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To: WONCA Europe Member Organisations

Dear colleagues,

Up till 2016, the *WONCA World Council* met every third year in relation to the *World Conference* and in accordance with the three-year election term of the *WONCA World Executive Board*. From 2016, the election term was reduced from three to two years. Therefore, the *WONCA World Council* will meet in Seoul in October this year.

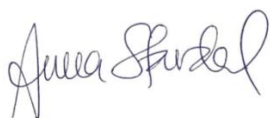
On the other hand, *WONCA Europe* has kept the three-year office term for its Executive Board and as such, the elections will be organised during the *WONCA Europe Conference* in Bratislava in 2019. Furthermore, according to our bylaws (section 7.5), our *Europe Council* shall meet at least once a year. Additional *Europe Council* meetings may be called should they be deemed necessary, with a notice of at least 120 days.

This year, our annual *Europe Council* meeting will be organised in Krakow in connection with the annual conference in May. As no elections for the *WONCA Europe Executive Board* are necessary for 2018, the Krakow meeting will serve the purpose of our annual meeting, fulfilling the requirements described in our bylaws.

Therefore, there will be no *Europe Council* meeting in Seoul. Accordingly, our Executive Board informed the *Europe Council* in Prague in June 2017 that due to the financial constraints of our association, only one or two of its members planned to travel to Seoul for the *WONCA World Council*.

However, we would like to encourage you to join the *WONCA World Council* in Seoul as it is an opportunity to meet with other colleagues from the *European Region* and the rest of the world and remain updated on the decisions of the *WONCA World*.

Kind regards,



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