR structure will lead it to a slightly higher level of organization, and will help to be more parallel to other Wonca groups.

John W. Beasley

From the Editor

New IFPCR Web site

The IFPCR Web site came on line on October, 2001; few months after IFPCR first meeting on May of the same year. This first step to have a web site, was an effort by the steering committee to improve communications among the 19 original members in 11 countries.

At the same time, the steering committee encouraged the members to share their experiences about their work within PCRN. Francisco J. Gómez-Clavelina of Mexico, formed a «group» for IFPCR on Microsoft Systems Network (MSN) on line portal. This first Web site had its limitations, since the domain is the property of MSN

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the available space was small and IFPCRN had to get a membership for the MSN portal. In November, 2004, Francisco J. Gómez-Clavelina and Irma Jiménez-Galván (Professors of The National Autonomous University of Mexico) started to work on the design of a new Web site for IFPCRN. John Beasley (Chair of IFPCRN) and Wes Fabb (Wonca's Medical editor of Global Family Doctor-Wonca Online) gave valuable suggestions and tested the prototype.

On March, 2005 the IFPCRN Web pages were ready to upload. Alex Wescott (GFD Webmaster) took the responsibility for placing the IFPCRN website on GFD and on May 2nd, 2005 this task was made. Francisco J. Gómez-Clavelina is the IFPCRN Webmaster with the assistance of Irma Jiménez-Galván. The IFPCRN URL is:

<http://www.ifpcrn.org>

IFPCRN Web site is part of Wonca Websites. Go to this web site by visiting GFD or directly writing the IFPCRN URL in your internet navigator. IFPCRN web site includes an important list of resources for Family Medicine/Primary Care Researchers (more than 500 useful links). Visit IFPCRN Web site and send us your comments and suggestions.

Francisco J. Gómez-Clavelina
John W. Beasley

From PCRNs

EUROPEAN GENERAL PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK

The EGPRN (<http://www.egprn.org/>) originated as European General Practice Research Workshop - a club of enthusiastic primary care researchers. Their aim was and still is the provision of a suitable setting in which to discuss and develop research in primary care in Europe, to foster and co-ordinate multinational studies, to exchange experiences and to develop a validated scientific basis for general practice.

In the 1980s the EGPRN began to attract a wider membership of younger general practitioners working in their practices or working in university departments of general practice, or both. The number of people on the mailing list and attending meetings has grown, and the interest has extended to Southern European countries and, recently, the Eastern ones.

The EGPRN is governed by an Executive Board (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four members) supported and elected by Ge-

neral Council of National Representatives including one from each member country. The Council and the Executive Board meet twice a year. The EGPRN has formal statutes, which have been officially acknowledged by lawyers. Currently 30 European countries are represented in the Council. Since 1989 the University of Maastricht, through the Coordination Center for Primary Care of the Netherlands School of Primary Care Research (CaRe), has offered a strong support as central administrative office for the activities. Official meetings are held in spring and in autumn in different countries. The national representatives host them.

The EGPRN represents a powerful research framework in Europe. To date it has collaborated in the planning of European studies under the auspices of the EC (COMAC-HSR), and been involved in carrying out the Interface, the Referral, the Euro sentinel, and the Burnout studies. The initial meetings involved countries in Northern Europe but this was rapidly extended to include the rest of Europe.

Since November 1974, regular biannual meetings have taken place. By May 2005, 60 meetings/research conferences had taken place. With the inauguration in 1995 of the European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine (ESGP/FM), EGPRN has been recognized as the key network organization for research in general practice in Europe, and takes the main responsibility for this area of work within the ESGP/FM.



Göttingen Meeting

After WONCA world meeting in Orlando EGPRN established important intercontinental links with NAPCRG and especially with IFPCRN. This fruitful cooperation continued at the last meeting at Göttingen, Germany from 5th to 7th of May 2005. Professor John W. Beasley, the IFPCRN representative who was actively involved, underlined that only a global perspective of research in primary care may bring improvements which may help the underdeveloped regions of the world and give incentive to young researchers in all regions.

