

PROPOSAL FOR THE AGENDA OF THE WAPCEPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012:

Proposed by

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(There must be 2 proposers. Proposers must be in current membership of the WAPCEPC)

Text of proposal:

The Board proposes that membership dues can be raised by a maximum of 20% in the next two years if the financial situation of the WAPCEPC requires this.

Supporting information and explanation of the proposal (*Maximum 400 words*)

The membership dues of the WAPCEPC have never been raised since its inception in 2000. The GA 2003 approved the proposal that the board could increase the dues by 20% in the following 3 years if the financial situation of the WA made this necessary. The dues were not increased. In 2008, and also in 2010, the GA accepted the proposal to allow the board to increase the dues in the next 2 years, by 20% if necessary. Again, the board did not need to do this. The Board always makes the effort to minimize costs and to spend the association's finances wisely.

A large proportion of members (approximately 40%) pay reduced membership dues. Students, members who live in countries in world bank categories B-C-D, and donor fund members pay between € 0-35 per year. Joint WA/subscribing organizations members also benefit from a slightly reduced rate as do organizational members using the new organizational donor fund.

A substantial part of the membership dues goes to the subscription to PCEP – this year this is €23. This covers both the publication of the journal and editorial expenses. The rest goes to the administration of the WA, including the development and maintenance of the website.

Our office costs are likely to go up in the coming years, due to normal inflation and increased costs of materials. We may need additional funds to

support other activities that support the development of the WA, such as advocacy, communication, or research initiatives.

We remain committed to keeping the dues as low as possible so that membership remains accessible, and we will continue to offer reduced levels of dues to the members who currently benefit from reductions.

According to the Statutes of the WA, the board needs the approval of the GA to decide new dues; we ask the GA to approve that the Board may raise the dues by a maximum of 20% in the next two years, should the needs of the Association make this necessary.