

European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC) Association General Assembly (GA) 2022

**Location: Conference and Meeting Center Het Pand, Onderbergen
1, 9000 Ghent, Belgium**

Monday 26 September 2022 - 18.00 – 19.30

Chaired by Maria van den Muijsenbergh, Alessandro Mereu takes notes.



Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Minutes General Assembly 2021, 28 September Online
Approved
3. Brief overview of the previous association year and future plans of the EFPC based on the annual report 2021-2022

Diederik presents the highlights of previous year:

- *Maria attended last RC WHO Europe*
- *An EFPC 2021 virtual conference*
- *Last June we had Bergen PRIMORE final meeting*
- *Bosch institute funded for PRIMORE II (other three years with a final meeting in Stuttgart)*
- *Highlighted last Position papers produced by EFPC*
- *Ukrainian EFPC newsletter was still active*
- *We started a connection with AfroPHC, and we continue to have a connection with WHO Primary Care Unit in Almaty*

And the plans for upcoming association year:

- *Public participation in Primary Care*
 - *Citizen/patient delegates in Advisory Board*
 - *Support initiatives to foster social cohesion including continuing our Ukraine newsletter in Russian*
- *Interprofessional Primary Care research platform*
 - *PRIMORE phase II project to foster Interprofessional Primary Care research*
 - *Linking pin between different Professional PC Umbrella organisations*
- *Community Oriented Primary Care*
 - *Collaboration with the African Forum for Primary Care*
 - *An active “Ally Improving Primary Health Care”*
 - *Collaboration with the WHO Primary Health Care unit in Almaty*
- *Events*
 - *Webinars & #EFPC2023 Istanbul 5/7 Sept*
- *EFPC Working Groups*
 - *Facilitating Working Groups throughout the year via online platforms*
 - *Establishment of new Working Groups*
- *Members engagement & recruiting new members*
 - *Using our current members to engage with new potential members*

- *Partnering in project proposals as dissemination partner developed by members as part of a larger consortium*
- *Advisory role towards member organizations. regions and countries*
- *You & EFPC*
 - *Enlarging group with active members & using social media*
 - *Masterclasses in Interprofessional Primary Care research*
- *Primary Health Care Research & Development*
 - *Publication of Papers developed by the Working Groups*

On behalf of Executive Board and Advisory Board and the entire GA Maria greetings the secretariat for the great work that they did (Diederik, Irene, Chris)

4. EFPC as a broker for consultancy work

a. Business model attached

Maria explains the debate about the EFPC acting as a broker for professional consultancies among members and other organization external at EFPC.

Questions and remarks from members:

- *advise to create value on the work that we already have done in those years to expertise inside the forum*
- *asking to pay attention about issues that could be crossed the professionals and about professionals that already are existing to do not broker in favour of specific groups or experts, in this view the process should be transparent and maybe directed by open calls*
- *is it legally allowed to act as a broker being a non-for-profit organisation*
- *postpone a decision to clarify and to obtain a specific proposal*
- *the possibility to auto-candidate to the expert list*
- *pay attention on potential volume of request to protect the secretariat on a probable overworking*
- *proposal to make some step further in this issue*
- *inquiry the assembly about the possibility to act against a single member who broker itself*

The Executive Board concludes that the proposal is not yet sufficiently mature and needs some further work before it can be accepted by the membership so it withdraws the proposal.

5. Finances

a. Financial overview 2021-2022

i. Financial report by the treasurer, Harry Longman

Harry present budget 2021, no question about the report

ii. Explanatory notes by the audit committee represented by Michael van den Berg / Anke van Dam / Bernd Leinich

Audit committee represented by Bernd Leinich does not have any comments on the financial report

b. Request to discharge the Treasurer and his fellow Executive Board members

No rejections, no abstentions, all in favor which means the membership approves the report and discharges the treasurer.

c. The appointment of an audit committee of three members for the next association year 2022-2023

The current three members, Michael van den Berg, Anke van Dam and Bernd Leinich are willing to continue and are approved by the membership.

d. Budget next association year (2022-2023)

Harry presents briefly the budget for next association year including the plans to invest in some reliable systems to do the members administration (ZOHO & Hivebrite).

