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A future vision for development of and enhanced collaboration between the Networks of WONCA Europe

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Justification: WONCA Europe is a relatively young organisation. It is comprised of six Networks; EGPRN, EQuiP, EURIPA, EURACT, EUROPREV and VdGM. While the Networks each have unique aims and objectives they also share many common goals. These include a desire for high quality education and research, for vibrant engaging conferences, and to inspire life-long involvement in WONCA. WONCA Europe also has as a key aim the promotion of Network collaboration yielding meaningful and tangible outcomes; however, as yet, we do not have a common process or mechanism that provides robust funded support for Network collaboration.

Aims: The aims of this workshop are:

- 1) to enhance understanding of the WONCA Networks,
- 2) to identify a roadmap for development of a common platform for Network collaboration,
- 3) to identify sources of funding that support Network collaboration, and
- 4) to inspire increased involvement in Network activity.

Methods: Following a brief presentation about the Networks and their goals, we will outline examples of successful collaboration and our shared vision for development of enhanced Network collaboration. Participants will then break into facilitated groups to discuss the current challenges in Network collaboration. At the end of the workshop, group outcomes will be presented. Afterwards, the findings will be summarised and contribute to a proposal document to be submitted jointly by the Networks to the WONCA Europe Board and Council.

Conclusion: At the end of the workshop the audience should have an enhanced and clear understanding of each of the WONCA Europe Networks; their aims, objectives and future vision. We also aim to inspire the audience to become more involved in Network activity. The workshop will also provide the ingredients and raw materials necessary for creation and development of a plan for a cohesive funded system and process that underpins inter-Network collaboration and Liaison activity.