

# WICC - WONCA International Classification Committee

ZOOM – meeting March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, Minutes

Wednesday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022		Leading session	Minutes
12:00 – 15:00 (CET)		DS	PL
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## Minutes

ZOOM-meeting, September 19<sup>th</sup> 16:00 – 17:30 (CET)

***The full video recorded meeting available on the link above***

## Participants:

Diego Schrans, chair, leader of session, (DS) Up to 20 participants joined the meeting fully or partly.

**DS:** DS welcomed the meeting. Condolences to Jean Karl Soler (JKS) on the recent death of his father.

Review of the agenda as shown at PPT presentation:

- Introduction
- Results of WICC survey
- Discussion based on results of survey
- Action plan for WICC
- Other
- Next meetings

## Introduction:

About Consortium and Foundation:

Consortium ICPC-3 → Foundation ICPC

Foundation ICPC:

Board: Chris Van Weel (chair), Harris Lygidakis (Secretariat/treasurer), Diego Schrans

Executive Officers: day to day activities: Kees Van Boven, Huib Ten Napel

First task: Term of Reference

Publishing International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC-3), Kees van Boven & Huib Ten Napel, CRC Press, [ISBN: 978-1-03-205339-4](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118205339) (PaperBack version)

## Mission – Vision for the Foundation:

Mission Statement

The WONCA-ICPC Foundation aims to improve the clinical documentation process by Primary Care providers in as many regions and countries as possible by stimulating WONCA Member Organisations, other PC organisations, Colleges, and researchers to use the ICPC. The goal is to have ICPC, and in particular its latest version, ICPC-3 accepted as *the* preferred Primary Care classification and support implementation all over the world.

Vision

Become the WONCA coordination centre of a Primary Care classification knowledge network of small / large-scale classification communities where the principles of classification can be learned and where WONCA Member Organisations, other PC organisations, governments can among other participate in projects for implementing ICPC.

## WONCA:

DS referred from recent meeting with Ana Stavdal (President of WONCA)/Harris Lygidakis (CEO of WONCA) with subjects: ICPC = important topic. WONCA's wish is that working groups is to be established around the ICPC and

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that the WICC is intended to constitute one. WONCA calls for a work plan and action plan from WICC. For WONCA is also the connection to WHO and SNOMED important.

### Jean Karl Soler (JKS):

Generally calls for Minutes from Executive meetings - and specifically current meetings - for documentation of discussions.

Is concerned about the construction with Foundation as basically taking over the role of WICC without the influence of WICC. Is also concerned of the fact that the ICPC-3 book is not published under the auspices of the WICC but a personal publication. I have not seen the book, do not know its contents, but am concerned about intellectual ownership.

**DS:** The meeting is recorded so everyone can afterwards follow the discussion. WONCA is working for a common IT platform for all working groups in WONCA, which can promote the discussion in the individual working groups.

### WICC 22 survey (resume)

20 questionnaires received.

#### Answers on communication concentrated on:

Intern (transparency)

Extern: other WP/SIG – WHO – SNOMED International

Platform to collect statistical information

#### Answers on Engagement contracted on:

Define goals/objectives

Make action plan

Working groups

Training

Interoperability with other organizations/classifications.

#### In your opinion, what are the top 3 priorities for WICC in 2022-23?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working relation WICC-Foundation ICPC<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working groups with clear goals and agenda</li><li>• Governance organigram</li></ul></li><li>• Research/academic outreach ++</li><li>• Training</li><li>• F2F meeting</li><li>• Translation ICPC-3 ++</li><li>• Promoting/implementing/use cases for ICPC-3 ++ (don't forget developing countries)</li><li>• ICPC-3 in a framework of multi-/interdisciplinary teamwork</li><li>• ToR and strategy for next 5 years</li><li>• Break with the past</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English thesaurus</li><li>• ICPC-3 available for free (non-commercial license)</li><li>• Expand membership (non European)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New ambassadors/members/countries</li></ul></li><li>• Improve ICPC-2 and ICPC-3</li><li>• Maintenance (making it more consistent and adaptable to integration with other classification)</li><li>• Relation/alignment with SNOMED CT +++/ICD-11</li><li>• semantic interoperability</li><li>• (Open) tools to analyse data</li><li>• ICPC-2 is the priority since ICPC-3 is not a WICC product</li></ul>
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**JKS:** Comments on last bullet. ICPC-3 is the product of the Consortium, WICC have no control. ICPC-2 is the product of WICC. ICPC-2 should be the priority for our group. I would be interested in collaboration with other members on ICPC-2 to maintain and improve ICPC-2.

