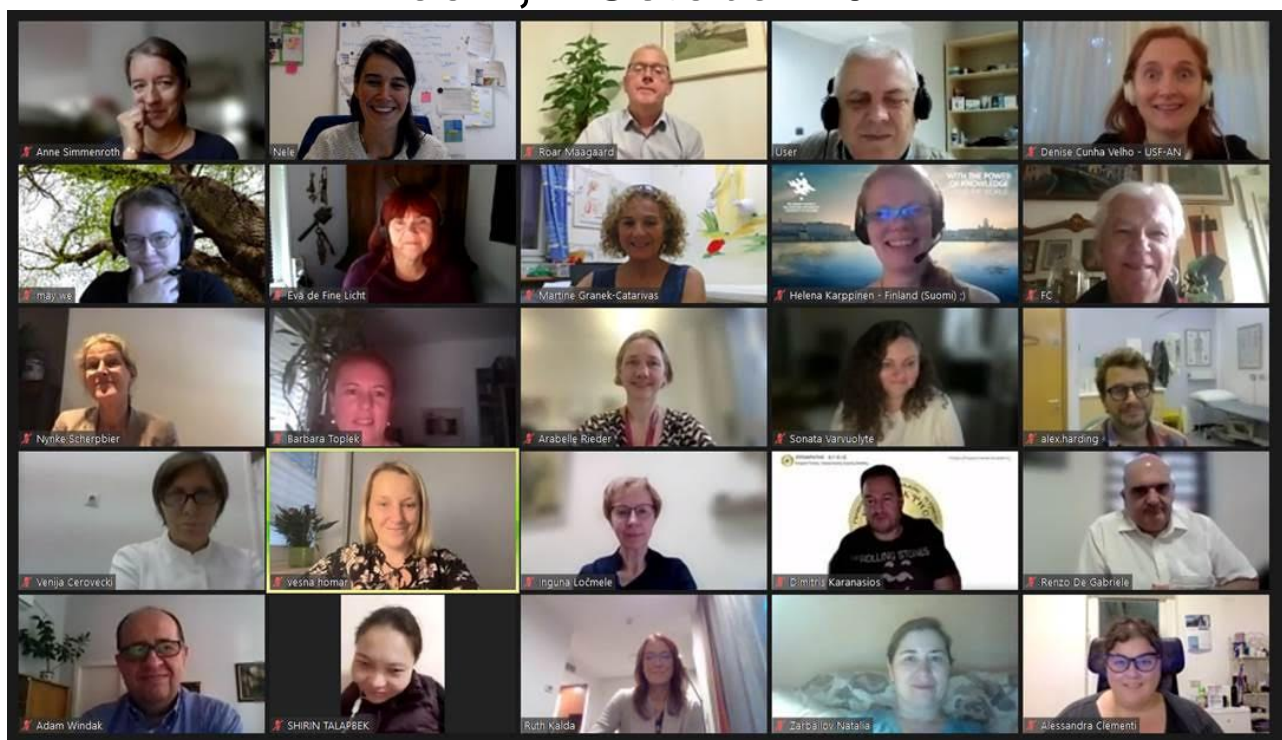




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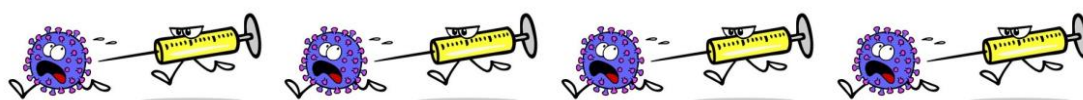


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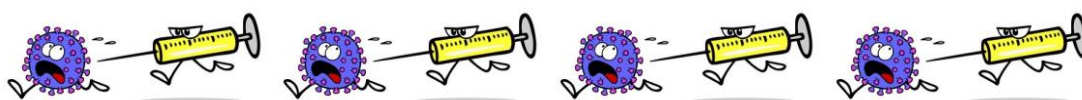
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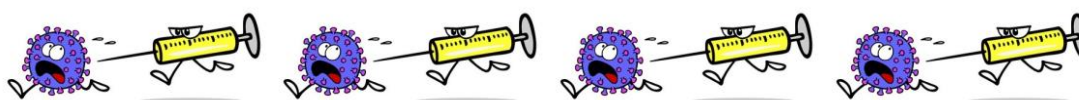
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4. Dr Dimitrios Karanasios, Greece, EB Member
5. Dr Nynke Sherpbier-de Haan, The Netherlands, EB Member
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31. Prof Alex Harding, United Kingdom
32. Dr Alessandra Clementi, Kazakhstan

- Ms Barbara Toplek, Administrative Secretary, Slovenia

Not present:

