

NFGP board

## Minutes from our NFGP EB meeting in Helsinki on 23 August 2023 at 17:00

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	Topic	Actions/Decisions
	Welcome by Jóhann	
1	Election of chair of the meeting <i>Louise was elected as chair.</i>	
2	Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting <i>Sanne was appointed to take minutes.</i>	
3	Approval of the agenda <i>The agenda was approved.</i>	
4	News from each country (ca 5 min/per country) <i>Each country gave an update on current country matters. The main common challenge is lack of GPs, which creates a lack of continuity due to alternative business models.</i>	Informative
5	Follow up matters ( <u>minutes from meeting on 24 March</u> ):	
5.a.	Definition and fees for young doctors participating at NCGP (Roar, with input from NFA and SYLY) <b>The Stavanger definition:</b> *Young Doctor: If you are a doctor in training for GP/FM or if you are a GP/FM up to 5 years after graduation from medical school you are entitled to register as a young doctor. <i>This has been discussed earlier, as the WONCA definition may not be obvious to use for Scandinavian GPs, due to the difference in the salary level. The NFGP EB decided that congress fee for all doctors – once specialized – should be the ordinary fee. In the guidelines we should no longer use the term “young doctors” but instead “doctors in specialization.” SB + LH + RM make a draft for un updated paragraph in the guidelines – to be accepted by the NFGP EB.</i>	Definition? Confirmation or Certificate needed? Fee?
5.b.	Policy recommendations regarding academic posts. See <a href="#">appendix 1</a> for the WONCA Europe version accepted WE Council meeting in Brussels 7 June 2023  Recommendations for assessing qualifications of General Practice/Family Medicine university and academic post applicants – paper to be signed at the meeting – see <a href="#">appendix 6</a>  <u><a href="#">Please upload this document</a></u> to your websites and share the document with all academic units and other relevant stake holders.	Informative and next steps

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5. c.	<p>WONCA Europe Congresses and involvement of the pharmaceutical industry in these congresses</p> <p><i>Spain, France + NFGP brought this question up, which was discussed at the council meeting in June 2023. Roar is now part of a new working group, which shall make recommendations for the council. The discussion will concern sponsorships for the actual conference, but not sponsored participant fees.</i></p> <p><i>Paris won the betting for the WONCA Europe conference in 2026. They have guaranteed 5000 paying participants and no pharma sponsors.</i></p>	Informative
5. d	<p>WONCA Europe Council. Changes in the definition of GP/FM – see <a href="#">appendix 2</a>. Actions needed by NFGP?</p> <p><i>The main message is a new sentence underneath the WONCA tree: “One Health, Planetary Health and Sustainability create the bedrock, allowing a new integrated approach to all of the six core competencies, twelve characteristics and three additional features essential in their application”.</i></p> <p><i>We will get back to this subject under item 11.</i></p>	Informative and discussion
5.e.	<p>SJPHC - current matters</p> <p>The 40<sup>th</sup> years anniversary of Scand J Prim Health care. <a href="#">Editorial now online</a> – about the history and the journal is working according to the vision and mission and core values of NFGP.</p>	Informative
6.	<p>SJPHC - current matters (please see attached for "Proposal incentives national editors SJPHC" from Anna Nager (<a href="#">appendix 3</a>) and notes from meeting with Anna Nager, Roar and Johann on 2 June 2023 (<a href="#">appendix 4</a>)) (Roar)</p> <p><i>As workload is increasing with more articles to read, Anna and the editorial board ask to have more benefits as editors. This also to secure that they all meet each other once a year. The proposal from Anna was discussed, and the following was decided:</i></p> <p><i>Now:</i></p> <p><i>NFGP EB accepts that both “national editor” and “assisting editor” from each country get the same title and hereafter defined as “national editor”.</i></p> <p><i>All national editors will be invited to the annual NFGP spring meeting in Copenhagen (as in 2023). NFGP will cover travel expenses as well.</i></p>	Decision

