



EUROPE



Vasco da Gama Movement

WONCA Europe Conferences

24TH WONCA EUROPE CONFERENCE



Bratislava
June 26-29, 2019



2015: Istanbul
2016: Copenhagen
2017: Prague
2018: Krakow

2020: Berlin
2021: Amsterdam
2022:London hosting Wonca World Conference?....

WONCA Europe Conferences

- 2000-5000 participants from Europe – and abroad
- Conference Committee coordinating
- Wonca Networks and SIGs contributing
 - GP showplace
 - Collaboration among GPs and researchers
 - Many young doctors ☺
 - National marketing of GP/FM
 - (income to WONCA Europe and to national colleges)
 - (competition with Nordic Conferences....)



- Mission: achievement of high levels of **quality and safety of care for patients** in general practice in all European countries.
- Projects on development and evaluation with regard to **Quality Improvement** and **Quality Management and Development**.
- *Denmark: Claus Rendtorff*
- *Finland: Johanna Tulonen-Tapio*
- *Iceland: missing*
- *Norway: Janecke Thesen*
- *Sweden: Eva Arvidsson (EB member)*



Some current initiatives:

- - *equity in health care (recent statement)*
- - *patient safety*
- - *doctors health*
- - *quality indicators (recent statement)*
- - *personalized primary care*

- Mission: provide a suitable setting in which to discuss and develop **research in primary care**; to foster and coordinate **multinational studies**, to exchange experiences and to develop a validated scientific basis for general practice.
- Promotes research excellence and **supports researchers**.
- Open for individual and institutional memberships.
- *Denmark: Anne Møller*
- *Finland: Tuomas Koskela*
- *Iceland: missing*
- *Norway: Esperanza Diaz*
- *Sweden: Hans Thulesius*

Some current initiatives:

- - *2 conferences per year*
- - *running e-research courses*
- - *collaborative research projects*
- - *collaboration within research institutions*



- Mission: promoting general practice/family medicine as a discipline by **learning and teaching**.
- **Support for trainers** through a network of Educators, contribution to national activities and sponsorship for participating in courses.
- **Support for trainees** through the introduction to new learning methods, the adoption of a learner-orientated approach.
- Published the **Educational Agenda**.
- Provides **courses** for Trainers and Teachers such as the Assessment Course for Trainers in Family Medicine, and the courses for Trainers in General Practice/Family Medicine.
- *Denmark: Roar Maagaard*
- *Finland: Helena Karppinen*
- *Iceland: missing*
- *Norway: Peter Prydz*
- *Sweden: Eva de Fine Licht*



Some current initiatives:

- - *Educational Training Requirements for GPs*
- - *covering student, GP-specialist and lifelong education for GPs*
- - *running courses for GPs with educational tasks (Leonardo I, II and III)*
- - *educational conferences for GPs in Europe (next in Leuven, Belgium sept. 2018)*



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- The WONCA Europe network **for new and future General Practitioners.**
- Establishes a **communication network** and provides a **forum, support and information** for trainees and new GPs through access to WONCA Europe regional conferences and pre-conferences.
- Improving the **quality of training programmes** for general practice.
- **Collaborating with national colleges and associations** in general practice, and stimulating the formation of national representation of new and future GPs.
- *Denmark: Gudrun Sigurdardottir*
- *Finland: Kalle Saikonen*
- *Iceland: missing*
- *Norway: Elisabeth Stura*
- *Sweden: Joana Gomes*



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Some current initiatives:

- - *making preconferences young doctors at all WE conferences (yearly)*
- - *bigger Forum conferences every 2nd year*
- - *organizing exchange of GP trainees across Europe*



General: to promote evidence-based prevention in general practice

- To review the scientific evidence related to health promotion and disease prevention.
- To give recommendations based on scientific evidence and disseminate them to all general practice and family medicine associations in Europe.
- To implement and adapt evidence-based recommendations into clinical practice.
- To define the role of the primary care doctor in health promotion and disease prevention.
- To promote and encourage multicentre research and educational programmes in health promotion and disease prevention throughout Europe..

- *Denmark: John Brodersen*
- *Finland: Sirkka Keinänen-Kiukaanniemi*
- *Iceland: missing*
- *Norway: missing*
- *Sweden: missing*



Some current initiatives:

- - *European Forum II on Prevention and Primary Care (Porto, November 2018): "Medical Prevention: The balance of benefits and harms".*
- - *overdiagnosis*
- - *mental health and family violence*



EURIPA – the European Rural and Isolated Practitioners Association

EURIPA is a representative network organisation founded by family doctors to address the health and wellbeing needs of **rural** communities and the **professional needs of those serving them** across Europe. It represents a growing network of rural practitioners and organisations across Europe working together to disseminate good practice, initiate research and influence policy.

