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Report of the executive meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark and of the National General Practitioner Tutor Conference UK at Bosworth Hall, United Kingdom

Copenhagen
The Executive Committee of the European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine met in Copenhagen on 13-14 September 1996. This was an important meeting, as the main item on the agenda was to discuss the collaboration between the European Society and the three Network Organisations, EGPWR (The European General Practice Research Workshop), EURACT (The European Academy of General Practice Teachers) and EQUIP (The European Working Party on Quality Assurance). It was agreed that there should be closer integration of the three Network Organisations with the European Society, and that the Society would provide funding for the administrative costs of each organisation, and in addition, project money that the Network Organisations could bid for to help resource their activities. A new system of integrating the three organisations in the democratic processes of the European Society was agreed. These proposals will be submitted to the Council of the European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine at its annual meeting which will be held in Prague in June 1997.

The Executive Committee discussed the further development of the European Journal of General Practice and would encourage all current subscribers and readers of the Journal to publicise the existence of the Journal more widely, both from the point of view of encouraging new subscriptions, and also to encourage general practitioners and others to submit high quality academic papers for publication in the Journal. The staff of the Journal are currently seeking indexation of the Journal. It is anticipated that this will be achieved in the near future.

The arrangements for the next annual conference of the European Society of General Practice/Family Medicine (WONCA Region Europe) were discussed and confirmed. In addition to the annual European Council meeting, it is planned to hold a general meeting, open to all members of national colleges and individual members of the European Society (WONCA Region Europe), prior to the formal Council meeting. It is hoped that members of national colleges and individual members of the Society will be present at the general meeting in order to express their views on important current developments in general practice in Europe and the work and activities of the Society. The European Society is currently in active negotiations with the European Union of General Practitioners regarding their respective roles in representing the interests and promoting general practice throughout the continent. There are plans for a joint presentation from both societies to the European Commission and Parliament with regard to current activities and the future development of general practice/family medicine in Europe. The general meeting of members of the Society, the European Council meeting and the next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place during the regional conference, to be held in Prague from 30 June to 1 July 1997. Registration forms for the conference can be obtained from the organizers at: Guarant, Attn Dagmar Podhorská, Opletalova 15, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic. Tel: .. 42 2 2421 0650/2421 0652. Fax: .. 42 2 2421 2103/2421 0544. □

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Report on National General Practitioner Tutor Conference UK
In October 1996 one hundred and fifty participants attended Bosworth Hall at Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom, to enjoy three days of fruitful professional and social discussions on the ongoing roles and development of the General Practitioner Tutor Network in the United Kingdom.

The items included:
• The primary care led NHS - the tutor's role
• Learning together
• Workshops - including interactive computer demonstrations

We, as the executive, would be delighted to have European participants in our National 1997 Conference at Bosworth Hall on 10-12 October. Please contact our national office: NAGPT (UK), 17 Spring Lane, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 2TQ, United Kingdom. Phone and Fax: .. 44 161 723 2145.

We look forward to hearing from you all in Europe and other parts of the world and anyone else interested in primary education. ■

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