



Draft Minutes – EONS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 2020

Date: Saturday 19 September 2020

Location: online

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 + Treasurer
Amanda Drury (AD)	Board member (Research)
Mathew Fowler (MF)	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
Silvija Piskorjanac, Croatian Oncology Nursing Society
Giannos Toumbis, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society
Sidsel Draegsak Holm, Danish Oncology Nursing Society
Oili Papinaho, Finish Oncology Nursing Society
Anu Viitala, Finish Oncology Nursing Society
Maria Lavdaniti, Sector of Oncology Nursing, Hellenic National Graduate Nurses Association
Halla Gretarsdottir, Icelandic Oncology Nursing Society
Rosemarie Murphy, IANO
Gianluca Catania, AIOM, Italy
Rosario Caruso, AIIAO, Italy
Cora Vegter, V&Vn, Nederlandse Vereniging van Oncologie Verpleegkundigen
Nieves Gil Gomez, Spanish Oncology Nursing Society
Helena Ullgren, Swedish Oncology Nursing Society
Perihan Güner, Turkish Oncology Nursing Society
Mary Tanay, UKONS
Verna Lavender, UKONS

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. Apologies of absence were received from Gabi Knötgen, EONS Board member.

The members approved, and the President signed, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 19 September 2019 in Barcelona, Spain.

Item 2 Evaluation of EONS strategy

ACH pointed out that the COVID-19 threat is having a big impact on EONS' activities. However, EONS has been able to continue its work and providing support to its membership. ACh provided an outline of what EONS has accomplished related to its strategic goals and he highlighted the EONS Advocacy initiatives at European Policy level with the Europe's Beating Cancer plan where EONS has provided its contribution with a Cancer Plan from a Cancer Nursing perspective and the EU4Health. ACh informed the delegates about the EONS Cancer Nursing Fund which will provide a unique opportunity to support the work that cancer nurses do and advance the profession of cancer nursing in Europe. ACh provided an overview of EONS' organizational goals and what has been achieved until now.

Item 3 EONS 2021

-European Cancer Nursing index

LS highlighted that the reason to have a Cancer nursing Index is to describe the important differences in cancer nursing in Europe and to better illustrate the cancer nursing profile in the different European countries. LS provided an outline of the process and content as well as the overall scores of the EONS Cancer Nursing Index and the National profiles of Sweden, Estonia, Belgium, Portugal, and Finland. LS concluded by stressing the importance of the cancer Nursing Index in providing important information on the various differences in cancer nursing profiles across Europe and highlighting the need to strengthen Cancer nursing needs in all European countries to guarantee high quality and safe cancer care.

-College of the European School of Oncology Collaboration

ACH informed the delegates about the collaboration between EONS and the European School of oncology (ESO) related to establishing a cancer nursing educational pathway based on the EONS Cancer Nursing Framework through the College of the European School of Oncology. ACh stressed the fact that this educational pathway is fully in line with the EONS Strategic Goals 2018-2023, more specifically with the goal to ensure that all cancer nurses have access to specialised education based on the EONS Cancer Nursing Framework.

-Young Cancer Nursing education needs

AD provided an overview in what way EONS has met with the needs of Young Cancer Nurses and presented the current delegates of the Young Cancer Nurses Network with 19 representatives from 13 countries. AD informed the delegates about the results of the YCN Survey and the EONS YCN Focus groups. Between September and February 2020, a total of 20 young cancer nurses from 9 European countries took part in focus groups and interviews designed to interrogate the findings of the YCN Survey further, to understand the experiences of young cancer nurses, and explore their training, education and support needs. AD pointed out that educational and professional development issues were the most common topics across all focus groups and interviews with young cancer nurses. Across each countries, significant variance was evident in the funding, time and support provided by employers to young cancer nurses to undertake further education but it became clear that young cancer nurses were highly motivated to pursue education with personal funds and time where they were unable to secure support. Recognition of cancer nursing was complex, as several participants described difficulty accessing postgraduate education in countries which did not recognize cancer nursing as a specialist practice.

Acculturation was an interesting theme and touched the topic of young cancer nurses working in cancer care environments and expected to engage in specialist practices, including administration of chemotherapy with relatively little training, contributing to perceived safety issues. However, these experiences made young cancer nurses highly sensitive to the needs of new nurses in their work environments and made them conscious of

providing support and orientation to these needs. The final theme highlighted the high levels of motivation and ambition of young cancer nurses, with many aspiring to advanced practice and leadership roles as they progress in their careers. This theme encompassed the needs of young cancer nurses in achieving this goal, including the need for specialist postgraduate education in cancer care, and skills-based training related to leadership, resilience, and empowerment.

-Reflections from members for EONS in 2021.

JdM invited the participants to provide feedback on 3 questions in order to see on what topics/areas EONS should be focusing in 2021:

-Thinking back over the past years, and recall an EONS related course, event or vendor that impressed you in some way (9 responses).

ECND (4), RECaN (2), Cancer Nursing index (1), Educational Framework (1), YCN (1)

-What is the one thing you like best about EONS and would like to see us do more of? (12 responses)

Collaboration (7), Advancing Cancer Nursing Recognition (1), Advocacy (1), Communication (1), Inclusivity (1), Membership (1)

-What is the one thing EONS could do better or more often that would be most helpful? (10 responses)

Communication (3), Masterclasses-Virtual learning (2), focused e-mail traffic (1), evidence based clinical practice e-learning (1), translations (1), LMIC support (1)

Item 4 Welcome to EONS13

At this stage, JdM took over as chair of the meeting as ACh had to leave the meeting to prepare his presentation for the EONS13 Opening Session. JdM expressed his thanks to all the participants for their valuable input and invited them to join the EONS13 Opening Session.

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