1. Prof Valentina Madjova, Bulgaria
2. Dr Humbert de Freminville, France
3. Dr Péter Vajer, Hungary
4. Dr Natasa Trifunovic, Bosnia & Herzegovina
5. Dr Milena Cojić, Montenegro
6. Dr. Iveta Malikova, Slovakia
7. Dr Dragana Trifunovic Balanovic, Serbia
8. Dr Mariia Litviakova, Russia
9. Dr Razvan Miftode, Romania



Report of the Meeting

Thursday, 7 October 2021

Previously to this Council Meeting, EB had three online meetings on June 29th, August 31st and September 21st and one online pre-council meeting with the chairs of the committees and taskgroups on October 5th. During these meetings, EB discussed the agenda, timetable and technical aspects of the upcoming Council Telemeeting.

The following documents were sent to all Council Members beforehand:

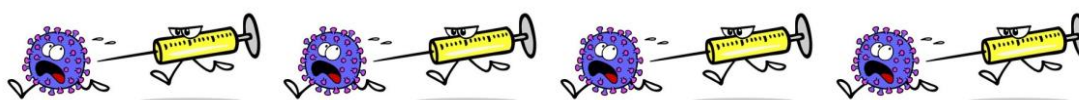
1. The meeting agendas (general and business meeting)
2. President's report (appendix 1)
3. WONCA representative's report (appendix 2)
4. Hon. Secretary's report of the April 2021 meeting – available from our website.

These documents were all taken as read. With no feedback forthcoming from the council members present, the reports were approved.

The agenda for the Council Telemeeting that took place Thursday, 7 of October of 2021, was the following:

13:00 - 14:00	<u>Council Session - Part I</u>
14:00 - 14:15	<i>Break</i>
14:15 - 15:30	Committees Session – BME (Francesco) – ST (Karena) – CPD (Jachym) – Member services (Humbert)
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 - 17:15	Task Groups Session – Online Education: Hot topics (Arabelle / Pavlo) – Leonardo courses (Renzo) – Recruitment and Visibility (Dimitrios)
17:15 - 17:30	<i>Break</i>
17:30 - 18:00	<u>Council Session - Part II</u> Conclusions and end of meeting

Note: All times were CEST.



Items discussed:**1. Council Session**

President Nele Michels presented the meeting agenda which had every participants' approval. As 32 out of 41 Council Members were present, as confirmed by Admin. Secretary Barbara Toplek, the required quorum was reached. The following items were presented and discussed during the Council session (President's ppt presentation – appendix 3):

- a) **Evaluation of WONCA Europe Conference 2021**
- b) **Evaluation of Bled Course 2021**
- c) **EURACT Snowball Symposium 20/10/2021**
- d) **Leonardo Course Level 2 – November 3-5 of 2021**
- e) **Approval of new members**
- f) **Applications for EURACT Educational Conference 2022**
- g) **Live EURACT Council Meeting in Vienna, 3 & 4 December 2021**
- h) **Research and Projects**
- i) **Specific requests from committees and taskforces**

2. Committees Session

The chairpersons of the committees sent the following reports:

Committees:

- Basic Medical Education (BME) – Francesco Carelli (Appendix 4)
- Specialist Training (ST) – Nynke Scherpbier (Appendix 4)
- CME/CPD – Jachym Bednar (Appendix 4)
- Member services (MS) – Dimitrios Karanasios (Appendix 4)

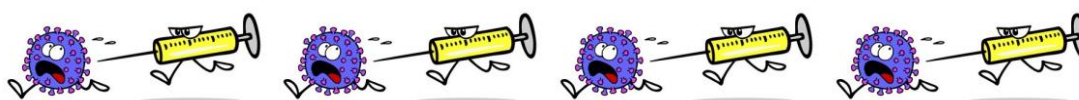
3. Taskgroups Session

The chairpersons of the taskgroups sent the following reports:

Task groups:

- Online Education: Hot topics – Arabelle and Pavlo (Appendix 5)
- Leonardo Courses – Renzo (Appendix 5)
- Recruitment and Visibility– Dimitrios Karanasios (Appendix 5)

The post-council meeting with chairs was held on October 13th 2021.

