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From the President : Alma Ata 40 – our chance is now



Photo: Nigerian doctors celebrate World Family Doctor Day

May was a very busy month – starting with a very enjoyable and informative trip to visit our members in the Caribbean College of Family Physicians; then the World Health Assembly in Geneva; followed by the WONCA Europe conference in Krakow; and then our WONCA World Executive in Warsaw!

I also spoke at the International Federation of Medical Students' preconference in Geneva, and made contributions in the World Federation of Public Health Associations – with whom we now are an official 'Organisation in Collaboration'.

We celebrated World Family Doctor Day on 19 May – which gives another important opportunity to recognise your hard work and achievements!

Photo: Multiple activities in China organised jointly by three WONCA Member Organizations

I am always inspired by the interactions with colleagues as we go about our work, and want to thank all those with whom I have had contact this month –

including our hardworking Executives and Secretariats, both for WONCA World and for WONCA Europe. So well done to all, working at all levels to develop and recognise family medicine.



But the political environment is less reassuring. At the World Health Organisation, we experienced a new level of access for WONCA, with the President being invited to join the International Advisory Group for the Alma Ata 40th (AA40) anniversary activities, and some of our academic colleagues being involved with the development of technical documents for the AA40 programme of work. However, the major WHO strategic emphasis on achieving universal health coverage (UHC) through strengthening primary care often seems to lack detail, and to focus on a very basic package of care.

The definition of UHC is that all people should be able to obtain the health services they need without suffering significant financial hardship, and that they should get coverage for a range of health promoting, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative services. Service delivery at the primary care level is therefore crucial, ensuring access to integrated health services working for the person and their community across all priority health problems. This requires well trained medical and other workers located close to the population they service - but many of the discussions at WHO do not seem to include any vision of how the medical workforce should be reformed in UHC. This risks leaving the hospital specialist sector to expand further, and that care will continue to be costly due to lack of coordination and early intervention.

We therefore ALL need to make the voice of family medicine heard at country level, to influence your national WHO delegation as they start to read and comment on the AA40 declaration and documents.

I previously sent an advocacy document to all member organisations, and intend to follow this up with a new report and briefing. We shall also be using social media more to get these messages across. But I ask you – each of you reading this – to act on this now. Contact your member organisations leaders, make sure they are in touch with the country level leads for WHO, and help them understand that family doctors in the primary health care team are essential to the meaningful and cost effective achievement of UHC. A community health worker or community nurse will need a doctor with whom they work, in order to refer, advise, diagnose and plan treatment together: also to work on population health needs, and deliver effective care without excess use of hospitals and medications. Finally, we must ask them to recognise and act on the maldistribution of the health workforce – no country can achieve UHC when the rural areas have inadequate workforce, and people are entitled to a full package of care wherever they live. We are acting now to influence what comes out for AA40, and to get family medicine visible in that work: but we need all of you to help!

Amanda Howe
President

Editor's note

This month we present a newsletter mostly focussed on World Family Doctor Day 2018 because of the overwhelming number of submissions received on this topic. The president tells you the latest about the 40th Anniversary of the Alma Ata declaration and we have a couple of usual features such as a rural round up report of the recent WONCA World Rural Health conference held in Delhi and an outline from CEO, Garth Manning, about arrangement for Seoul meetings. We hope you enjoy the World Family Doctor day activity reports.

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Back to the usual format next month

Dr Karen Flegg
WONCA Editor

Rural Round Up: Delhi WONCA Rural conference report



Many have just returned from an extremely successful WONCA World Rural Health conference in Delhi. Report by Pratyush Kumar, HOC Chair and chair of the WONCA Rural South Asia group, WoRSA, and Raman Kumar, President of the Academy of Family Physicians of India. Photo above is of the WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice Council meeting.

The 15th WONCA World Rural Health conference was held in New Delhi from 26-29th April, 2018. Theme of this conference was “Healing the Heart of Healthcare - Leaving No one behind”

More than a thousand delegates (1044) from 40 countries participated in the 15th WONCA world rural health conference held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 26-29th April, 2018. Theme of this conference was “Healing the Heart of Healthcare - Leaving No one behind”. The conference was organized by the Academy of Family Physicians of India in association with WoRSA - WONCA Rural South Asia. The conference aspired to bring rural healthcare on global agenda. This was first ever World Rural Health Conference organized in South Asia, incidentally a quarter of human population, majority of which is based in rural habitat, lives in South Asia.

Inaugural ceremony:

The Honorable Vice President of India Mr M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the conference and highlighted the importance of family doctors and need to improve rural health care. He is also chairman of the upper house of the parliament, in his inaugural speech said “There is a need to promote the concept of family doctor in a big way. A family doctor provides primary and continued care to the entire family within the communities; addresses physical, psychological and social problems; and

coordinates comprehensive healthcare services with other specialists, as needed, Family physicians deliver a range of acute, chronic and preventive medical care services. ([more](#)).



Photo shows the lighting of the lamp

The Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Mr Ashwini Kumar Choubey, graced the occasion as guest of honour. The Mission Director of the Indian National Health Mission (NHM), Mr Manoj Jhalani, delivered the inaugural keynote address. NHM, Government of India officially supported this event.

The conference was covered widely by the mainstream media. The inaugural ceremony was telecast live by the Rajya Sabha TV, the official [TV channel of the Parliament of India](#).

Message from the Prime Minister of India:

The Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi, sent a message to the conference participants and emphasized the importance of rural health. In his message he said “Rural healthcare is one key sector which our government has focused for holistic transformation to ensure the goal of ‘Healthcare for all’”. In India, the event turned out to be excellent platform for policy makers, rural practitioners, public health professional, medical students, healthcare teams and grassroots workers to discuss and deliberate

upon the challenges of meeting the healthcare needs of rural population. Various state governments of India sent their representatives, officers and medical doctors for participating in this conference.

Conference headlighthts and scientific program:



Photo: Pratyush Kumar speaking

An extensive scientific program with 13 keynote speakers, 250 oral presentations 85 e-posters, 60 workshops, 26 Ideathon presentations, 20 panel discussions and 10 symposia spread over eight parallel meeting rooms ran over four days kept the delegates engaged though out. Prof John Wynn-Jones, Chair of the WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice, delivered the annual John MacLeod Oration. Rural health Ideathon with an interesting format attracted many medical students and the Indian Institute of Technology partnered for this segment.

