ICPC Maintenance

Despite the promises of the Ministry in 2003 when Belgium has bought the ICPC license, there is still no official support to the maintenance of ICPC in its French, Dutch nor German version in Belgium. There is no classification center, no official repository, no web site, no budget for the WICC member's support, no support to update of the translation and there is no policy of investment in Primary Care in our hospital centered bizarre health care system, ruled by lobbying groups called here pillars. Nevertheless private initiatives are numerous and some are supported by officials. Diego Schrans, Pauline Boeckxstaens, Marc Verbeke and Marc Jamoulle are participating to the ICPC Update group

Use of ICPC by GP in EMR

ICPC is currently used in Belgium in EMRs. This is not mandatory. Use is more extended in the Dutch speaking regions with a heavy interest from Academic authorities. At Leuven University a project for more extensive use of encoded data in ICPC is being started up: a newly organised registration network for collecting more data by use of ICPC.

Use of ICPC in on call (ward) system

Interest has grown recently on data coming from general practice ward and on call systems organized in several cities. Dedicated software providers like Mailer and Epicure and others have developed special program for this use. Some data are already available

Pedagogic project

The two main GP organizations in Belgium ; Domus Medica (Dutch speaking) and SSMG (French speaking) have joined their efforts to push the development of a web based e-learning program for GPs about health information and data gathering with ICPC as central issue. The product has been designed with the Danish example in mind and with a definite multilingual approach. Dutch, French and English version will be available (end 2012) The product will probably be available on a free license basis and has been designed to be easily edited in other languages. This project is led by Michel Roland and Jan De Maeseneer with the participation of Diego Schrans and Marc Jamoulle as ICPC experts. The project leader is Dr Vinciane Bellefontaine.

Terminological project

Following the seminal work of Marc Verbeke and Michel De Jonghe with the terminology 3BT, a Belgian federal team led by Dr Beny Van Bruwaenne from E-Health Belgium is pursuing the efforts to develop a Belgian Terminology for Health Care interoperability with the support of the Federal Public Service (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Mr Luc Nicolas). WICC Members Marc Jamoulle, Michel De Jonghe and Diego Schrans are involved in this job. Belgium has acquired the SNOMED-CT license (Dec

2012) and relations have been established between the Belgian terminological group and the SNOMED-CT / ICPC SIG through Marc Jamoulle and Diego Schrans participation in both groups.

Terminological research project

Metaterminological tools and semantic web technologies are the main interests of a new International group called MERITERM, based at Gent university (Led by Prof Dr Robert Vander Stichele) including ICPC expert Marc Jamoulle and Elena Cardillo (WICC observer – www.fbk.eu – Italy). There are growing opportunities for use of ICPC in web semantic mode through this initiative.

Annual CISP Club meeting in Brussels, Oct 2012

The 15th annual workshop of the French speaking ICPC fan club is organized this year in Brussels. The title in French is 'Des maux et des mots " (Illnesses and words) with main themes terminology, pedagogic tools and data gathering. Participants are coming from France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Vietnam.

WICC web site

WICC web site www.ph3C.org is edited through collaboration between the Brazilian society of Family and Community Medicine and several WICC members led by Marc Jamoulle. Recently Nicola Buono (ICPC Club Italia) has joined the group. The website is edited by Christian Simon, a CISP Club member who is also editor of the CISP CLub web site (www.cispclub.org) and honorary treasurer of the Club.