

Useful items to inspire discussions at the Consultation 26 May 2009



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1. Vision 2020

The Executive Committee has formulated a Vision to Practice 2020; this can be the foundation for the future strategy of the Forum.

2. Professional domains

In Riga, the General Assembly decided to focus attention on a number of professional domains. Some of these domains have not functioned well. The Executive Committee has discussed this with the Professional Co-ordinators and Moderators and suggests decreasing the number of active domains.

The way of working and the way of involving active participants in the various working groups will also be adapted. Professionally active, working individuals from member organisations are in short supply by the Forum, and the Executive Committee, therefore, proposes the Observatory as a possible way to produce more input and, thereby, more energy for the domains, given that access to the Observatory is open to all.

3. Networking and liaisons

The Forum has always been very close to WHO Europe and has benefitted from this relationship. The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration (MoU) with the WHO implies that the close relationship continues. The first activities under this MoU have already been started. The Executive Committee has explored the options to engage in closer relationship with other organisations, eg FIP and PGEU, working within the same fields as the Forum, but with different objectives.

4. The work method

Communication with members has been an important issue. The Executive Committee and the Professional Secretariat have upscaled the frequency of communication with members. A message has been sent to all contacts as a measure to overcome the IT technical problems.

Communication within the Working Groups has also been challenged, and the Executive Committee, therefore, suggests another way of working, i.e. through the Observatory, cf. item 2.

5. The professional secretariat

At present, the professional secretariat is hosted by the WHO Collaboration Centre, Pharmakon. The Executive Committee is satisfied with the agreement and will continue to discuss and challenge the work to the benefit of members. Communication between the members of the Executive Committee and the professional secretariat has been intensified.

6. Collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre, Pharmakon

The WHO Collaborating Centre, Pharmakon has many areas of expertise, and the professional secretariat is only a minor part of its business. The Executive Committee is willing to engage in further discussions with the WHO Collaborating Centre, Pharmakon in order to benefit from other areas of expertise.

7. Membership

The Forum has recently lost members, for a number of reasons. The Executive Committee has talked with members and former members to gain insight into their needs. The Executive Committee intends to extend these talks.

8. The financial situation

It is a fact that the financial situation has deteriorated (fewer members, less income). The Executive Committee has called for this Consultation to obtain advice from members and other interested parties in order to identify ways to, once again, become an attractive and valuable partner for pharmacist organisations in Europe.