This idea will be further discussed at the next WONCA Europe meeting on the historic island in Kos from September 3rd to 7th. The theme is «From Hippocrates to the Human Genome: The past, present and future of General Practice/Family Medicine». The main areas of this Conference are:

- Cultural determinants of illness and the role of General Practice/Family Medicine,
- Needs assessment in General Practice/Family Medicine,
- Measuring effectiveness in General Practice/Family Medicine.

It will be for the first time that the core WONCA EUROPE networks on research (EGPRN), education (EURACT) and quality assurance (EQUIP) are going to run interactive morning sessions, you can find additional information at:

<http://www.woncaeurope2005.org/>

We believe that next WONCA Europe meeting will empower EGPRN – IFPCRN cooperation and that is why an official breakfast is planned where representatives of EGPRN (professor Christos Lionis, WONCA liaison person and host organizer representative and Danica Rotar Pavlic, hon. secretary of EGPRN) and members of

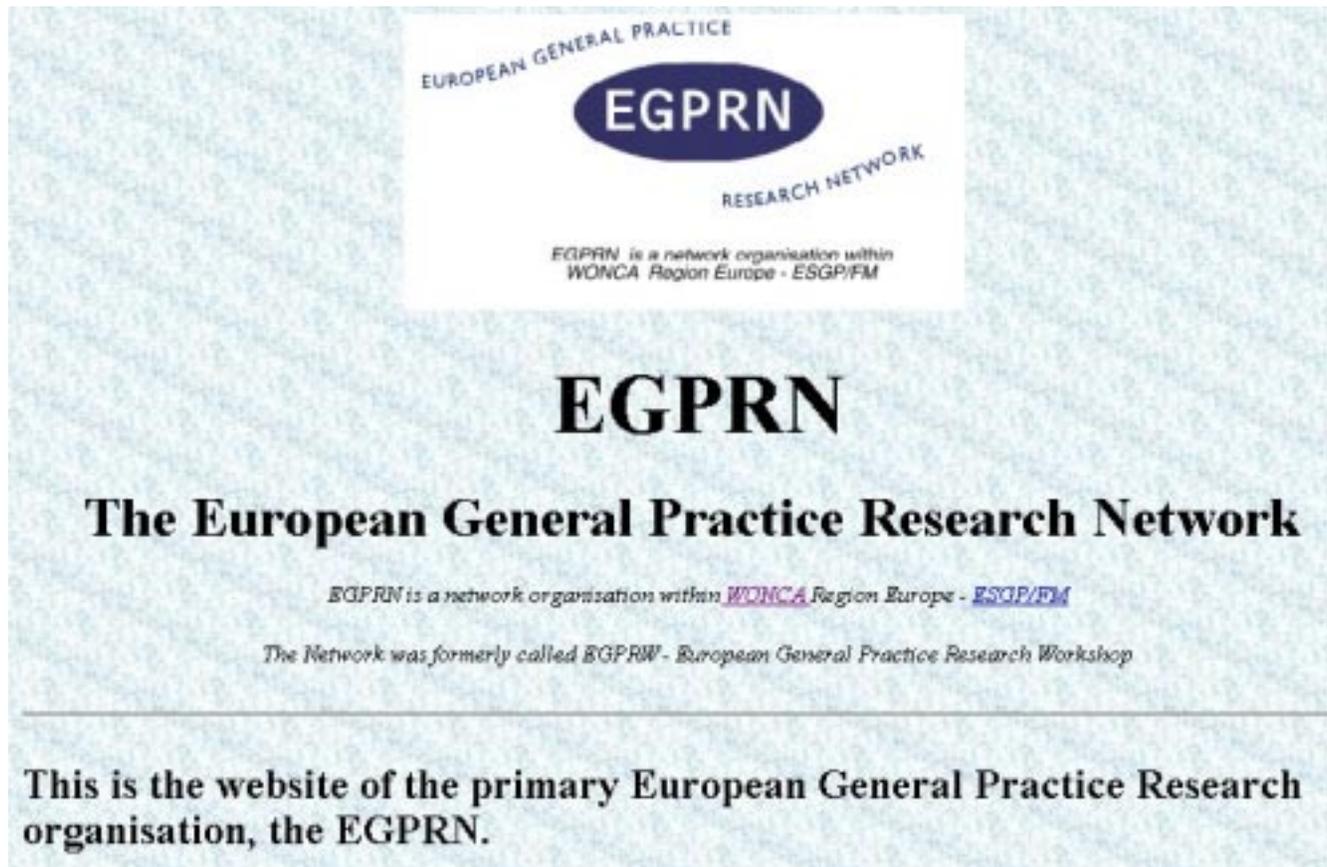
IFPCRN will open the floor for further intercontinental and regional development. Date and schedule will be announced in the WONCA Kos program.