Delegates and guests started arriving before the event. Many delegates took advantage of Pre and Post conference exchanges “Sojourn” and visited various parts of India and closely observed healthcare delivery in rural and remote areas. Rajasthan and Kerala state of India were popular destinations.

The WONCA Rural Council met on 25 April 2018 before the conference and was attended by WONCA rural executives and invited guests. The conference began on 26 April 2018 with rural health assembly which was well attended and appreciated for its wide range of interesting topics. Representatives of rural healthcare providers from various regions of the world presented their respective perspectives.

Photo: Jo Scott-Jones of New Zealand receives his award.

The Health Minister of



Delhi, Mr Satendra Jain, graced the healthcare leadership award ceremony on 27 April 2018. Awards were presented to distinguished health care leaders (and well known RuralWONCA identities) for their exemplary service in rural areas.

FISFA: International Short Film and Arts Festival

(Report by Nishanth Menon) The inaugural edition of FISFA – International Short Film and Arts Festival held in association with the 15th World Rural Health Conference at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi saw a conglomeration of film/ media professionals, student/ amateur film makers and doctors/ medicos showcasing their films broadly themed on healthcare issues. As many as 76 short films on the broad theme of rural health, poverty, good health and wellbeing, nutrition, health education, gender equality, climate action, clean water and sanitation, mental health, human relationships, sexual health, mother and child health, digital health, adolescent health, peace, justice and health innovation were submitted through the website and 42 high quality films short listed by the committee were screened at the festival. The films were categorized as animations, documentaries, fictions, student films and experimental short films in 12 languages from United States, India, England, Portugal, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Australia and South Africa.

National Consultation of strengthening rural healthcare:

Niti Ayog – The policy commission the highest policy making body in India co-hosted a national consultation on strengthening rural healthcare in India, during this conference. Experts and officials from WHO India – SEARO Office, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Representatives of various state governments, functionaries of NGOs and development professionals participated in this consultation. Report and recommendations of the consultation are likely to be published soon.

Student participation, rural café and cultural events

Medical students participated in this conference in big way. The Medical Student Association of India (MSAI)/ IFMSA and JDN (Junior Doctor Network) of the Indian medical association not only actively participated by also took important roles in organizing this conference. Members of Rural Seeds organized a popular “rural café” (pictured

below) during WRHC 2018 which was streamed live. The cultural events of WRHC 2018 truly captured the essence of India and helped delegates relax and enjoy Indian culture and cuisine. Students and artists from University of Delhi contributed to the cultural evening.

Delhi Declaration

During the closing ceremony, Delhi Declaration was adopted, which revisited the Alma Ata Declaration with the aim to achieve a highest possible level of health for the communities we serve, with the goal of “Health For All Rural People.”

Delhi Declaration

This conference will be remembered for its participation by top policy makers, key stakeholders, important health institutions, various

medical universities, high turnout of medical students from all across world. Core rural health issues were well highlighted and correct message was sent across.

Thank you WONCA family:

WRHC 2018 was successfully conducted without any support or sponsorship from pharmaceutical industry, so we thank all participants for their support. The conference organizers thank WONCA leadership for bringing this conference to India. We are grateful to Prof Amanda Howe President WONCA, Dr John Wynn-Jones, Dr Bruce Carter and the entire executive of WONCA Rural for their guidance and support. We are also thankful to Dr Garth Manning, WONCA CEO, and the WONCA Secretariat, for being present for entire duration and providing support to the conference.

Feature Story

Update: Family Medicine in Malawi

John Parks MD is head of the Department of Family Medicine at University of Malawi College of Medicine in Malawi. Here he writes an update on Family Medicine in Malawi.

The [Department of Family Medicine](#), at the University of Malawi College of Medicine was founded in 2011. A founding Faculty member for the department, Dr Luckson Dullie, was profiled on the [WONCA website](#) in 2013. In a prescient quote Dr Dullie reported the Department was “looking at the possibility of developing a model site at which the integration of family medicine into the health system as well as its benefits can be demonstrated.”

Since its founding, the Department has deepened its roots and grown the number of partnerships to deliver Family Medicine education and service in Malawi. The undergraduate rotation in Family Medicine, during MBBS (medical school) year 4, has been in continuous operation since 2011. In 2016, postgraduate training in Family Medicine was [officially launched](#) in our partner district hospital, Mangochi District Hospital, we subsequently have expanded to include a second postgraduate site at Nkhoma Mission Hospital. In 2017 the Department of Family Medicine was formally granted WONCA Academic Membership.

Experiences of Medical Students During Family Medicine Rotation

Medical students at the University of Malawi College of Medicine rotate through a 6-week course in Family Medicine during year 4 of training. This rotation is the only time during five-years of medical school that students do hands-on clinical work at a district hospital before graduating to become medical officers and serve in the districts.



Photo: An MBBS Student in Nkhoma, sharing notes with Dr Hodge

Below are some quotes from medical students at the end of their Family Medicine rotation at Mangochi District Hospital:

“Encouraged to probe more into patient problems so that you can manage all of their

conditions so that they leave satisfied – this allows us to help the patients as much as possible, helped us to develop broader differentials (expand biological assessment)”, MBBS 4 Student.

Photo: MBBS students in Mangochi



“Teamwork, encouraged to handover patients to each other, this allowed us to have follow-up, if things were missed our colleagues would let us know”, MBBS 4 Student.

“I enjoyed it in a way that for once during my training I have seen someone that is educated in the medical field who can actually listen to a student and teach them without trying to embarrass them, even if we are way off” MBBS 4 Student.

“I didn’t want to come to Mangochi – but it has taught me a lot, especially about the setting of the hospital”, MBBS 4 Student.

Here is a link to a video interview with an MBBS 4 Student sharing his experience of the Family Medicine medical school rotation at Mangochi District Hospital: [Interview with Dalitso Chilambe](#)

The relationship that our department has with the District hospital, run by the Malawi Ministry of Health (MOH), has led to slow and steady improvement of the care given to patients. This has been achieved because of the partnership which exists between our students and faculty with the MOH staff at the hospital, with the focus on providing quality care. We call the model in Mangochi a “multi-disciplinary district teaching & learning platform”. This captures the idea that this district hospital is a place we are investing in students from different health backgrounds and institutions (for example: nursing students, clinical officer students,

medical students, physiotherapy students) and invest in education for the local MOH staff at their level of need so that together we provide excellent care for patients.

Mangochi District Hospital Fire

The morning of Sunday, the 15th April 2018, we received sad news about a fire accident that destroyed part of Mangochi District Hospital. After investigating it was found out that the fire was caused by an electrical fault. No one was severely injured during the fire.