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	<p><i>At a later stage: The development of the journal will be monitored, and if the economy allows it (more income from the journal), the NFGP board will discuss the wish for editors participating for free at Nordic congresses. First, we will see how much the extra cost will be for the spring meeting in 2024 and how many articles will be published in 2023 and 2024. This means that no changes will apply for Turku in 2024.</i></p> <p><i>For information – the impact factors have gone down approx. one point from 3.147 in 2021 to 2.1 in 2022.</i></p>	
7.	<p><u><a href="#">World Family Doctors Day</a></u> – have you celebrated this in 2023, and if so – how? (Roar) See <u><a href="#">WONCA report on World Family Doctors day here</a></u> – see page 22-43</p> <p><i>Some countries have written articles/newsletters and/or used social media.</i></p> <p><i>Should we do something in common in the Nordic countries? And if so - who is the target group – and what is the purpose?</i></p> <p><i>It could become a larger project if you want to make celebration for the public.</i></p> <p><i>WONCA has made a tool kit – but here WONCA also decides the theme.</i></p> <p><i>Roar will bring up the subject on the meeting with the unions tomorrow.</i></p>	Informative and discussion
8.	<p>Invited guests (Free participation) at Nordic congresses? I. (Standard) (The media people? Etc. (see also guidelines – <a href="#">appendix 5</a>) (Johann)</p> <p><i>The guidelines describe who to be invited.</i></p> <p>II. (Decisions made by to HOC) (Juha) <i>Finland is OK with the guidelines.</i></p>	Discussion /Decision?
9.	<p>Upcoming WONCA World Council and Congress Sydney 22-30 October 2023</p> <p>a) who will attend? <i>Marte (will also be proxy for Magnus), Merja, Margret will be online, Johann will be observer, Roar will participate for Denmark.</i></p> <p>b) reception <i>Roar and Johann have number of Nordic participants, but no names or e-mail addresses. Roar will write a letter through WONCA to all Nordic participants and ask them to write back if they wish to be</i></p>	Informative/discussion

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	<p><i>in contact with other Nordic participants.</i>  <i>Johann will ask Australia how many seats NFGP can have for the reception.</i></p> <p>c) Preliminary thoughts about candidates for hosting WONCA World Conference 2027  <i>Taiwan, China, Dubai, and Cape Town are interested in being host in 2027. Cape Town seems to be favorite for the Nordic Countries.</i></p> <p>d) Election of new President elect for WONCA World (Roar). <i>Mehmet Ungan and Viviana Martinez Bianca are the candidates.</i></p>	
10.	<p>New chair takes over  Roar formally takes over 1<sup>st</sup> September. The more official take over will take place in Turku in June 2024.</p>	Informative/ discussion
11.	<p>Other matters do be discussed:</p> <p>a. Should we create a “NFGP Working group on Sustainable and value-based medicine”?  <i>Proposal from Johann, see Appendix 7</i>  <i>Roar will take the next steps by identifying who should make the first draft for a plan. All countries should be asked if they are having relevant candidates (maybe already working with sustainability).</i></p> <p>b. Lifestyle Medicine (Marte):  <i>A new organization dealing with lifestyle medicine has been established in Norway with the support of WONCA Europe.</i>  <i>This organization is not known by NFA, and NFA finds is problematic that WONCA Europe supports this. But the subject was discussed in London last year and a special interest group on Lifestyle medicine was established back then.</i>  <i>NFGP EB agreed that Marte, Johann and Roar prepare a draft for a letter – and will (with acceptance of the NFGP board) send the letter to the WE EB (it can be considered to involve John Brodersen – chair of EUROPREV).</i></p> <p>c. Webpage (Louise):  <i>The secretariat suggests that Roar, Louise and Sanne will hold a first meeting with the IT-company Adapt. Afterwards the NFGP EB board will of course be involved in decisions regarding the further process. NFGP EB agreed upon this.</i></p>	