#### ICPC-3 Development

POSITIVE +	NEGATIVE -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation WICC</li><li>• Time lines/deliverables</li><li>• Consortium work</li><li>• Protected time available</li><li>• Working groups (initially) involved</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation WICC</li><li>• Not bottom up</li><li>• Not enough time (progression speed)</li><li>• TFA: other direction</li><li>• Working groups (later) ignored</li><li>• Communication ++ (lack of transparency)</li><li>• (In)consistency with classification and semantic principles</li></ul>

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**Helena Britt, HB:** Regretted the attitude to the TFA group's work. The task was to comment on the work of the individual chapter groups in relation to given rules on frequency etc. and convey this to the consortium. Experienced a negative attitude to this from the Consortium. But will also add that there was a modest willingness in TFA to accept the consortium's proposed changes.

**JKS** pointed out that TFA related to criteria about prevalence etc.

**Marc Verbeke, MV** Comment on the statement that there was not enough time for discussion. Is 13 years not enough time? For more than 13 years, the ICPC-3 has been discussed.

### In your opinion, what are the top 3 priorities for ICPC-3 development?

Integration/Field testing ++

Conversion from ICPC-2 to ICPC-3

Training/e-learning

Research/knowledge ++

Publication (AFM)

Get WICC involved

Other classification/terminologies

SNOMED CT ++, ICD-11

PC and not only GP (holistic and teamwork)

New countries

ICPC-3 Public available (Website and browser)

IT, EMR implementation

Maintenance and resources

Semantic Interoperability and Consistency correcting the inconsistencies present in the previous revisions

Establish licenses for non-consortium members

Create a technical format of ICPC-3 compliant with informatics state of art (acceptable for national digital health agencies repositories)

### Opportunity to participate in WICC work

<b>Maintenance and development of ICPC-3?</b>	<b>Maintenance of ICPC-2?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most pos reactions</li><li>• Does such a group exists?</li><li>• SNOMED CT</li><li>• Chapter A</li><li>• Try out in practice</li><li>• Thesaurus</li><li>• No!<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• others make money on the work done by me</li><li>• don't want my work being stolen again</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updates are important</li><li>• Less pos reactions</li><li>• Some only want to work on ICPC-2</li></ul>

**DS:** Based on the results of the survey it should be discussed how WICC can make an action plan. The Foundation is working on their Terms of Reference, but WICC should make their own action plan and priority plan as WICC sees it.

**HB:** How is the Foundation's construction?

**KvB:** The board consists of CeO, WONCA, Harris Lygdiakis, Chris Van Weel (chair) and DS. The Board has the overall responsibility for the work of the Foundation, which is thought to be financed from grants from donors - former consortium members or new donors.

The Foundation is asked to write a working plan for the coming 5 years. Currently there is no funding yet. The Foundation is in the start-up phase.

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**Thomas Kühlein, TK:** One problem is that so far it has been based on voluntary and unpaid efforts from WICC members with limited time resources. We need to assess what can be achieved by WICC.

**Bjørn Gjelsvik, BG:** For me, it seems necessary that WICC also draw up an action plan for the formation of working groups that can contribute to early maintenance and development of ICPC-3.

**KvB:** The Foundation has a need for the WICC to define its efforts.

**DS:** If we look at the results of the survey, there are many WICC members who want to contribute. The task now is to organize us and prepare a working plan for WICC. We need smaller groups of people with an interest in specific tasks - e.g. with SNOMED-CT. Let us prioritize the tasks and form these working groups.

**GM:** One task must be to establish relationships between the WICC and the Foundation. We need a chain of command that defines what is the responsibility for WICC and what is the responsibility of the working groups and defines the relationship between the WICC and the Foundation. I doubt whether the outlined business plan is sufficient to ensure the appropriate deployment of the ICPC-3.

**Julie Gordon, JG:** We must ensure that there is congruence between ICPC-2 and ICPC-3 - we cannot accept a situation where there is no cooperation between these 2 products. How is the quality of updates ensured? What expertise does the Foundation possess?