In response we started a crowdfunding campaign

(gofundme.com/mangochihospitalfire -which stopped accepting donations on 15-May-2018)

The funds will be used to replace damaged equipment, assist in the rebuilding, and invest in people (trainings for skills relevant to areas affected). Consistent with our history as a College and as a Department, we are working closely with the hospital leadership to facilitate appropriate and transparent use of the funds as part of the relief response. As Dr Dullie envisioned five years ago, this response is an example of how we are integrating “family medicine into the health system” and real demonstration of the “benefits” of partnership.



Photo above: Under 5 Clinical on fire on the fateful day.



Photo: The Under 5 on a normal day before the fire

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Feature: World Family Doctor Day -May 19

World Family Doctor Day (FDD) – 19th May - was first declared by WONCA in 2010 and it has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of our specialty in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all of our patients. It's also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in family medicine and the special contributions of family doctors globally.

This year – 2018 – we chose as the key theme “Family doctors – leading the way to better health”.

Some activities have been submitted to the WONCA editor but of course this is just a small sample of the enormous worldwide activity on this day. Many items were also posted on Facebook and twitter.



World Family Doctor Day – Editor’s picks

This year we saw the words “world Family Doctor day” being translated into more languages including Greek and three Indian languages as shown in the series of posters below.



Many countries now develop their own posters incorporating the World Family Doctor day logo there are numerous poster examples in the reports to follow but here are a couple of interesting ones.

A beautiful and colourful poster from Hong Kong at right

In Qatar – the poster was on a car – one version in Arabic and another in English.



Nigeria produced T-shirts with their theme



Portugal another great poster at left.

And Innovative ideas keep coming with new things every year. IN Spain -the #LoveMFyC” meaning “Keep Calm and Love Family Medicine” campaign was run with great success and engagement



Another innovation: A book from New Zealand – “a day in the life of a kiwi GP”. You can see the book and some support videos on this [page-website](http://www.facebook.com/woncaworld/videos/1556546934442595/)

Young Doctors’ Movement focus

This year's #WFDD2018 is about leadership. What do the young doctors think about the topic "Family doctors – leading the way to better health"? Let's hear from them first-hand! In this video



VIDEO: "Family doctors – leading the way to better health"?
<https://www.facebook.com/woncaworld/videos/1556546934442595/>

Family doctors-leading the way to better health -the young doctors’ perspective

- family doctors are the first point of contact with the healthcare system
- family medicine is an art based on the values of compassion friendship and humility
- care in family medicine is provided from cradle to grave, following a holistic model that integrates a biopsychosocial approach
- teamwork and leadership skills are core competencies of a family doctor
- Young family doctors are the family doctors of the future
- Using mHealth and eHealth, young family doctors are leading the way into innovative solutions to provide healthcare
- Strengthening the collaboration and promoting the inter-peer knowledge exchange is helping young family doctors to step out of their comfort zone and to draw creative strategies for the patients and communities.

The young doctor who advocates for family medicine is the leader of tomorrow

Africa region

The WONCA Member Organizations MOs in Africa Region especially MOs in Nigeria celebrated 2018 World Family Doctor Day with pomp and pageantry. Dan Abubakar, region secretary reports mostly on Nigerian activities.

Nigeria

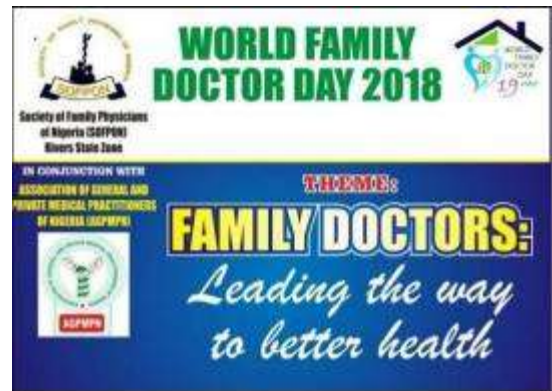
Association of General and Private Medical Practitioners of Nigeria AGPMPN, & Society of Family Physicians of Nigeria SOFPON & National PostGraduate Medical College of Nigeria NPMCN.

AGPMPN and SOFPON had joint activities in many states of Nigeria to mark the WFDD 2018. Many states in Nigeria had activities including Free Medical Outreaches to Market places, schools, Prison Inmates, Motor parks; Advocacy visits to Policy Makers; Radio talk shows and interviews; TV shows; Health walks; Lectures; Symposia; Plenary sessions; Launching of Online tool for consultation and data work (KompleteCare software); Press conferences and so on.

A lot of other tools used during the WFDD 2018 celebrations in Nigeria include Colourful branded T-shirts, Beautiful banners, Stickers, etc to draw attention to the Central role of the Family Dr in providing continuous, comprehensive patient / community centred care.

Most of the activities to mark this year's WFDD started on the 17th of May and climaxed on the 19th of May 2018.

There are other activities that are still ongoing till end of this week; these include stepdown training on the KompleteCare online consultation program and EagleSearch Treatment of Road crash victims.



Asia Pacific region

Hong Kong SAR, China

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP)

The broadcast of the new series of the TV Drama “My Family Doctor 3” (我的家庭醫生三), is scheduled to commence on 19 May 2018 (Sat), to coincide with, and in celebration of, the World Family Doctor Day, and it will run for five consecutive weeks. The new series will feature five different stories of family doctors caring for their patients and families, in the community setting of Hong Kong, to promote the concept and illustrate the importance of family doctors.

Same as the last two well-acclaimed series in 2016 and 2017, this new series is produced by Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), in collaboration with the Primary Care Office (PCO), Department of Health, with full professional support in production by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians.

The poster is available [here](#)



An interview article with HKCFP representatives would be published in the local Newspaper “Headline Daily”, one of the newspapers with the highest circulation, on 18 May 2018 (Fri), the day before the World Family Doctor Day.

HKCFP representatives will also attend the live Radio Programme ‘Healthpedia’ of Radio Television Hong Kong on 18 May 2018, Friday, to promote both the WFDD and the TV programme series.

The programme link will be shared in the College Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hkcfp/> when it is available.