Christos Lionis. EGPRN Chairman



Danica Rotar Pavlic, Hon. Secretary of EGPRN



The banner features the EGPRN logo at the top, which consists of a blue oval with 'EGPRN' in white, flanked by 'EUROPEAN GENERAL PRACTICE' and 'RESEARCH NETWORK'. Below the logo, it states 'EGPRN is a network organisation within WONCA Region Europe - ESGP/FM'. The main title 'EGPRN' is in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'The European General Practice Research Network' in a slightly smaller bold font. Below this, it repeats 'EGPRN is a network organisation within WONCA Region Europe - ESGP/FM' and adds 'The Network was formerly called EGPRW - European General Practice Research Workshop'. At the bottom, a horizontal line separates the text from a bold statement: 'This is the website of the primary European General Practice Research organisation, the EGPRN.'

Click on any place of this picture and visit EGPRN Web site

Meetings

The screenshot shows a website for the 11th Conference of the European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine. The header features the title "From Hippocrates to the human Genome: the past, present and future of General Practice/Family Medicine" and the location "Kos Island, Greece September 3-7, 2005" next to a map of Greece. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Home, Welcome, Program, Registration, Accommodation, Abstracts, Deadlines, Location, Social Program, Sponsors, Contact Us, Future Wonca Meetings, and Exhibition Area. The main content area displays the conference title, logos for WONCA EUROPE 2005 and Wonca, and the dates "Kos Island, Greece / September 3-7, 2005". It is hosted by the Greek Association of General Practitioners - Elegeia. Contact information includes phone numbers +30 22420 55510 and +30 22420 55511, and fax +30 22420 55512. A button labeled "Your Account" is present, along with a link for ticket issuance. The page is updated as of 22/07/2005.

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The screenshot shows the website for the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). The header features the group's name and a map of North America. The main content area announces the "33rd NAPCRG Annual Meeting" held from "October 15-18, 2005" at the "Hilton Quebec- Quebec City". The text provides details about the meeting location, reservation information, and contact numbers. It includes several links: "Click here to view the advance conference brochure", "You can register for the conference on-line here", and "Click here to download a conference registration form to register via fax or postal mail". A sidebar on the right contains links for "Organization", "Membership", "Meetings", "Newsletter", and "Links".

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The IFPCRN continues to grow. As of August 18, 2005 we have 141 members from 44 different countries representing 46 networks. If you want to find out about other members in your country or region, please email John Beasley at

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Help us to update the member list at [IFPCRN Website](http://www.ifpcrn.org).

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Documents

If you have not already seen it, you can download an electronic copy of our paper «*The Contributions of Family Doctors to Primary Care Research: An international Perspective*» which was published in Primary Health Care and Development in 2004 from [IFPCRN Website](http://www.ifpcrn.org)

Waris Qidwai (Pakistan) continues his work on the paper: «*The future role of Family Physicians in the changing health care delivery systems around the world: a perspective from IFPCRN*». He has over 22 contributors from all continents. His task of pulling together all this material is a demanding one and we are looking forward to the fruits of his work.

IFPCRN Newsletter will receive the scientific contributions of every IFPCRN and WONCA members, as well as comments, letters, PCRNs' reports and official announcements of scientific meetings.

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