Questions and remarks of members:

- *A concern about to do not have the same liquidity risks in the past is expressed*
- *Maria Busuttil: propose to create a specific budget as a security reserve in future: preserve around 60.000 € in three years period*
- *Elena petelos: suggest using low-cost technology to save money, asking for a more specific coding system in the budget plan expanding the actual one*
- *Maria Busuttil: asking for a pilot group about use new platform identified (Hivebrite)*

Vote budget 2022/2023: 1 abstention, all other in favor. Budget for next association year is approved.

6. Executive Board current composition and rotation grid

Judith stays for a new mandate. In 2024 we two Executive Board members will end their second term (Alessandro Mereu and Andrea Canini)

7. Advisory Board, current composition and rotation grid

Maria sincerely thanks our leaving members for their great work and contributions to the EFPC activities and wish to continue our relationship

- a. *Introduction of the eight nominations for six vacancies by a short “elevator pitch”; results of the votes counted by Toni Dedeu and Judith de Jong with Dineke Smit as observing member:*

- Angel Gonzalez 20*
- Annemieke van Ginkel 29*
- Burcu Yurstal 47*
- David Blane 44*
- Patricija Luneznik 48*
- Sandra Rowan 45*
- Veerle Vyncke 40*
- Zaza Tsereteli 30*

Maria congratulates Burcu Yurstal, David Blane, Patricija Luneznik, Sandra Rowan, Veerle Vyncke and Zaza Tsereteli with their new role as EFPC Advisory Board member.

8. The determination of the membership fee for 2022/2023

- *Harry introduces the proposal to increase the fees with 10% starting at 1 January 2023 for all fee levels excluding the Premium Members with the option for individual and small institutional members to request a 50% reduction*
- *Diederik express concern about increasing fees as it may lead to cancellations of poor institutions or changing from large to medium because of financial pressure from financial departments as these will ask why the fee has changed in comparison with the previous years. In the end it will most probably lead to a similar budget from membership fees but than with less members which is not our goal.*

Question and remarks from members:

- *we need to augment the fees but also the service for members*
- *consider that universities cannot be accomplish with an augmentation because of their widely decreased budgets*

- *diversify the income and act to maintain inscriptions especially for members who pay and participate just one time in their life*
- *diversify fees regarding professionals' category*
- *it is not easy to identify a "poor" member just on the basis of its' nationality*
- *ask for a strategic plan to diversify income e rethinking about fees*

A vote is done for the proposal to augment the fees for 10% except for Premium members. Result: 33 rejections, 4 abstentions and 14 in favor. The proposal is rejected.

9. Reports from the EFPC Working Groups

- *Christopher van der Linden reports on the successful You&EFPC session at the conference with many new potential participants.*
- *Walter Marrocco asks for a thank to Pieter van den Hombergh for his dedication for a number of years to the EMA WG. Now he and Elena Petelos will continue to coordinate the EFPC work towards the EMA*
- *Two suggestions for new WG are stated:*
 - *women\gender health*
 - *Greener PC*

10. Other issues on which members want to provide feedback-input

None

11. Closure

Appendixes:

- *Minutes GA 2021, OnLine*
- *Annual report 2021-2022*
- *Business model EFPC as a broker for consultancy work*
- *Financial report 2021-2022*
- *Financial notes 2021-2022*
- *Executive Board rotation grid*
- *Advisory Board rotation grid*
- *Nomination forms Angel Gonzalez*
- *Nomination forms Zaza Tsereteli*
- *Nomination forms Sandra Rowan*
- *Nomination forms Annemieke van Ginkel*
- *Nomination forms Patricija Lunežnik*
- *Nomination forms Burçu Yurstal*
- *Nomination forms Veerle Vyncke*
- *Nomination forms David Blane*
- *Regulations membership fees 2023*