China

General Practice Branch of the Chinese Medical Association Chinese Medical Doctor Association for General Practitioner, Cross-straits Medicine Exchange Association

To celebrate World Family Doctor Day 2018, under the guidance of the National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China, the General Practice Branch of the Chinese Medical Association, the Chinese Medical Doctor Association for General Practitioner, the Cross-straits Medicine Exchange Association Commission of General Practice, jointly organised celebration activities and large scale publicity activities with the theme of "Family doctor: I promise, I practice". The main celebration venue was in Shenyang, Liaoning, and parallel sessions were set up in Beijing, Shanghai Changning, Hangzhou, Nanjing. More than 3,000 family doctors participated in the activities.



A “Family doctor call for action” was released, the video “An appointment with your Family Doctor”, jointly produced was broadcast, whilst family doctors from all over China responded positively to solemnly pledge the General Practitioner’s oath.



Photo of the main venue of Shenyang

Liqun Liu, Deputy Supervisor of the Primary Health Department of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, together with Professor Shanzhu Zhu, Member-at-large of WONCA Asia Pacific Region, Chairman of the Society of General Practice of Cross-Straits Medicine Exchange Association; Professor Xueping Du, President of the General Practice Branch of Chinese Medical Doctor Association; and Professor Xiaosong Yu, Chairman of the Society of General Practice of the Chinese Medical Association, attended the celebration activities on site. Professor Donald Li, the President-Elect of WONCA, extended his heartiest congratulations to all the family doctors in China via a video message.



Photos of Theatrical Programs in Shenyang

The family doctors at the main celebration venue in Shenyang participated in theatrical programs and large-scale free public consultations.

On May 17, Beijing held a "519 World Family Doctor Day General Practice Academic Symposium". On May 19, Around 2000 people, including more than 900 family doctors from the Community Health Service Centers from 16 Districts, together with more than 1000 residents who had signed service contracts with these family doctors as well as staff from related departments of the municipal government, heads of social organisations, enthusiastic community health promotion volunteers participated in the "Together we walk, with our doc" brisk walking activity for health.



Photos of Celebration Activities in Beijing

Every district of Shanghai launched a celebratory cycling activity with the theme of "I give a "like" to the family doctors" from May 13-18. The community residents performed group healthy exercises at the main venue. There were media street interviews of the family doctors and their residents who had signed service contracts with them. Free medical consultations were paired up with a health forum. All these provided an opportunity for those residents who have signed service contracts to truly exhibit their charismatic healthy image as well as promote the health management concept behind signing service contracts which leads to better health of the public.

On May 19, more residents learned about the benefits of signing service contracts with family doctors. More than 20 experts provided on-site free consultations. As a result Xuanwu Hospital and 14 Community Health Service Centers in Xuanwu District managed to sign service contracts with community residents through these promotional activities in Nanjing.

Across the nation, Provinces demonstrated the characteristics and results of the family doctor contract services to the public through a variety of ways, which were comprehensive, holistic and providing rich contents. Meanwhile, family doctors being the gatekeepers of good health of the public, will provide high quality services with better skills and remaining in high spirits as they are committed to: "I promise, I practice"!

Taiwan

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) Association of Family Medicine (TAFM)

On May 19, TAFM celebrated the 2018 Family Doctor Day at the Taipei Mayor's Residence Art Salon. This is the 8th annual activity since 2011 and there were more than a hundred attendees. Professor Shinn-Jang Hwang, President of TAFM gave his opening remark and Prof Amanda Howe, WONCA President has kindly sent a video greeting from afar. Professor Meng-Chih Lee, President of WONCA Asia Pacific Region (APR), and Dr Brian Chang, Honorary Secretary of APR, were also invited as distinguished guests.



The highlight of the function was the miniconcert. Dr Chang Sheng-Hui, a famous flautist as well as practicing family doctor, was accompanied at the piano by his sister. Their presentation was followed by the violin performance of Mr Liang Kun How, the Concertmaster of our National Symphony Orchestra. The music presentations were so exquisite and brought down the house in that afternoon.

Next was the important time of award ceremony. Prizes and certificates were given to three outstanding family doctors, five best teachers in primary care (pictured), and two best video clips. The winners also received presented flowers from their families, and big applauses from the attendees.



Prof Tsung Hsueh Lu, a family doctor and incumbent Director of the Health Bureau of Taichung City Government, gave a talk on better healthcare through IT technology. In the courtyard of

Mayor's Residence Art Salon, there were refreshments and educational games concerning the Q/A of primary health care issues which provided many barricades to break through. All the participants enjoyed the World Family Doctor Day celebrative activities. Importance concepts and values of Family Medicine were conveyed, not only to the participating citizens, but also to the public via the local media.

New Zealand

Royal New Zealand College of GPs

To celebrate World Family Doctor Day 2018, we invited our members to tell us about a typical working day for them. We collated some of the comments received into an online book and shared other comments via our social media channels. The comments demonstrate just how varied our general practitioners' work is - how busy they are - and how many people they help.

Video example link <https://vimeo.com/268321751>

You can see the book and some support videos on this page of our [website](#)

To acknowledge the work our GPs do, and in celebration of World Family Doctor Day on 19 May, we asked College members to tell us what a typical day in general practice might look like. You can read some of the comments we received in this booklet 'A Day in the Life of a Kiwi GP'.



Myanmar

General Practitioners' Society, Myanmar Medical Association



On May 19, 2018 at Mandalay Myanmar Medical Association Building, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM,

(1) Round table Discussion on "Family Doctors: Past, Present, and Future" by writers cum family doctors, Dr Tin Tin Win (Ju), Dr Soe Win (Jo Zaw) and Dr Myint Zaw.

(2) "Exploring Family Medicine in UK" by Dr Aye Kyi, RCGP-ITS award winner,

(3) "My Life as a Family Doctor" by Dr Moe Moe Khine. Lucky Draw and Refreshment were done.



East Mediterranean region

Jordan

Jordan Society of Family Medicine (JSFM)



JSFM in collaboration with family medicine department in Jordan Ministry of Health celebrates WFDD by organizing scientific activity to family medicine residents in the MOH, More than one hundred attendees were participated. The activity took place on 13 May.



Photo above: collective picture with Dr Mohammed Tarawneh JSFM secretary general and Dr Mai Haddidi head of family medicine department in the MOH few trainers and family medicine residents in the MOH.

Photo at right- scientific activity.



Qatar

Qatar PHC corporation

On the occasion of the WFDD the Qatar PHC corporation celebrated this day by organizing a scientific event in Sheraton hotel Doha, the event composed of lectures on diabetes and prevention for this disease to the public, awards were presented to the best PHC sittings who fulfil special criteria.



