

World Organization of Family Doctors



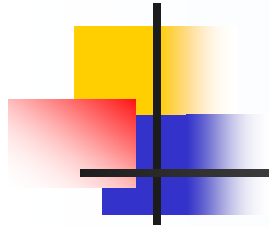
Wonca

World family doctors. Caring for people.



What is Wonca?

- **Wonca** is an acronym comprising the first 5 initials of the *World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians*
- Wonca's short name
World Organization of Family Doctors
- **Wonca** now used as a 'trademark'



Wonca's Logo



- Wonca is 35 years old.
- Wonca's new logo launched in May 2001.
- New logo symbolises Wonca's progression into the new century.
- Green globe signifies a green & eco-friendly world.
- **“World Family Doctors. Caring for people”** describes what Wonca is and what Wonca does.



Wonca's Logo

Interpretations of the logo

- A family unit
- A doctor with a family
- 3 generations of a family
- 3 doctors embracing the world





About Wonca

- Wonca began with 18 member organizations in 1972
- Grew to **112** member organizations in **93** countries
- by 2006
- Membership of over **250,000** GPs / FPs
- Wonca interacts with world bodies such as the World Health Organization (as an NGO)



Membership Categories

- Wonca Membership is unique and of great inherent value
- 2000 Direct Members – complete database for communications from Executive/Secretariat
- National Organization Membership
- 250,000 members in Member Organizations, working parties and collaborative organizations



Member Organizations by Region

112 Organizations in 93 countries

Africa - 6

Americas - 5

Asia Pacific - 19

Europe - 42

Middle East South Asia - 13

Iberoamericana-CIMF - 17

Organizations in Collaborative Relations - 10



Organizations in Collaboration

10 Exemplary Organizations in Collaborative Relations with Wonca

1. North American Primary Care Research Group - USA
2. European Academy of Teachers in General Practice - Belgium
3. International Society for Doctors for the Environment - Italy
4. International Association of Agricultural Medicine & Rural Health - Hungary / India
5. Caribbean College of Family Physicians – Jamaica



Organizations in Collaboration

6. European General Practice Research Network-
Slovenia
7. Brazilian Society of Family Medicine - Brazil
8. Belarussian Association of General Practitioners -
Belarus
9. The Network: Towards Unity for Health –Netherlands
10. Institute of Family Medicine of Kenya Trust -
Kenya

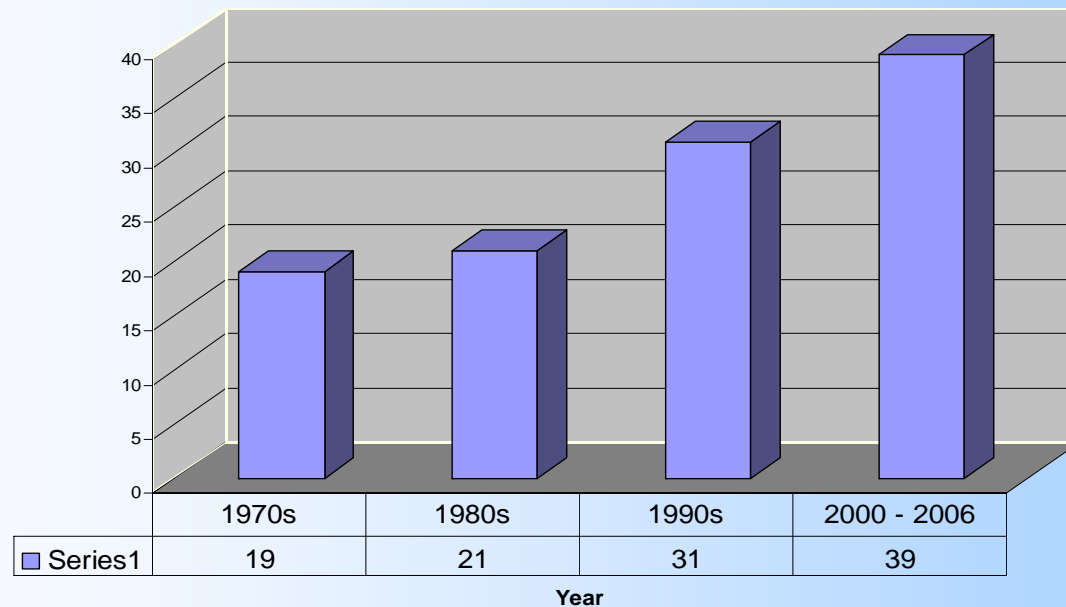


Wonca Direct Membership

- **2000 Direct Members in 84 countries**
- **Benefits of Direct Membership**
 1. Reduced registration fees at Wonca Conferences.
 2. Certificate of Membership for framing.
 3. Reduced subscription to books & journals, up to 70%.
 4. Wonca News, 6 issues a year.
 5. Wonca Directory of Members & Member Organizations.
 6. Specially designed tie & other items available for purchase.