**KvB:** Here we ask for WICC's assistance to e.g. to coordinate inputs from the workgroups.

**DS:** Received a new version of ToR from the Foundation a few days ago. We will bring in today's discussion in Executive evaluation of this document. But still want a statement from the individual WICC members about what topics they might want to work on in relation to the ToR.

**JG:** If we want to spread ICPC-3, we need to demonstrate the quality of the product through testing the product.

**TK:** In my time as a member of the group, WICC has not achieved the goal - namely to develop ICPC-3. The formation of the consortium did enable progress in the process, but has also given rise to a degree of bad mood and mistrust in the group. But the overlap of members of the consortium and WICC should take into account the possibility of creating a good product. We must avoid confrontations and work for the product.

**GG:** At this meeting we must take the time to discuss 'What is the role of the WICC in relation to the Foundation?' and 'What is our agenda for the next year?'

**DS:** It is up to the group to decide how we can achieve this goal.

**GG:** We have spent most of the time in this meeting discussing what has happened. We need to discuss our role in training, data collection in the future.

**DS:** We are in a good position to work in the future, but there must be input from the group.

**GM:** We must acknowledge that there are different use cases of the ICPC. ICPC-2 was developed primarily for data analysis of records in general practice, but ICPC-3 seems to be primarily concentrated on data collection and less targeted at data analysis. One use case is not necessarily better than the other, but it must be respected that there are several user models which in Australia includes the use of mapping to SNOMED.

**TK:** If we are going to have general practice to use ICPC-3, a primary task must be to make good translations, field tests that can document the benefits of ICPC-3. We need a group of committed members who are voluntarily willing to work for this. But first we have clarified the emotional conflicts that have arisen during the development of ICPC-3.

**DS:** Further comments?

**MJ:** I have written mine in the chat.

**KvB:** Recognizes that it is a problem that the testing has not been optimal. For qualified testing, there must be qualified translation and adaptation to the EHR system. There will start a program of testing in Canada.

**DS:** The same question remains: What does WICC want to work on? And how do we want to organize this? Who is willing to participate? These are the questions for the group.

**GM:** Indicates that there are some semantic problems in the current English ICPC-3 version. A native English speaker might have been desirable had been involved. I am happy to participate in the future work. My interest is to have a classification that targets analysis of data in general practice more than what form or tool data is collected in and therefore places emphasis on mapping in a broader form. If, on the other hand, the emphasis is on using the ICPC-3 as a pure data collection mechanism, my interest is limited.

**GM & HB:** Emphasize the problem of retaining members and user countries of the ICPC. Perhaps we have lost some of the essence of the WICC work from the founding of the working group now 50 years ago - to document the work in general practice and through processed data conduct relevant research in general practice.

**BG:** I see ICPC-3 as a step forward that better describes the conditions in general practice, but doubts that many doctors have a real willingness to spend time coding.

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**KvB:** It is important for the use of the ICPC classification that it is on WONCA's agenda to support the classification also through the responsibility for the classification and the Foundation. WICC should be the intellectual basis for the Foundation.

**FM:** Mentioned and opened a discussion on our possibilities to support Ukraine in the war against Russia in relation to our friends from our meeting in Lviv 2018.

**MJ:** Presents study on Long COVID (Recorded meeting: at hour 2:13 - 2:20)

**DS:** Next meetings:



**PL:** Planned on-line meeting for all members and interested Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 15:00 (CET)  
Discussion on Working Plan and Working Groups. Invitation will be sent out early May.

Face-to-face meeting in September:

<b>Preliminary Agenda</b>	
<b>Sunday 18.9</b> <b>from arrival - 22:00</b>	Pre-meeting and get-together
<b>Monday 19.9</b> <b>09:00 - 18:00</b>	WICC meeting (also on-line meeting)
<b>Tuesday 20.9</b> <b>09:00 - 15:30</b> <b>16:00 -</b>	WICC meeting (also on-line meeting) Social event
<b>Wednesday 21.9</b> <b>09:00 - 12:30</b> <b>13:00 - 16:00</b> <b>16:00 - 18:00</b>	WICC meeting (also on-line meeting) WICC-open day meeting (also on-line meeting) Summary, action plan and conclusion, next meeting

For detailed discussion etc. use the link:

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For minutes: Preben Larsen