Group photo at Qatar event and at right car with poster in English. Another version has a woman family doctor with poster in Arabic.



Europe region

Italy



Europe region

Republica Srpska.

Association of Family Physicians of Republika Srpska

In the Novak Hotel in Karakaj (Zvornik) on May 18, 2018, World Family Doctor Day was marked under the slogan "Family doctor the best way to health".

The marking program started with educational sessions on topics in cardiology, the organization of work of family medicine teams, and the promotion of new guides for the treatment of certain clinical problems. There are about 200 doctors in all parts of the Republic of Srpska.

At a gala evening, they were greeted by Dr Dragan Bogdanic, the Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, for their personal contribution to the development of family medicine model and support in the work of the Association of Doctors of Family Medicine of RS.

Photo: Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, Dr Dragan Bogdanic with Dr Draško Kuprešak, president of Association of Family Medicine Doctors of Republika Srpska



Others were congratulated including Prof Sinisa Miljkovic, the president of the RS Doctor's Association, for the invaluable cooperation of the society in the implementation of the CME program; the mayor of Zvornik, Mr Zoran Stevanovic for support in organizing the celebration of the World Day of Family Medicine Doctors of RS; and for personal engagement in the field of development of the model of family medicine in the health system of the Republic of Srpska to Prof Gordana Tesanovic



In the square of the city of Zvornik on May 19, there were free measurements of health parameters with the focus on screening atrial fibrillation, which examined over 250 citizens.

Spain

Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (sem FYC)

On the occasion of the World Family Doctor Day 2018, 19 May, in Spain, semFYC has been actively campaigning for the entire National Healthcare System to put in value our specialty "key to the present and the future sustainability of health". In Dr Salvador Tranche's words (President semFYC), the specialty "requires the involvement of all the players in politics for a better future management of the National Healthcare System in order to achieve a real commitment to the specialty, both social and political".

#LoveMFyC campaign

This year, semFYC joined World Family Doctor Day with a Social Network campaign named "Keep calm and Love



MFyC #LoveMFyC” (meaning Keep Calm and Love Family Medicine). The campaign has achieved a huge success. Up to 2 million users have joined this hashtag on Twitter – being the most successful health campaign ever led by a scientific society of Family Medicine in Spain – as well as on Facebook, in which we have increased our traffic up to 600% more than the average. The main scientific journals on science and medicine have echoed #LoveMFyC.

The question of this campaign was a simple one: “And you, why do you Love Family Medicine”, so that each expose the reasons why they’ve chosen this specialty. Dr Verónica Casado (5 star doctor of WONCA Europe in 2017, and Iberoamérica CIMF, in 2018), explained why she loves Family Medicine:

“I love the MFyC because it is not only a discipline, a specialty, a profession, a strategy for health, a set of activities that have the person as the center of attention but because it is a way to understand medicine and a true philosophy of life”

Portugal

Portuguese Association of General and Family Medicine - APMGF

World Family Doctor Day’s celebration in Portugal involved approximately 400 family doctors and Family Medicine residents, divided in to more than 50 groups, nationwide. In 2018, Portuguese family



doctors chose the motto “Together in Health” and an effort was made to carry out activities that underlined the importance of close ties between health professionals, community organizations and citizens to assure better healthcare services for families.

Photo 1: North Portugal activities.
Photo 2 Lisbon exercise promotion



In almost every district of Portugal there was a group of energetic family doctors and Family Medicine residents in contact with the population, manly in public spaces like parks, markets, sport arenas, etc. Track walks, bicycle tours, fitness and zumba classes were some of the most popular events across the territory and at the end, in practically every situation, there was a stand with useful information (in the form of leaflets, brochures, info cards,

magazines) that stressed the relevance of a healthy lifestyle, a balanced diet, smoking abstinence and exercising routines as well as the crucial role that the family doctor can play in this context, when called upon. In many places family doctors and other professionals (nutritionists, psychologists, physiotherapists and exercise specialists) were also available for counselling. The Portuguese Association of General and Family Medicine’s National Board also promoted a «Health Inclusive Walk», in Lisbon, departing from its headquarters to one of the city’s largest parks. There, the walkers joined another group of family doctors for outdoor and awareness raising activities.

Two cardinal messages were incorporated into the activities. First, that disease prevention starts with an active and healthy lifestyle, a goal that might be more easily achieved with the help of your family doctor. This is even more relevant now, at a time when inactivity and obesity rates are reaching

alarming levels in Portugal (particularly in children and teenagers). Secondly, that although every National Health System user has the constitutional right to have a family doctor – the country is very close to fulfil that collective aspiration – we all need to take a closer look at the conditions in which family doctors work. Therefore, a conscientious attempt was made to explain to the population that family doctors can only do a good job if they have the right organizational framework (advanced family health units), an adequate team of health professionals on their side and the correct equipment and facilities.

Greece

Greek Association of GPs ((ELEGEIA)

On World Family Doctor Day (FDD), ELEGEIA took the initiative to organise an informative as well as interactive event for all citizens in Athens. The event took place in the Syntagma Square, the capital's most central spot. Having first informed all of its members accordingly, ELEGEIA proceeded in installing an exhibition booth, ornamented with both the ELEGEIA and the FDD logos. The booth was installed just across the Greek Parliament.

GP's attending the event, wearing T-shirts with the booth logos, distributed a total of 5000 leaflets to people passing by and informed them thoroughly concerning the role and importance of Family Medicine in Health Systems, while at the same time indulged themselves in interacting and in answering any questions asked by the people. The event was a big success in the sense that the Greek public responded by showing a high level of interest, in terms of appreciating our efforts towards the future of Family Medicine and acknowledging the tremendous impact which it entails in their lives.



Romania

Romanian National Society of Family Medicine

In 2018 a new journal called Romanian Journal of Family Medicine is founded by Dr Marinela Olarioiu, former president of the Romanian Society of General Practitioners/Family physicians an former member WONCA. See <https://revmedfam.ro/engleza/>

Slovenia

Slovenian Family Medicine Society

This year we decided to celebrate our day by organizing a press conference May 17, 2018 at the Domus Medica, the seat of Slovenian Medical Chamber in Ljubljana. Four colleagues were invited as the speakers. Varying in their experience, age and positions they represented the richness of individuals in our speciality.



Mateja Bulc, MD, PhD, the president of EUOPREV, assistant professor at the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana; Davorina Petek, MD, PhD, Vice President of EGPRN, associate professor at the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana; Aleksander Stepanović, MD, PhD, assistant teacher, CEO of Community Health Center of Škofja Loka; Veronika Vezjak, MD, second year trainee/resident in family medicine.



