



Final Minutes – EONS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 2019

Date: Friday 27 September: 2019

Location: Room Paris- Hotel Fira Congress, Barcelona, Spain

Attendees:

Executive Board Members:

Andreas Charalambous (ACh)	President
Johan de Munter (JdM)	President-Elect
Lena Sharp (LS)	Past-President+(Advocacy)
Theresa Wiseman (TW)	Board Secretary
Virpi Sulosaari (VP)	Board member (Communication)
Wendy Oldenmenger (WO)	Board member (Research)+ Treasurer
Rebecca Verity (RV)	Board member (Education)
Amanda Drury (AD)	Board member
Gaby Knötgen (GK)	Board member
Emma Woodford (EW)	EONS COO
Rudi Briké (RB)	Coordination and Membership Manager
Iveta Nohavova (IN)	Projects and International Relations Manager

Advisory Council Members/delegates:

Harald Titzer, AHOP, Austrian Oncology Nursing Society
Patrick Crombez, SIO, Société Belge des Infirmières en Oncologie
Maria Diamandi, Constantina Clockoni, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society
Heleri Roosmae, Estonian Oncology Nursing Society
Oili Papinaho, Finish Oncology Nursing Society
Paula Karlsson, Finish Oncology Nursing Society
Ani Khmaladze, Oncology Nursing Society Georgia
Maria Lavdaniti, Joanna Tsatsou Sector of Oncology Nursing, Hellenic National Graduate Nurses Association
Andrea Salamon, Nora Talmaci, Hungarian Cancer Society, section Oncology Nursing
Halla Gretarsdottir, Icelandic Oncology Nursing Society
Halldora Halfdanardottir, Icelandic Oncology Nursing Society
Cora Vegter, V&Vn, Nederlandse Vereniging van Oncologie Verpleegkundigen
Emilia Rito, AEOP, Portuguese Oncology Nursing Association
Ana Istenic, Maja Kozuh, Majda Causevic, Slovenian Oncology Nursing Society
Nieves Gil Gomez, Spanish Oncology Nursing Society
Helena Ullgren, Swedish Oncology Nursing Society
Sevinc Kutluturkan, Perihan Güner, Turkish Oncology Nursing Society

All presentations have been made available on the EONS website.

Item 1 Introduction & Minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising

ACh welcomed the participants to the Advisory Council meeting.

The members approved, and the President signed, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 19 October 2019 in Munich, Germany.

Item 2 Personal Vision for the EONS future

ACh presented his vision for the EONS future 2019-2021 and provided an outline of the way to go forward. He stressed the importance of intensifying the relationship with the membership, to increase the membership and to enhance engagement with those Societies that are currently less involved. Collaborations should be established with other International Health Organizations and we should engage more in face to face meetings with core stakeholders. ACh mentioned also the importance on raising the social profile of EONS and to engage more with the public, including both patients and healthy people.

ACh informed the meeting participants about the possibility of having an “EONS Foundation” and he provided an outline of what this could offer to EONS. He stressed the importance for EONS to be financially sustainable and to become a leading nursing organization by having more practice guidelines in place that should set the standard for cancer nursing practice in Europe. He stressed the need to proceed with the RECaN phase 3 as the pathway to make the recognition of cancer nursing possible, following a concrete timeframe and in cooperation with all the WG’s. He also stressed the need for EONS to further engage with new strategic partners.

Item 3 Working closer together & strengthening EONS- input from the audience

At this stage, LS took over as chair of the meeting as ACh had to leave the meeting in order to prepare his presentation for the ESMO Opening Ceremony. LS invited the participants to provide ideas and feedback on how to increase the level of cooperation and the participation of nurses to the EONS Congress.

Main points of the feedback provided by the participants:

-we need to inform the nursing audience that the EONS Congress is not about research only but also about general practice knowledge.

- each participant should try to motivate a colleague to join the EONS Congress as well. Experienced congress participants should act as a “congress-buddy” for this colleague.

-the registration fee was felt to be too expensive and there is also the cost for travel and accommodation. Doctors are supported by pharma, but nurses don’t have this support. An option could be to offer a reduced fee for YCN and students of 90€. Another option could be to create a joined funding resource with contributions from the employer, the national society and EONS in order to cover the nurses participation.

-lack of support from the working environment. We should outline there is also a benefit for the working place when the nurse is participating at the congress.

-Important to have the connections with the pharma in order to obtain support where possible. National Societies should also get in touch with pharma. It could be an asset to ask support related to multidisciplinary activities in order to enhance involvement from the pharma.

-we need to increase the confidence of nurses to engage and stand up for themselves in engaging with the employer.

-Language barriers are also an issue for many nurses in deciding whether or not to join a congress.

- Important to promote our events as much as possible to our membership.

Item 4 Welcome to EONS12

LS expressed her thanks to all the participants for their valuable input.

LS provided a short outline of the EONS12 programme and she invited the meeting participants to join the EONS reception, Monday 30 September at 17.30.

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