

# **The Conference Statement on International Collaboration in Rural Health Research**

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- **That this conference recommends that the Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice supports the establishment of an International Rural Health Research Network to:**
  - **Support skill development and capacity building for rural health professionals to enable them to engage in research activities within local environments**
  - **Develop an international rural health research agenda**
  - **Seek funding support for rural health research both within and across national boundaries**