Growth in Organizational Membership

Growth in Wonca Member Organizations





Growth in Membership by Region

Since year 2000

- Iberoamericana-CIMF: 6th Region created in 2002. 17 MOs, 1 OCR
- Africa: 1 new MO, 1 OCR
- Asia Pacific: 3 new MOs
- Europe: 11 new MOs, 1 OCR
- MESA: 6 new MOs, 1 OCR



Future Developments

- **Middle East (Arab) Region**

- Saudi Arabia (joined in 1994)
- Lebanon (joined in 2003)
- Bahrain (joined in 2004)
- Jordan (joined in 2004)
- Iraq (joined in 2005)
- United Arab Emirates (joined in 2006)

- **Future members**

- Egypt
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Yemen



Future Developments

■ Central Asia

- Kyrgyzstan (joined in 2002)
- Kazakhstan (joined in 2003)
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan



Further Developments

■ East Africa

- Kenya (1 MO, 1 OCR joined Wonca in 2004).
- Ethiopia
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda



Wonca's Mission

- To improve the quality of life of the peoples of the world.
- Fostering & maintaining high standards of care in general practice/family medicine.
- Promoting personal, comprehensive and continuing care for the individual in the context of the family and community.
- Encouraging and supporting the development of academic organizations of GPs/FPs



How is Wonca's Mission Achieved?

- Providing a forum for exchange of knowledge and information between member organizations of GPs/FPs
- Representing the educational, research and service provision activities of GPs/FPs before other world organizations and forums concerned with health and medical care



Who runs Wonca?

- A council comprising the representatives of member organizations and the officers of Wonca governs Wonca.
- The council meets every 3 years at the time of the Wonca World Conferences.
- A small Executive Committee meets biannually to conduct business of the organization between Council meetings.



Wonca Executive Committee

- President
- President Elect
- Immediate Past President
- 3 Executive Members at Large
- 6 Regional Presidents:

Africa	Europe
Asia Pacific	Middle East South Asia
North America	Iberoamericana –CIMF
- Chair, Bylaws & Regulations
- Chair, Publications & Communications



What does Wonca do?

- Liaises with other world organizations, eg, WHO to develop and launch initiatives
- Organizes world and regional conferences
- Produces publications on Family Medicine
- Gives expert advice through its specialized committees
- Provides a website

www.GlobalFamilyDoctor.com



What Does Wonca Do?

Wonca has an impact through its

- **World Council**
- **6 Regional Councils**
 - Africa
 - Asia Pacific
 - Europe
 - Middle East South Asia
 - North America
 - Iberoamericana-CIMF



Wonca Committees

Wonca has 5 Standing Committees

- Membership
- Finance
- Bylaws and Regulations
- Nominations and Awards
- Publications and Communications



Wonca Working Parties & Special Interest Groups

- Wonca International Classification Committee
- Rural Practice
- Quality in Family Practice
- Informatics
- Women and Family Medicine
- Tobacco Cessation & Health Behaviour change
- Research
- Education
- Chronic Disease Initiative
- Mental Health
- Travel Medicine



Relations with other bodies

- Wonca has official relations with the World Health Organization as a non-government organization
- Wonca is currently in a number of collaborative projects with the World Health Organization



Wonca's projects with WHO

- Social Determinants on Health
- WHO Western Pacific Region
Patient at the Center of Care Initiative (PCI)
- GOLD - Global Initiative for Obstructive Lung Disease
- GARD – Global Initiative with Chronic Respiratory Diseases



Wonca World Conferences

- Wonca holds a World Conference once every 3 years
- Wonca World Conferences are major occasions for family doctors to present papers, discuss issues and enhance their professional networks



Future World & Regional Conferences

- **2007 18th Wonca World Conference SINGAPORE – anticipated 2500 delegates**
- 2007 Paris, France - Europe
- 2008 Melbourne, Australia - Asia Pacific
Istanbul, Turkey - Europe
- 2009 Hong Kong, China Asia Pacific
Basel, Switzerland - Europe
- **2010 19th Wonca World Conference Cancun, Mexico anticipated 6000 delegates**



Publications

- Improving Health Systems: the Contribution of Family Medicine – A Guidebook (Joint collaboration with WHO).
 - Translations into Thai, Korean, Greek, Turkish, Lao
 - Interest expressed to translate into: Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Mongolian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.
- Wonca Dictionary of General/Family Practice
- Wonca News, 6 times a year
- Other publications on www.GlobalFamilyDoctor.com



Wonca Website

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Features:

Journal Alerts & Journal Watch

Clinical Reviews & Challenge

Wonca Conference Calendar

Publications & search facilities

Global Family Doctor of the Month

Membership



Wonca Website

www.GlobalFamilyDoctor.com

- **In the last 12 months** (Nov 2005 – Oct 2006)

- Almost 1 million visits
 - 8.5 million hits

- **Monthly Average**

- 83,000 visits
 - 708,000 hits

- **Daily Average**

- 2,800 visits
 - 24,000 hits



Wonca Website

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Collaborations with Industry: Global Sponsors

- Acknowledge and attend events as VIP
- Communications access to Wonca
- Communications access to members
- Bimonthly meetings with Wonca
- Choose topic/speaker at plenary
- Ads in all Wonca communications



Funder Benefits

- High profile on all Wonca communications
- CEO visit to meet with funding company leaders and provide sponsor award
- Opportunity to meet with Wonca leadership
- Opportunity to develop unique educational communications for distribution to 250,000-300,000 family physicians worldwide



The Future

- Wonca's global plan is to further its prime objective of improving health of the peoples of the world.
- Fostering and maintaining high standards of care in general practice/family medicine.



The Future

Wonca wishes to encourage and support the development of academic organizations of general practitioners/family physicians globally



Thank you

