

TO: ADFM Members

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(WONCA-World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians - short name World Organization of Family Doctors)

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RE: Annual Report on Activities for 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to be the representative from ADFM to WONCA. It is important for us to demonstrate interest on the world stage about the important role of family medicine departments in the education of medical students and residents, future family medicine physicians.

My representation to WONCA has been as follows:

- 1) ADFM Official Observer at the Meeting of WONCA Council 2022 (non-voting)
London, England-June 27, 11am-14:30pm UTC, virtual

Topics covered at the meeting included organizational issues such as the move of the legal residence for WONCA from the British Virgin Islands to Switzerland, amendments to the articles of incorporation and committee reports. WONCA was represented at the WHO meetings with the goal to strengthen links on the regional level and focus on programs where WONCA can provide input on technical projects. The WONCA membership portal offers online communities for the Working Parties and Special Interest Groups dealing with issues similar to family medicine in the US such as early career physician stress, equity, diversity, compensation and rural practice as examples with continued worldwide concern about burnout/moral injury. Future participation as an observer can include items for the agenda for discussion.

- 2) Participant, listserv - WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice

Global rural health issues for practice and academic situations seeking solutions are discussed on a list serve similar to the ADFM list serve.

Planned participation in WONCA for the upcoming year:

- 1) Attendance, WONCA Europe- June 2023 (Brussels, Belgium), in person
- 2) ADFM Official Observer at the Meeting of WONCA Council 2023
WONCA World Conference October 2023 (Sydney, Australia). In person