Several reporters responded and consequently, different items were raised. Not all of them positive, the lack of interest for specializing in Family Medicine was noted (only seven posts out of the 59 available in Slovenia this spring were filled). Inevitably, the issue of financial penalties for unnecessary and too hasty referrals as ruled by Ministry of Health were blamed for this. Nevertheless, all the four doctors shared what they still found motivating and where the beauty was to be found in being a family doctor.

Earning and being worthy of the trust of the patients, the clinical variety of the work, the richness of different approaches and techniques, the sincere and strong partnership with the patients built through years, seeing a young person grow, start a new family and walk through all the stages of the family, making a difference by working in the community... We do love our work. It may not be the easiest thing in the world, but it is a challenge and a privilege to be a family doctor.

See the links below. And yes, sorry, it is all in Slovene language...what else would you expect?
[Story 1.](#) [Story 2.](#) [Story 3.](#) [Story 4.](#)

Germany

German College of General Practice/Family Medicine (DEGAM)

In celebration of World Family Doctor Day DEGAM presented a new position paper on general practitioners which is called „Why we need a primary care system in Germany“. It focusses on the role of the family physician as a gatekeeper. You can find the paper (only German) on our [website](#): In advance of Family Doctor Day all representatives of university family medicine in Germany met to discuss the future tasks in science, teaching and postgraduate training (see photo).



Turkey

Turkish Association of Family Physicians (TAHUD)

Integrating souls and mind to our body health. Tai chi, for body-soul and mind well-being in this special day. Uludag University Department of Family Medicine (UUDFM) designed a program, and invite to join everyone announcing it by social media, Facebook and Instagram. Members of UUDFM, medical students and staff members gathered in the late morning in an open grassy area of the university hospital. Two banners have hanged; one in English and one in Turkish related this special day. Our first banner is 'The World is a family, Family is ALL, Protect (family) HEALTH'. Under the leadership of a Tai chi instructor Mr. Ugur KURKCU, all participants were both entertained and celebrated this meaningful day.



North America region

Canada:

Let's celebrate World Family Doctor Day

As published last month Guillaume Charbonneau, MD, President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada wrote to Canadian Family doctors: This is reproduced in part here.

... There are many reasons why we should be proud of being family physicians. We know that health care systems with strong primary care services generate better results in terms of population health, health equity, and cost-effectiveness.

It is equally important to remember that, in Canada, our contributions go beyond primary care. We are also important providers of emergency services, maternal and neonatal care, hospital care, home care, and long-term care. Furthermore, we adapt our practices to the needs of our communities, and many of us develop an expertise in other domains to better address those needs. This level of flexibility can be demanding, but we do it to improve the availability of services locally and regionally.

We are experts in medical generalism. This expertise is difficult to acquire and maintain, but it is essential to respond more efficiently and cost-effectively to the needs of the population.

It is important to remember that approximately 19 per cent of the Canadian population lives in a rural area. They are served by only 8 per cent of Canadian physicians, and most of those physicians are family doctors.

Family medicine is almost non-existent in many countries. Through the Besroux Centre the College of Family Physicians of Canada seeks to create partnerships with physicians abroad, and supports them in developing our discipline in their countries by sharing our expertise and Canadian experiences. These relationships also allow us to learn from our partners so we may continue to advance our specialty in Canada.

Let us join our colleagues around the world in celebrating our specialty. Let us be proud of being family doctors and ensure that the true value of our discipline is recognized. We must also always strive to increase our value by improving the quality of care we provide and our accessibility.

South Asia region

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians



The Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians has celebrated World Family Doctors Day 2018. The governors of the Academy has chalked out one program outside Dhaka and second program at its head office inside Dhaka.

On 11 May 2018, Friday and weekly holiday, a program was arranged in the capital city of Dhaka and in Dohar, 30 km from the capital city. A rally was organized at Dhaka and at Dohar. After the rally a sumptuous breakfast was served to the participants.

At the discussion meeting the Academy President and WONCA South Asia president Prof Kanu Bala was the chief guest. Prof Md Nurul Islam, past vice president of WONCA MESAR was the special guest. The meeting was presided over by Prof Ainul Islam Choudhury. Dr Md. Abdul Quayum, secretary general of the academy conducted the meeting. Dr Jamal Uddin Ahmed and Dr Suheli Akhter arranged the whole Dohar programme. They entertained the participants with a lavish dinner at their residence. In the evening the participants visited the Great River Padma.



The second phase of the programme will be organized on 25 May 2018. The Academy will organize a discussion on WFDD at 9.00 am. The 'Monthly Continuing Professional Development' programme will follow the discussion meeting.

India

Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI)

FDD was celebrated by members of AFPI across India on 19th May 2018. Many of these events were conducted under banner of various local state chapters. We have received formal reports from states of Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Delhi, UP etc. Members organized free health camps for poor people and their patients. Photo 1 is in Kolkata



FDD was celebrated both at government facilities and private practices. AFPI Rural ran a social media campaign by disseminating information of Family

Doctors Day in various Indian languages. Observing FDD at family practices has gained momentum in recent years in India by general practitioners and family physicians. FDD is an apt opportunity to spread awareness about services family doctors provide to the society. The tradition of family doctors was on decline till recent times however common man continues trust and value the role of healthcare system in India. Academy of Family Physicians of India is spearheading the movement of mainstreaming and institutionalize family physicians and family medicine in India. Photo 2 is in Bihar.



AFPI project SETU celebrated. The aim of this project is to improve the standards of Primary care across India by bridging the gap between Urban and Rural Physicians. We want to create and facilitate opportunities so that Family physicians can go to villages and those from rural areas can experience urban successes and challenges.



Pakistan

College of Family Medicine Pakistan

We celebrated World Family Doctors Day on 6th May, 2018 due to Holy month of Ramzan which start from 17th May, 2018.

Prof Riaz Qureshi of AKU deliver lecture on “Family doctors – leading the way to better health” as announced by WONCA.



The following famous Medical personalities participated and talk about Family Medicine on the occasion: Prof Saeed Qureshi, Vice Chancellor of Dow Medical University of Health Science invited as Chief Guest and distributed the awards.

