

## **Annual Plan Association year, July 2016 – June 2017.**

The current Executive Board of six members will continue the next association year.

In the Advisory Board some changes will come whereas four current members, Jan De Lepeleire, Marije Bolt, Giorgio Visentin and Niro Siriwardena have ended their term or indicated not to prolong their advisory board membership.

An invitation for submission of CV's and letters of intention has been issued to all members to fulfil the four vacancies. The candidates will be nominated after CV's and background have been checked by the current Executive Board. At the Riga General Assembly a voting procedure will select the candidates for the open places.

The Advisory Board will start the next association year with 16 members who will continue their involvement. At the General Assembly in Riga (5 September) 4 new members will be chosen if a sufficient number of candidates will have send their applications. The next onsite Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for the 4th of September in Riga, which will be followed by a web conference in the first months of 2017. The Advisory Board will follow up the work on the SWOT analysis and the DELPHI survey which has to provide more guidance for the future directions of the EFPC.

Our goal is to gain more financial support from the efforts in organising our yearly conference. The Amsterdam 2015 conference had a fine surplus of approximately 10.000 euro but unfortunately the expectations for Riga are less positive. For Porto 2017 we are more positive and have found already a good theme to engage with our members and stakeholders: "The Citizen Voice in Primary Care: a social commitment to 'health for all'"

New Study Visits are planned to be organized in autumn for visitors from Kazakhstan which we will organize in close collaboration with our Dutch and Belgian members.

Planned activities are similar to those in previous years whereas our impact on EU policy-making level should be further strengthened. New Position Papers on relevant topics will be launched, member columns about Primary Care in specific European countries or regions will be written and meetings will be organised bringing together members from different countries and different professional groups to stimulate the exchange of knowledge within Europe regarding the organisation of Primary Care.

Important subjects will be:

- Care for refugees
- Patient/Community participation
- New Professionalism
- Interprofessional Collaboration (IpC)
- PriPHECi: Primary Care and Population Health for European Cities; further development of the PIE-APP
- Informal Care and Primary Care: the interlink
- Bridging the gap between medicines development and clinical practice: need for independent research for medicine development
- Integrated Primary Care: Research, Policy & Practice
- More evidence for cost-effectiveness of Primary Care; secondary care acts as an autonomous cost driver that does render the cost-effectiveness benefits of primary care unimportant or even irrelevant.
- Palliative care
- Mental Health and Primary Care and linking practice with research
- Increased involvement of the social workers profession within EFPC activities and discussions
- Interprofessional Education (IpE)

A major future project for the EFPC in the coming years is the use of innovative instruments and technology for communication with our members and stakeholders. Part of this challenge is involving more young people in the network, representing the different levels of academics, policy makers and professionals. The EFPC secretariat will engage a new young colleague as coordinator of the EFPC from the first of September to support the current coordinator. He/she is familiar with social media but also with web based communication tools which should be actively used by the EFPC secretariat to inform its members and disseminate information from members. Webinars have to be organized on a regular basis, using the experience and knowledge of our Executive and Advisory Board members on various topics.

By involving more young people in the governance structure of the EFPC we believe more young members will follow automatically as they will feel more attracted by what is offered by the network. The recently formed You&EFPC Working Group with young Primary Care experts is now operational and has already started a LinkedIn forum to exchange experiences.

The administrative organization of the EFPC secretariat will change. From the first of September the staff, coordinator and junior-coordinator will be contracted directly by EFPC where up till now they were contracted via the NIVEL institute. This change includes a lot of conditions to be arranged like EFPC internal regulations, insurances, contracts and a salary administration by a firm which can provide these services. The EFPC will have a contract for one year with Harte Accountants, based in a small village near Utrecht, the basis of the EFPC. This change is a next step in the independence of the EFPC and being a mature network with its own staff. It enforces the power of the association and its messages towards European policy makers, our ultimate goal in our work.

