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### **The possibilities of the organising an international course on the development of research capacities in GP/FM? Workshop**

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**Background & Aim:** Research in family medicine has a long tradition fostering the development of family medicine as specific scientific discipline. But, there are only a few countries in Europe incorporating research skills training in specialty training programs. As the results, many generations of family physicians (FP) have gained the feelings of not being prepared for research. Therefore, the Foundation for the Development of Family Medicine in Croatia was established with the main aims of supporting research and international collaboration. Facing the lack of opportunities, the Foundation and other international stakeholders are developing an idea to organise one-week, basic research course. It will be an opportunity to all young/experienced FP around Europe to develop their research and publishing capacities. It is planned to be at Zagreb, because of the readiness of the Foundation to cover the course material cost, teacher's involvement on voluntary basis, and availability of cheap university accommodation.

**Method:** The content, methods and the conditions of the course will be presented, giving the possibilities to potential stakeholders, teachers and participant, to take part actively.

**Results:** During the WONCA Workshop the colleagues all around Europe will be invited in the discussion on the needs, contents and possibilities to carry on such a course. The following questions are expected to be answered: What is the potential target population; trainees, young or more experienced FPs? Is the proposed research course appropriate to cover their needs? What are the conditions and needed resources? How to overcome the obstacles in conducting it? What should be done in promoting the course?

**Conclusions:** A draft proposal of the course programme is expected to be created as the results of the discussion.