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Dear colleagues,

this letter is written in my function as chairman of the scientific committee for the WONCA Europe conference 2012 Vienna. The general theme of our conference "The Art and Science of General Practice and Family Medicine" has been carefully selected based on the following considerations: without doubt, high quality research and sound evidence are the basis of any clinical discipline today including the field of General Practice/Family Medicine. However, we believe that scientific knowledge alone is not enough in order to work efficiently and successfully as a General Practitioner dealing with unique individuals under circumstances of the respective health care system. For that it is necessary that the best evidence available can be successfully implemented at the individual patient level as shown by his or her compliance to the recommendations of the GP.

Sometimes, the state of the art in medicine can not be applied at all due to circumstances outside of Primary Health care professional coping mechanisms in order to achieve the best health outcome for his or her individual patients. It is this additional skill beyond pure scientific knowledge, which makes a good GP and which may be considered the "Art of General Practice/Family Medicine".

As a consequence of the main theme of the conference, we plan to have two keynote speeches each day, one on "the science" and one on "the art of General Practice". In a unique cooperation with the British Medical Journal, the topics for the science keynotes will be selected from good research papers accepted during early 2012 by the British Medical Journal; these papers will be published in a special theme issue of the BMJ accompanying our conference. The authors will be invited to present their papers as keynote lectures.

We hope that speakers for the “art keynotes” can be recruited among colleagues from Europe and other parts of the world and it is this task where I kindly ask for your help. I am looking for presentations (by GP's or about the work of GP's), which highlight the difficulties or special circumstances in the daily work of some of our colleagues which may make it almost impossible to apply scientific evidence and state of the art knowledge; rather, skilful management of available resources within the given circumstances is required. Such situations may occur in remote areas in some countries but may also occur in some countries because of other factors such as the health care system, the political system or the status of medical education to name just a view.

I am therefore asking you to put forward the name and contact details of colleagues from your society and/or your country which would fit the brief description I gave above. As an example I refer to the report by our world president Rich Roberts published in WONCA News in December 2010 about his experiences in Tajikistan. In this context, I would like to let you know that we are prepared to welcome also colleagues who don't speak English. Based on your feedback, the scientific committee of WONCA 2012 Vienna will select keynote speakers for the plenary lectures on “the art of General Practice” and will invite them to attend the conference.

I look forward to your response with great interest and very much count on your support.

Sincerely,
Manfred Maier

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