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THE BRIDGE PROJECT

Currently in its pilot phase, with the first round of this project starting in April 2021, this brings together mostly VdGM members, but also others, from around the world, forming groups to discuss, share and learn together. The aim is to create something after 6 months communicating and collaborating - the outcome is up to the group! We hope this project will be successful and will expand!

For **World Family Doctor Day 2021**, we joined in the campaign by WONCA, creating our own collage or Family Doctors building together!

On the 27th of June we had a **Council meeting** to discuss some important topics for the future of our organisation. We also elected a new policy officer - Ana Cristina Franco Spinola, as well as appointing a new Good Governance Committee, and for the first time, a Finance Committee, that will support our treasurer in her work.

In July a number of us managed to meet face to face, with others joining online for our **hybrid pre-conference in Amsterdam**.

This was a great experience with some fascinating workshops, very good learning and discussion. Our presence during the virtual WONCA Europe Conference following this was also strong!

VdGM Guide - in 2020 the idea came about to create a guide to our organisation that is accessible. This has been completed and published on our website. It includes a 2-page summary which will be translated into all languages represented in VdGM. [Find it here!](#)

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VdGM Activity Report - this looks at our work since 2019; who we are, what we have been doing. [Find it here!](#)

Finally, we would also like to announce a few awards that were given during the WONCA Europe Conference 2021:

Marina Jotic Ivanovic - Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award. This is an award given every 2 years to a VdGM member who has inspired us. Someone who has worked hard both within the organisation as well as within clinical practice. Marina has been an inspiration and is truly deserving of this award! She will be put forward as VdGM's nominee for the WONCA Rising Star Award.

Peter Kurotschka - Junior Researcher Award - for a qualitative study on the experience of GPs across Italy during the early stages of the COVID pandemic with a thematic analysis.

Runners-up were Ebrahim Mulla looking at predicting frailty, and Aviel Nagar looking at a UTI diagnostic tool.

Joana Silva Guerra (went to Washington D.C.) and Eva Leceaga Gaztambide (went to Sri Lanka visiting different cities) - FM360 Exchanges Awards

We also awarded two VdGM Fund bursaries for attendance at our pre-conference in Amsterdam and Online to Jonathan Brill (Israel) and Sara Simonovska (North Macedonia).



Marina Jotic Ivanovic, recipient of the Fons Sips Award 2021.

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