



## **Draft Minutes – EONS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday 8 December 19.00-20.00 CET PM

**Location:** online

### **Attendees:**

#### *Executive Board Members:*

Johan de Munter (JdM)	President
Virpi Sulosaari (VP)	President-Elect
Andreas Charalambous (ACh)	Board member-Communication
Nikolina Dodlek (ND)	Board member-YCN
Amanda Drury (AD)	Board member (Research)
Mathew Fowler (MF)	Board member-Board Secretary
Wendy Oldenmenger (WO)	Board member + Treasurer
Merel van Klinken (MvK)	Board member
Lena Sharp (LS)	EONS Senior Board Advisor-Advocacy
Rudi Briké (RB)	Coordination and Membership Manager

#### *Advisory Council Members/delegates:*

Eva Papa, VVRO, Oncology Nursing Society Belgium  
Jasminka Milicevic, Croatian Oncology Nursing Society CONS  
Zvonimir Kralj, Croatian Oncology Nursing Society HUMS  
Giannos Toumbis, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society  
Iveta Nohavova, Czech Oncology Nursing Society  
Oili Papinaho, Finish Oncology Nursing Society  
Ilona Bences, Hungarian Oncology Nursing Society  
Miklosne Talmaci, Hungarian Oncology Nursing Society  
Rosario Caruso, AIIAO, Italy  
Orejeta Diamanti, AIIAO, Italy  
Cristina Lacerda, Portuguese Oncology Nursing Society  
Julio de la Torre, Spanish Oncology Nursing Society  
Helena Ullgren, Swedish Oncology Nursing Society  
Manuela Eicher, Swiss Oncology Nursing Society  
Perihan Güner, Turkish Oncology Nursing Society  
Mary Tanay, UKONS, UK

All presentations have been made available on the EONS website.

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

JdM welcomed the participants to the Advisory Council meeting. Apologies of absence were received from Wendy McInally, EONS Board member.

The members approved the minutes of the previous online meeting held on Saturday 19 September 2020.

**Item 2 Thank you to Board members end of Term**

A warm thank you was provided to Theresa Wiseman and Lena Sharp who both arrived at the end of their term as EONS Board member in September 2021. JdM informed the meeting participants that although Lena is leaving this role, we are pleased to have her to continue in the Senior Board Advisor role until the end of 2022.

**Item 3 Short Introduction on EONS main activities in 2021**

JdM pointed out that 2021 has been a challenging year with the restrictions due to the COVID pandemic but EONS managed to do a lot of activities. JdM and VS invited the meeting participants to share their opinions and comments related to the EONS projects (*European College of Cancer Nursing ECCN, EONS Framework update, Cancer Nursing Fund, and the Cancer Prevention Plan*). by using the flinga online tool. JdM provided an overview of EONS existing resources and main activities/events in 2021 such as the Advanced Breast Cancer webinar, the EONS Safety webinars, the EONS Research Workshops and ECND 2021 together with the projects that are currently in the pipeline.

Unfortunately, the ESO-EONS Masterclass scheduled to take place in July in Talinn, Estonia, had to be cancelled due to COVID but the 2<sup>nd</sup> ESO-EONS Eastern European and Balkan Region Masterclass (EEBR) did take place in September 2021 in Belgrade, Serbia and it was a considerable success. The 3<sup>rd</sup> EEBR is scheduled to take place as a live event in May in Warsaw, Poland in May 2022 and the call for applications will be available soon. JdM informed the meeting participants that EONS prepared one application for the EU4Health 2021-2027 grant, related to the Inter Specialty Cancer training Programme and is preparing another application related to the Cancer Prevention Plan. JdM stressed the fact that EONS is becoming a more valuable partner for other European organizations.

