



Terms of Reference for EONS Working Groups

(Research Working Group)

March 2022

Membership (those who need to be renewed in 2022 are in green)

Members	Date Started	End of current term
Working Group Chair Amanda Drury	April 2018	Third term. Ends April 2024. Leaves April 2024.
Working Group Co-Chair Grigorios Kotronoulas	May 2017	Third term. Ends May 2023. Leaves May 2023.
Working Group Members		
Gulcan Bagcivan	September 2022	First term. Ends September 2024.
Karin Brochstedt-Dieperink	January 2019	Second term. Ends January 2023.
Sara Colomer Lahiguera	September 2022	First term. Ends September 2024
Maura Dowling	December 2019	Second term. Ends December 2023.
Nicolas Efstathiou	September 2018	Second term. Ends September 2022.
Susana Miguel	January 2022	First term. Ends January 2024.
Paz Fernandez-Ortega	January 2019	Second term. Ends January 2023.
Eva Pape	May 2021	First term. Ends May 2023.
Cherith Semple	November 2020	First term. Ends November 2022.

How we work

Working group members are selected from EONS members who put themselves forward for working in the group when opportunities arise. Each working group is managed by an EONS Board Member (the Chair of the Working Group) and a Vice-Chair who is selected from the group. Working group members are expected to remain for a minimum of two years and may be re-elected to the group three times in a row. After six years in one group, that member may not be re-elected but may move to a different working group if there is an opportunity to do so, when her/his terms start again. The working group chairs will after the end of a member's term decide with member if wishing to prolong up until a maximum of six years.

In exceptional situations, to ensure the sustainability of a working group, the working group chairs can propose extension of a working group members term by up to one term (2 years). The working group chairs must bring this proposal to the board for approval.

Working groups will review membership once approval is sought and terms of reference of the group each year.

Scope of Work

All the Research working group's planned projects and actions will be in line with the EONS'2018 to 2023 Strategic mission, vision and values as outlined below. The Research Working Group commits to pursuing activities that contribute towards the achievement of the EONS Strategic Goals as outlined in the 2018 to 2023 Strategy.

<p>EONS Strategic Objectives</p> <p>All strategic goals are equal and assume no hierarchy. By the end of 2023, EONS will have achieved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cancer nursing is recognised across Europe for its positive impact on the lives of people affected by cancer through C.A.R.E. – Communication, Advocacy, Research and Education.2. All cancer nurses have access to specialised education that is aligned with the EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework.3. All cancer nurses gain official recognition, reward and respect as a result of the RECaN and advocacy campaigns.4. All cancer nurses are connected in order to exchange and share information and support for their work.5. EONS facilitates, leads and promotes collaborative cancer nursing research across Europe.6. EONS leads EU-wide advocacy initiatives at EU policy level.7. EONS provides evidence-based advice to people and organisations affected by cancer on healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention	<p>Research Working Group Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To increase research literacy (knowledge, confidence and awareness) in nurses working in clinical practice, across the key areas of critical appraisal, research utilisation and dissemination.2. To build capacity and provide opportunities for nurses to learn, network and develop research skills and experience.3. To influence strategic priorities and funding, in order to promote person-centred cancer research.4. To generate research evidence that will have a sustainable impact on clinical practice.
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EONS' mission, vision and values

Mission

EONS is an umbrella organisation providing leadership in all areas of cancer nursing, research, practice, continuing education, communications and advocacy for better recognition of cancer nursing across Europe. Our mission is to ensure that all people affected by cancer benefit from the care of highly educated, well-informed and competent cancer nurses.

Vision

Our vision is that cancer nursing will be recognised by the cancer community, national and European level policy makers, as a profession with specialised training and qualifications available across the continent. Working conditions for cancer nurses will be optimal, providing a commensurate financial income as well as protecting and promoting individual well-being. We anticipate that this will produce a relatable improvement in the health and clinical outcomes for people affected by cancer. Finally, we envisage that all our members will become confident and empowered cancer nurses operating as leaders in research, practice and education within multi-professional teams.

Values

The core strength of EONS comes from our members. We recognise the diverse aspects of nursing across Europe and strive for equality for all cancer nurses regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation or disability. The improvement of patient safety and better clinical outcomes for cancer patients and their families is central to our work. The society firmly believes in working in partnerships across sectors and professions who share our goals and values.

Minimum Working Group Member Requirements

The EONS Working Groups are the drivers of EONS' strategy, projects and key to its survival. For the 2018 to 2023 strategy period, Working Groups will hold two face to face meetings per year and teleconference calls, the volume of which will depend on the Chairs, Vice-chairs and number of activities. In order to remain a member of any of the EONS Working Groups, all members must commit to:

- Attending one face to face meeting per year at least
- If there is a working group meeting before the EONS Annual Meetings and Congress, working group members are required to stay on for the Annual Meeting and Congress attendance is warmly encouraged.
- Participating in at least 50% of all the working group teleconferences and at least one of the group activities.
- Signing the EONS Conflict of Interest form on an annual basis.

Specific Working Group Member Requirements

- All Research Working Group members must be individual EONS-members or EONS Society Members.
- Membership of the Research WG lasts for 2 years. Membership of the Research WG may be renewed twice.
- All new members of the Research WG will be requested to complete a “WG membership Application Form”, to sign and complete the “Conflict of Interest Forms”.
- All new members of the Research WG will be requested to provide a photo and short biography for the EONS-website.
- The Research WG should have a minimum of one Board member among its participants to maintain the direct link between the Research WG and the Board.
- The language for communication (spoken and written) within the Research WG is English.
- Members of the Research WG will work using emailing as well as remote conferencing systems (e.g. zoom) as the main means of communication.
- The Research WG will hold several conference calls one or two face-to-face meeting per year. EONS will cover the travel and accommodation costs from within a specific defined working group budget. These meetings are combined with the ECND and EONS-conference.
- Research WG-members are required to manage their work to enable them to actively participate to the projects and activities of the WG and to attend the face-to-face meeting(s) and conference calls.
- Research WG-members are expected to actively participate in the WG and its activities.
- Research WG-members are to ensure that they maintain the integrity of EONS policy, administrative decisions and research integrity. This includes recognising and declaring any conflict of interest in all work related to EONS WG activities.
- Research WG-members are expected to actively engage in and timely delivery of project work.