



# ***8th Newsletter***

*December 2015*

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## Dear all,

As president of EQuiP and on behalf of the members of the Executive Board, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I hope all goes well with you and your families, and I wish that you find inspiration and energy in 2016 to enhance Quality. The quality in your work, your practice, for your patients and colleagues, but most of all: The quality of your daily life. I wish you all a happy and successful year.

EQuiP is very proud of what has been realised in 2015, and I personally want to thank all of you who participated and helped us to do so. Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership or became new EQuiP members, because this helped us to continue and do the things we planned.

2016 also looks promising. The members of the Executive Board, the Organising Committee and a lot of Working Group Leaders are preparing for the Spring Meeting in Prague about **Patient Safety** as well as the Wonca Europe Conference in Copenhagen in June 2016.

If you want to participate in one of the events or both, please send in your abstract(s) before **January 15**.

If you consider Quality and Safety in Primary Care important, please become a member and join the EQuiP family:

- We send you the latest news in our newsletter.
- You will get a discount when participating in EQuiP events, like the conference in Prague.
- You get access to information and expertise to support you in doing your daily job, but also to promote Quality and Safety in Primary Care in your region, organisation and country.
- You support us to continue to spread the healthy Quality virus among European General Practitioners.

So, please don't hesitate. We are looking forward to your membership and to meet you in one of our upcoming conferences.

*Piet Vanden Bussche*  
EQuiP President

## Upcoming abstract deadlines

*48th EQuiP Assembly Meeting in Prague, 22-23 April 2016*

EQuiP invites general practitioners, family physicians and other professionals interested in primary care quality issues to the Conference with the key topic: Patient Safety in General Practice.

**Abstract deadline: 15 January 2016.**

[Read more here](#)

*WONCA Europe conference, 15-18 June 2016*

The five Nordic countries - Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Denmark - welcome you to the WONCA Europe Conference 2016 in Copenhagen.

**Abstract deadline: 15 January 2016.**

[Read more here](#)

*EACH International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, 7-10 September 2016.*

**Abstract deadline: 18 January 2016.**

[Read more here](#)

### Upcoming conferences

14th Primary Care Diabetes Europe Conference, 29-30 April 2016

[Read more here](#)



49<sup>th</sup> EQuiP Assembly Meeting  
European Association on Quality and Safety  
in General practice / Family Medicine

## Patient Safety in Primary Care

April 22-23, 2016, Prague  
[www.equip2016.cz](http://www.equip2016.cz)

Conference Secretariat: GUARANT International  
Na Pankráči 17, 140 21 Prague 4, Czech Republic, e-mail: [equip2016@guarant.cz](mailto:equip2016@guarant.cz)

## EQuiP mentioned in the latest WONCA News

Have you read about the VdGM-EQuiP Social Media Compass eGuide-book in WONCA News? [Link to WONCA News here.](#)

We want to let you know that Prof Michael Kidd, President of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), has shared our Social Media eGuide with the new United Nations High Level Panel on Health Technologies.

This is an example of how work done between VdGM and EQuiP in collaboration is not only recognised, but can also have an impact.

Congratulations to both WONCA networks and especially Ulrik Kirk, who drove this project forward and facilitated the inspiring and collaborative spirit between and within both VdGM and EQuiP.



## My Very First EQuiP Experience

Hi everybody,

First, I would like to thank the School of Public Health "Andrija Štampar" in Zagreb, and especially Zlata Ožvačić Adžić and Dijana Ramić Severinac, EQuiP delegates in Croatia.

I am a Croatian GP, and I participated in the EQuiP meeting in Zagreb as a beginner and outsider. Thus, it was my very first EQuiP experience. I joined the meeting to get a glimpse of what it is all about, and maybe to find topics, which could be useful for my organisation KoHOM (Croatian Family Medicine Association) and VdGM (the new and future European GP's).

Sometimes when you approach a new organisation for the first time without knowing much about it, you are unconsciously biased with thoughts and prejudices like "there is not that much for me here", "they are probably all geeks and too specific". Well, for you EQuiP novices out there like me – if that's the case at least – I cannot help you. Because I found out that everything this WONCA Europe network does is very useful and of high quality.

Even if you are not interested in all the scientific work, you find yourself asking questions like: Why didn't I go through their web page earlier? There are lot of materials, which can help me and us to manage our daily practice, ready to be used and free to share. For example, there are videos on how to motivate patients with chronic conditions, manuals on how to use social media, how to deal with quality issues and make our practice better. The only bad thing about the meeting was that I could not access all the great workshops!

Seeing all these great resources, I have prepared my own "wish list" for Christmas. I dream of online user-friendly versions of guidelines, like I heard about. I also dream about quality circles (peer-to-peer group work), which sound just perfect for our need in Croatia at the moment.

So, VdGM and KoHOM, what do you think?  
Is there something 'useful' for us that we would like to hear more?  
Maybe we are already prepared to begin working together between the networks?

I really do hope so.

Best wishes,  
*Ivana Babić*  
on behalf of VdGM & KoHOM

