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Dear colleagues and friends,

With great pleasure I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Sicily in May 2002. We have a lot of important questions to discuss.

Since the beginning of this year there have been two meetings with the AO (Associated Organisations). We are all convinced that we need a close cooperation and as often as possible need to act as one voice of the doctors. To avoid duplication of work we will have the possibility to share working groups and policy documents.

In March there was a meeting with WONCA – Europe (ESGP/FM). They discussed their document on “The Core Competencies of the General Practitioner/Family Physician”. The UEMO looks forward to having this document for discussion in its Working Group on Specific Training.

The Pharmaceutical Directive 2001/83/EC will be changed and according to the Commission proposal direct to consumer advertising should be allowed for a trial period of five years for drugs used in AIDS, asthma and diabetes. We have sent our Statement on Prescribing Drugs in General Practice, UEMO 2001/033 final, accompanied by a letter to MEP Françoise Grossetête, UEMO 2002/006, who is the European Parliament Rapporteur.

Following the proposal for a Directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications (UEMO 2002/007) a meeting with Mr Jonathon Stoodley of the European Commission, Internal Market Directorate-General, took place on 15 March 2002 (see full report in document UEMO 2002/008). It was a very important meeting that will be followed-up by further discussions on the proposal for a Directive. In the UEMO we now need to have a thorough debate and action plan how to develop our policy concerning generalist-specialist in general practice/ family medicine. The ESGP/FM has developed the following definition: “In the discipline General Practice work specialists in Family Medicine.”

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As I am sure that we need a lot of time to discuss especially the above mentioned items but also other important matters, we have decided to start our meeting with a discussion in the General Assembly.

The Presidency will also have a meeting with the Chairpersons of the Working groups the day before the UEMO-meeting.

Ahead of me now is the EFMA-WHO meeting in Vienna.

I also wish to point out that National Reports should only be sent to the Secretariat once a year – to the autumn meeting.

The Swedish Presidency is very much looking forward to seeing you in Sicily on 10-11 May 2002.

Yours sincerely,



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