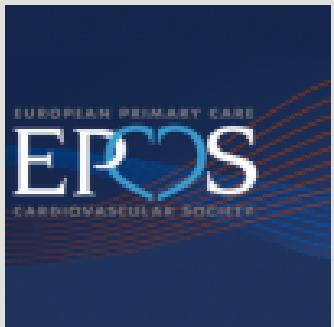
- *Denmark: Berit Hansen*
- *Finland: missing*
- *Iceland: to be confirmed*
- *Norway: to be confirmed*
- *Sweden: Anna Falk*



Some current initiatives:

- *- raising awareness of "rural" among GPs*
- *- one yearly Rural conference*
- *- better treatment of the vulnerable and ageing population in family medicine*

SIGs (Special Interest Groups)



Cardiovascular



Respiratory



Gastroenterology



Allergy



Infections



Diabetes

For all: ".....in Primary Care"

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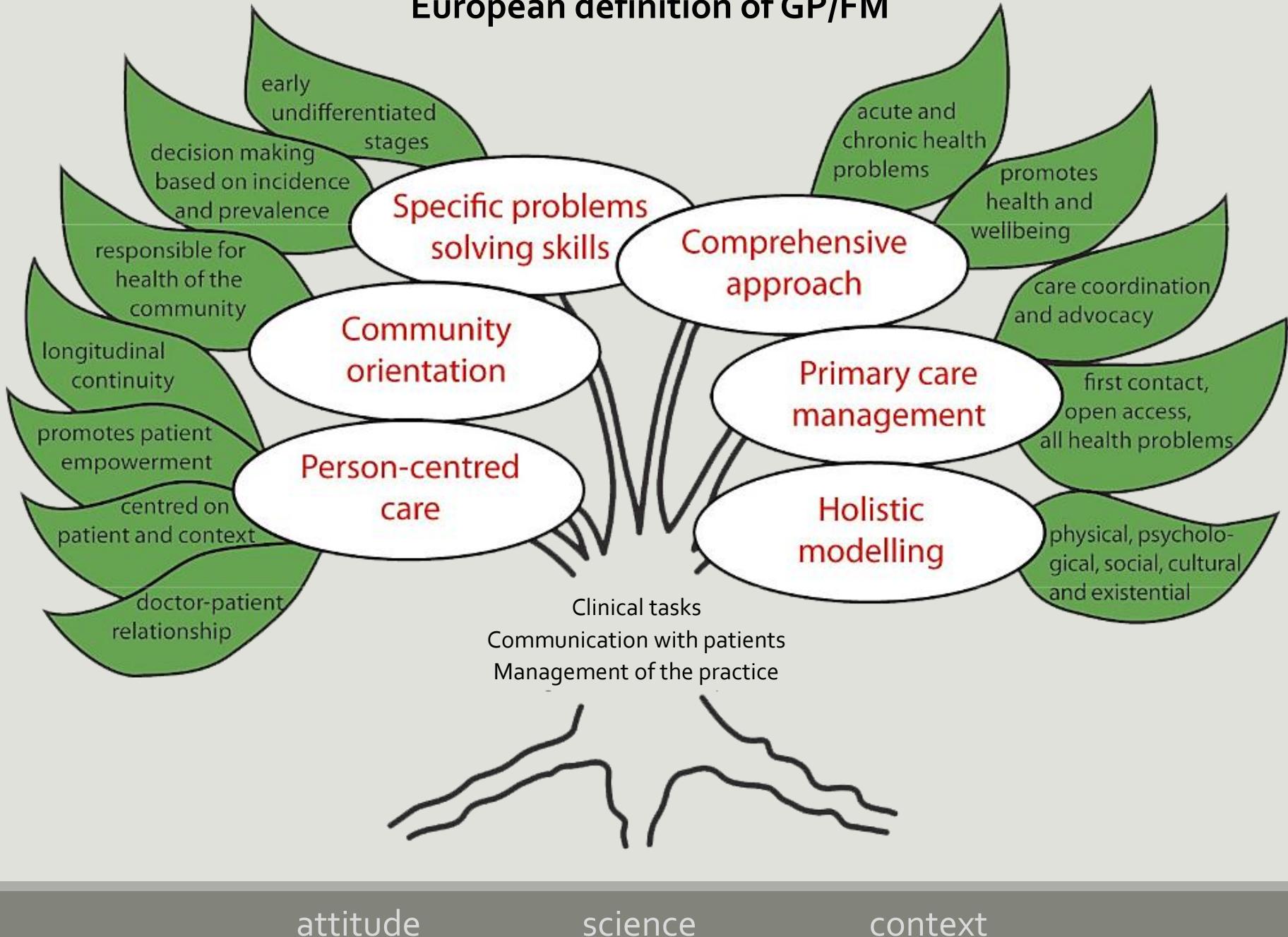


Building Our Future

Conferences, scholarships & exchange programmes



European definition of GP/FM



European Training Requirements for GP/FM specialist training, 2018

It is our hope that this document can be used as an inspiration and guidance for all countries to bring their GP/FM specialist education and training to the highest standards, warranting registration of GP/FM as a medical specialty. The patients in GP/FM across Europe deserve excellently trained specialists in GP/FM.

European Training Requirements for GP/FM specialist training, 2018



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- Better and more relevant (to patients and GPs) education
- of GPs across Europe
- GP training comparable to other specialist training
- Recognition of GP/FM as a specialty in line with other medical specialties in EU – and in non-EU countries
- And finally: better conditions for GPs

WONCA Networks and SIGs

It's all about

- *Collaboration*
- *Sharing experiences, thoughts - and dreams*
- *Creating a better and stronger GP for European patients*
- *And: many initiatives also have relevance outside Europe*