

Carta del Professor Chris van Weel, president de WONCA al president de la semFYC, Dr Luis Aguilera on, entre altres coses, explica que **l'OMS ha declarat l'any 2008, l'any de la l'Atenció Primària** la qual cosa donarà més importància a la nostra feina, enguany. També es refereix als objectius principals que es van extreure de la **Conferència Mundial de Singapur**, que es poden resumir en:

1. Cada comunitat al món ha de tenir el recolzament d'un servei de medicina de família: "per a totes les famílies del món sencer, un metge de família".
2. En la gestió dels serveis de salut i en el funcionament de WONCA, s'ha de tenir en compte l'equitat de gènere, l'origen ètnic i social i el desenvolupament econòmic.
3. Cada estudiant de medicina al món hauria de tenir experiència en un servei de medicina de família tant aviat i tant sovint com sigui possible en la seva formació.

Dear Dr Luis Aguilera,

At the end of the year, I would like to bring greetings from Wonca to you and your members, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The commitment of your organization is most important to pursue successfully Wonca's global mission and 2007 has been a good year for Wonca in this respect. In July, we celebrated the 18th Wonca World Conference in Singapore, where the Wonca membership grew to 119 member organizations, from 115 different countries. This marks a doubling of membership since 2000, and it signals our Global ambitions: family medicine and primary care matter in the pursuit of health for people and communities. As a consequence, there is an ever-greater need of a primary care involvement in teaching and training.

Given the vast disparity in the health status of groups of people, 'equity' remains an overriding principle for (primary) health care.

The WHO has declared 2008 'the year of primary care' and this will lend further importance to our work, next year. The Singapore World Conference provided us with three motions that I like to repeat at the threshold of 2008:

- 1. Every community in the world should have family practice support: 'for every family of the world a family doctor'.*
- 2. In the governance of health care and in the functioning of Woncaequity to gender, ethnicity, social-economical development should be taken into account.*
- 3. Every medical student in the world should experience family practice as early as possible and as often as possible in his or her training.*

I wish you and all your members a very happy, and rewarding 2008!

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