**Item 4 EONS College of Cancer Nursing (ECCN)**

VS provided the background information related to the European College of Cancer Nursing and its vision and mission. An ECCN Task Group has been established involving the EONS WG's with a project administrator for support. VS informed the meeting participants that the ECCN will be part of EONS but in cooperation with ESO and ESCO. VS stressed the fact that the ECCN will not be an education provider like a university, but it will promote educational opportunities, provide some education independently and in collaboration with other institutions and support the professional development of the cancer nursing workforce in Europe. VS highlighted the ECCN pathways & levels and the ECCN landing page. VS pointed out a pilot will start for the first pathway with a smaller group of nurses.

**Item 5 EONS Education Framework Update**

VS informed the meeting participants about the planned update of the EONS Cancer Nursing Framework which was launched in 2018. A Task group has been established and VS provided the participants with an overview and timeline of the different updates that will take place. The plan is to have the updated Framework available in September 2022.

**Item 6 EONS Cancer Prevention Plan**

LS highlighted the rationale of having a Cancer Prevention plan and she stressed the fact that nurses will be able to increase the impact of cancer prevention on patients, families, colleagues, and the general public. LS provided an outline of the Cancer Prevention Plan structure with five work packages in place related to Coordination, Research, Education, Campaign and Dissemination. She provided an overview of the activities with the involvement of the EONS WG's, and she highlighted the start of the Cancer Prevention plan campaign that will start in May 2022. LS encouraged the participants to join the campaign.

**Item 7 EONS Cancer Nursing Fund (CNF)**

WO informed the meeting participants about the purpose of the Cancer Nursing Fund which is to provide opportunities to the cancer nurses in Europe to develop and educate themselves to be able to provide high quality care. WO provided an outline in what areas the CNF will be providing support. There will be open calls published on the website related to grants for

the EONS15 conference registration. The CNF launch will take place online on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. WO invited the meeting participants to provide ideas on how to support cancer nurses through the flinga online tool.

#### **Item 8 Collaboration with EONS members and member Societies**

JdM invited the meeting participants to provide feedback and comments through the Mentimeter app.

*-Location of the meeting participants (16 respondents)*

The meeting participants are well divided all over Europe.

*-What benefits do you value the most as EONS member? (20 respondents)*

Membership of a large European Network (8,6) followed by Opportunity to participate in educational and research projects (8,4) and access to EONS training, educational activities, and materials (8,4).

*-Can you imagine two things you are currently missing as an EONS member? (15 respondents)*

Meeting in person, face to face and networking scored high. Also, research grants, guidelines.

*-How do you keep yourself informed about EONS activities? (18 respondents)*

1-EONS website, 2-EONS Newsletter, 3-Twitter.

*-What are the three key things you recommend EONS should keep doing? (17 respondents)*

Conferences, EONS Congress, Masterclass.

*-What kind of grants should be provided by the Cancer Nursing Fund? (14 respondents)*

Research, travel, educational grants.

*-Would your National Society consider hosting ECND in collaboration with EONS? (15 respondents)*

Yes (12), Not sure (3).

*-What is the most important thing you would like EONS to take leadership into? (15 respondents)*

Recognition, Advocacy and Safety, Training, and education.

*-Would your National Society support /disseminate EONS surveys amongst their members? (16 respondents)*

Yes (10), Yes if in native language (4), Not sure (2).

*-On a scale of poor to excellent, how would you rate EONS? (17 respondents)*

I would rate EONS at 8,5.

JdM expressed his thanks to the participants for their important input and he pointed out that this information will be put forward to the EONS Board for consideration.

#### **Item 9 Closing remarks**

JdM congratulated ACh for becoming the ECO President as of January 2022. ACh pointed out that this will also be beneficial for EONS, and he stressed the importance of cooperation between EONS and ECO. WO was also congratulated for being elected in the first round as ECO Board member.

JdM also reminded the participants that the European Cancer Nursing Day (ECND) will take place on 18 May 2022, and he invited the participants to reflect within their organization on how they could provide input to make it a top event for the recognition of Cancer Nursing.

JdM referred to the EONS15 Congress, scheduled to take place in September 2022, hopefully as a hybrid event.  
JdM ended the meeting by expressing his thanks to the participants for their valuable input and collaboration.

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