Guest of Honours awards presented to: Prof Ejaz Vohra, Prof of Medicine, Ziauddin Medical University; Prof S. H. M. Zaidi, Rtd. Prof of Radiotherapy, JPMC, Karachi presently serving as Prof of Oncology in Baqi Medical University, Karachi; Prof Muhammad Iqbal Memon, Rtd. Prof of Paed Medicine Dow University of Health Science presently serving as Prof of Paed Medicine in Sir Syed Medical College.

Life Time achievement award presented to: Prof Sadiqa Jaffarey, Rtd. Prof of Gynae & Obst JPMC, Karachi. Friends of Family Medicine award presented to Prof Rukhsana W. Zubari, AKU; Prof Naseem Salahuddin, AKU; Prof Asma Fouzia Qureshi, AKU.

Excellence in Family Medicine award presented to: Dr Badar Sabir Ali, Former Vice President of CFMP and Associate Prof Family Medicine AKU; Dr Roshan Ali Hemani, Founder member of CFMP and famous Family Physician.; Dr G. Hyder Ali Dina, Senior Life member of CFMP and famous Family Physician.

Academic Members

Canada

University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM)

Prof Michael Kidd reports from his new post in Toronto Canada:

This year, DFCM is running a social campaign to celebrate World Family Doctor Day on May 19th. Thank you to all of you who shared great stories for Doctors' Day earlier this month.

Our campaign will celebrate and document your journeys as family physicians, with the aim of inspiring our medical students, the next generation of doctors, to join us in family medicine and to become powerful advocates for primary care.

To participate in the campaign, we invite you to answer one, or more, of the following questions and email your response to dfcm.communications@utoronto.ca.

What are you most proud of in your career as a family doctor?
Why did you choose to become a family doctor?
What advice do you have for aspiring family doctors?
What is the most satisfying thing about being a family doctor?
Who is the family doctor who inspires you the most?
Name three features of a great family doctor.

Let's celebrate World Family Doctors Day!



Resources added in May

PEARLS

Practical Evidence About Real Life Situations PEARLS are brief (minimalistic summaries) of Cochrane Primary care systematic reviews with the answer in the title (so you only read the ones you like). Some PEARLS have become accessible that were not available last year.

[Access all PEARLS here](#)

- 562 Standardised packaging reduces tobacco use
- 561 No effective interventions for molluscum contagiosum
- 560 Topical analgesics effective for acute and chronic pain
- 559 Shared care effective for depression
- 558 Psychosocial interventions effective for smoking cessation in pregnancy
- 557 Industry sponsorship influences research outcomes
- 556 Breastfeeding support improves outcomes
- 555 Limited evidence for benefits of prophylactic drug treatment for febrile seizures
- 554 Moisturisers beneficial for eczema
- 553 Non-medical prescribers effective in management of chronic disease
- 552 Topical capsaicin effective for chronic neuropathic pain
- 551 Topical analgesics effective for acute and chronic pain
- 550 Psychosocial therapy of some benefit in recurrent abdominal pain in childhood

Goodfellow Gems

Goodfellow Gems are chosen by the Goodfellow director Dr Bruce Arroll to be either practice changing or practice maintaining. The information is educational and not clinical advice. ©The Goodfellow Unit. Here is the latest example.

[Highlights from 2017 BPAC antibiotic guide](#)

Shorter courses of antibiotics, more intensive dosing regimens and reserving broader spectrum antibiotics for specific scenarios.

Sinusitis: Most cases are not bacterial - consider inhaled nasal steroid. Consider antibiotics when symptoms that persist for more than ten days, severe symptoms or fever (>39 °C) and purulent nasal discharge or facial pain lasting for at least three consecutive days, or onset of worsening symptoms after initial improvement. Amoxil first line.

Impetigo: antiseptics first line (hydrogen peroxide 1% cream or povidone-iodine 10% ointment for 5 days. Topical antibiotics are strongly discouraged. Oral antibiotics second line or for widespread infection.

Cellulitis now shorter at 5 days with flucloxacillin 500 mg QID. Amoxicillin clavulanate first line for diabetic foot infections and human/animal bite if infected.

Diverticulitis: mild cases don't need antibiotics; if needed then trimethoprim + sulfamethoxazole 960 mg, twice daily, with metronidazole, 400 mg, three times daily, for five days.

references online

[All GEMS](#)



WONCA CONFERENCES

Arrangements for Seoul

[From the CEO's Desk](#) [Conference News and Reports](#)

A reminder about the arrangements and timetable for Seoul, and please don't forget to register soon. .

There are really four (or even five) events, staged back to back at WONCA conferences. It all starts with a meeting of the WONCA World Executive, then the Regional Councils, followed by the World Council meeting. Then just before the conference gets under way many of WONCA Working Parties (WPs) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) hold a meeting, or even a full pre-conference event, and our Young Doctor Movements (YDMs) also arrange a pre-conference. Finally there is the World Conference itself. I'll take each of these events in turn.

WONCA Executive -October 11-12 at Incheon

The WONCA executive will hold its fourth, and final, full meeting of the 2016-18 biennium on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th October. Much of the meeting is devoted to preparations for the World Council, but it is also a chance for the outgoing Executive to reflect on their achievements over the two years, and to give those remaining on Executive a chance to identify key priorities for the two years ahead.

Regional Councils - October 13 at Incheon

All WONCA regions hold a meeting of their Council on the day before World Council begins. For 2018 this will take place on Saturday 13th October, with Europe and Iberoamericana Councils meeting all day and the remainder meeting for half a day. One key decision each Council must make is to confirm their nomination for Regional President for the biennium ahead, as this recommendation has to be put to World Council for endorsement.

WONCA World Council - October 14-16 at Incheon

The full meeting of our World Council – the governing body of the organization – will take place from 9am on Sunday 14th through to lunchtime on Tuesday 16th October. Location and more detailed logistics are highlighted below. Well in advance of the meeting, the Secretariat will contact all WONCA Member Organizations asking for a formal notification of their representative (and observer, if any). Only properly accredited and documented representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meeting, so it's vital that all MOs inform the Secretariat in good time and with accurate information, otherwise you will lose your vote. There will, inevitably, be many papers relating to Council business, but we hope to have those circulated by the beginning of October, and they will also be provided in soft copy at the meeting.

WONCA WPs, SIGs and YDMs - October 17 at CoEX

On Wednesday 17th October all WONCA WPs and SIGs will have the opportunity to hold a meeting, whether for a whole day or just half a day. Some of these groups opt to run a workshop-type event, as a way of better engaging with members and potential members. Our YDMs will also hold a pre-conference that day, which is being organized and coordinated by our YDM colleagues in Korea

WONCA World Conference - October 17-21 at CoEX

Finally, and after all the hors d'oeuvres, come the main course – the WONCA World Conference. With seven plenaries and at least 16 parallel sessions, there will be something for everyone, and the Korean Host Organizing Committee has worked really hard to ensure an interesting and exciting programme. As has been the trend in recent years, there will be more workshops and fewer oral presentations, but there will be a vast range of topics covered, with a real emphasis on the challenges for family medicine of an ageing population. There will also be a number of skills workshops, so go on line to find these and book your place.

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The conference website has very full details of all aspects of the event, from a list of plenary speakers, to the offer of awards and travel grants, to a list of local hotels and tours, so I strongly urge you to go on line and have a look.

[Conference website](#)

Logistics

This year, logistics take a slightly different format from some more recent ones, in that the Council venue and conference venue are different. There were a number of reasons for this, but one of them was to try to offer a more cost-effective location for Council, as Seoul is a very expensive city, and we wanted to encourage as big an attendance at Council meetings as possible.

Thus the first three events listed above – Executive, Regional Council and World Council – will take place at the [Incheon Sheraton Hotel](#), quite close to the international airport. There is a regular shuttle bus from Incheon Airport to the hotel, with fares at 7,000 Won (around \$6) and the journey takes around 30 minutes. We have negotiated a special price at the hotel for WONCA delegates, and hopefully the system will be able to accept bookings, at the corporate rate, in the near future. We have also asked the conference organizers to identify a number of other hotels in the vicinity, at varying prices, which may especially be of interest to those on a more limited budget.

Many delegates will wish to transfer on Tuesday 16th October from Incheon to the Gangnam district of Seoul, home to the conference venue. We hope to have a coach service available, at a very reasonable price, from Incheon Sheraton to a central location in Gangnam – most probably the transport hub within the CoEx complex. All meetings for WPs and SIGs, and the YDM pre-conference, will take place at CoEx.

There is a wide choice of hotels, at a variety of prices, all within easy reach of CoEx, the conference venue, and these are detailed on the [conference website](#) - . Finally at the end of the conference there are regular shuttle buses from CALT – the city airport bus terminal at CoEx – back to Incheon airport every 20 minutes or so at a cost of 15,000 Won (\$14). Journey time is around 90 minutes.

I really do recommend everyone to look at the conference website, as this contains some very useful information. It's also worth returning to the website from time to time for periodic updates on the programme.

Dr Garth Manning
Chief Executive Officer

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WONCA Seoul abstracts close

Dear Colleagues,

As Chairman of the Organizing Committee, I welcome your participation in the 22nd WONCA World Conference 2018 Seoul, under the theme “Primary Care in the Future: Professional Excellence.” I am glad to announce that many colleagues have submitted their ideas, and we now have received over 1,200 abstracts. With only one week remaining until the submission deadline, I encourage you to submit your abstracts today and share your recent achievements. Don't be late and miss out! Deadline for abstract submission: May 31(Thur)

[Submit your abstract](#)

For inquiries about the program or submitting an abstract, please contact us at abstract@wonca2018.com.

The most outstanding abstracts will be selected for the Best Oral and Poster Presentation Awards. It will be a wonderful opportunity to present and share your ideas with your colleagues from around the world.

If you haven't yet registered for WONCA 2018 Seoul, you are encouraged to do so at your earliest convenience to take advantage of special pre-registration rates. Pre-registration closes July 31(Tuesday)

[Register now!](#)

For inquiries about registration or visas, please contact us at regi@wonca2018.com.

We are confident that WONCA 2018 Seoul will be a unique experience for networking and collaboration with valuable opportunities that will be valuable to your career. For further information, please contact the Secretariat at seoul@wonca2018.com and our staff will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to meeting you in Seoul, Korea.

Best regards,
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March 20-23, 2019	East Mediterranean region conference 2019	Beirut, LEBANON	Save the dates.
May 1-4, 2019	Congreso Iberoamericano de Medicina Familiar 2019	Tijuana, MEXICO	Save the dates.
May 15-18, 2019	WONCA Asia Pacific region conference	Kyoto, JAPAN	www.c-linkage.co.jp/woncaaprc2019kyoto
June 5-8, 2019	WONCA Africa region conference	Kampala, UGANDA	Save the dates.
June 26-29 2019	WONCA Europe región conference	Bratislava, SLOVAK REPUBLIC	www.woncaeurope2019.com
November 22-24, 2019	South Asia region conference 2019	Lahore, PAKISTAN	Save the dates.

WONCA CONFERENCES 2020

March 24-28, 2020	WONCA Asia Pacific region conference	Auckland, NEW ZEALAND	Save the dates
April 21-22, 2020	VIII Cumbre Iberoamericana de Medicina Familiar	San Juan PUERTO RICO	
June 17-20, 2020	WONCA Europe región conference	Berlin, GERMANY	Save the dates
November 26-29, 2020	WONCA World conference	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Save the dates

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16 Jun - 18 Jun 2018	9th Annual Conference of Japan Primary Care Association Mie Prefecture, Japan
23 Jun - 24 Jun 2018	8th Hong Kong Primary Care Conference Aberdeen, Hong Kong
26 Jul - 29 Jul 2018	RNZCGP Conference for General Practice Auckland, New Zealand
16 Aug - 20 Aug 2018	TUFH 2018: Community Empowerment for Health Limerick, Ireland
21 Sep - 22 Sep 2018	EURACT Medical Education conference Leuven, Belgium
27 Sep - 30 Sep 2018	VIII Congreso internacional de Medicina Familiar Bayahibe, La Romana, República Dominicana
04 Oct - 06 Oct 2018	RCGP annual primary care conference Glasgow, United Kingdom
09 Oct - 13 Oct 2018	AAFP Family Medicine Experience New Orleans, USA

11 Oct - 14 Oct 2018	EGPRN meeting Sarajevo-Bosnia and Herzegovina
11 Oct - 13 Oct 2018	RACGP GP18 Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
14 Nov - 17 Nov 2018	Family Medicine Forum / Forum en médecine familiale Toronto, Canada
14 Nov - 16 Nov 2018	EURIPA Rural Health Forum Maale Hechemisha, Israel
15 Nov - 18 Nov 2018	17th International Conference of Iraqi Family Physicians Society (IFPS) Baghdad, Iraq
27 Nov - 30 Nov 2018	XX Congreso Chileno de Medicina Familiar & VIII Congreso Cono Sur CIMF-WONCA Santiago, Chile

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