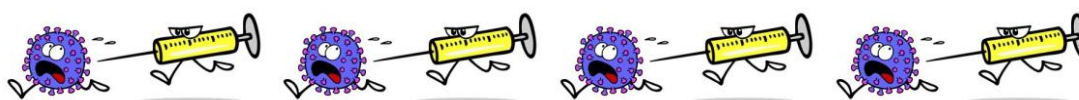


Appendix 1 – President's report

President's Report, May 2021 – September 2021

I am looking forward to the next few months! We will see each other online again next week and hopefully in person in December 2021 or at least in the spring of 2022. Yes, we have decided to go 'live' again! And let's all cross our fingers that this will really happen. I was lucky to be able to feel again what this means: meeting colleagues and learning/working together with and alongside each other, literally. I participated for the first time in the 30th Janko Kersnik International EURACT Bled course. To observe how Bled courses work and to taste the atmosphere; but with the theme of 'leadership in general practice' it was clear that I would actually participate. It was a success and a gift for me and (I am sure) all other participants: perfect combination of interesting sessions, opportunities to learn, network, enjoy nature, food, warmth of being together. Thanks Vesna and the whole Bled team! Before the summer, we also had some opportunities to share our EURACT ideas and experiences in some conferences. In May, Martine, Alex, and I, chaired by Esra, were able to repeat our session on 'GP education and COVID-19' at the 20th International Eastern Mediterranean Family Medicine Congress. June began with a lecture on 'The importance of training FM teachers' at the IV Congress of Family Doctors and Family Nurses of Kyrgyzstan, supported by Shirin. A week later the Amsterdam' WONCA Europe Conference began, where many of us participated in workshops and lectures. Although these were all online events, I believe they were worth attending and I am sure we made ourselves clear and visible. Committees and task forces have also been working hard and I look forward to hearing about your projects and progress! Thinking of the BME committee study on ECE, the ongoing hard work for the hospital training study (ST committee) and the almost finished 'state-of-the-art' book of the CME committee. Besides, we can announce our first EURACT Snowball Symposium that will be held on Wednesday 20th of October, led by the Hot Topic task group. Promotion has already started and let us hope for an active and inspiring workshop! The organisations of the online Leonardo Course Level 2 have also started. Thank you for all your efforts to make our courses possible again! Our case-based CME project on COVID-19 has been launched. As you know this is free CME for all our members and other GPs; registration is possible via <https://ppcp.mirrorsmed.org/>. More promotion will follow in the coming months. Our second CME project on Pain & Osteoarthritis is in development! Many challenges. Luckily we are not afraid of challenges. So let us also work towards the 3rd EURACT Medical Education Conference (Autumn 2022); soon we will know exactly where and when. Let the (new) future begin!

Nele Michels
September 2021



Appendix 2 – Report from EURACT representative on WONCA Europe Executive Board

Report of the EURACT representative in WONCA Europe Executive Board.

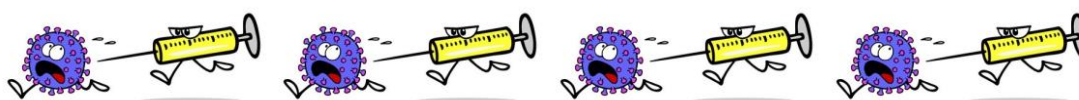
WONCA Europe Executive Board met face-to-face after almost the two years pandemic break in Vienna, Austria on 1 – 3 October 2021. Since the last in person meeting held in Thessaloniki, Greece in February 2020 only virtual meetings were organized on monthly basis. Regular communication via e-mails and WhatsApp is also going on. Of the many issues that WONCA Europe EB has dealt with over the past few months, the following may be of interest to EURACT and its members:

Core activities

- Over the past few months, a special task force has been working to define the Core Values of the discipline of General Practice/Family Medicine. The concept was presented and discussed during the last two WONCA Europe conferences in Berlin and Amsterdam. Its final version will be discussed during the next virtual meeting of the WONCA Europe Council, which will be held on November 11, 2021.
- WONCA Europe has established numerous working relationships with health organizations. Among the most important are WHO Europe and the European Medicines Agency. Working contacts were also established with European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) and European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC).
- Two professional groups of GPs are willing to establish official relationships with WONCA Europe. The first one deals with social prescribing and the second one with the life style issues. Their activities will be presented during the coming virtual council meeting of WONCA Europe. As consequence they may be recognized as two new Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- European Journal of General Practice strengthens its position as one of the leading scientific journals in the PHC area. This is why WONCA Europe has signed a contract for the next 5 years (2019-24), under which Prof. Jelle Stofers will continue his mission as Editor-in-Chief. Negotiations to extend the contract with the current publisher of the journal are also nearing completion.

WONCA Europe Conferences

- The next WONCA Europe conference will take place on 28 June – 1 July 2022 in London, UK. After the two years break it is going to be a regular conference with life participation of the delegates. In addition to this some kind of hybrid form of participation is under consideration. The intensive negotiations about the programme and other practical arrangements with the local organizers (RCGP) are in progress. Shortly we should learn about the space in the scientific programme devoted to all the networks, including EURACT. It is also expected that the website with more precise organizational information will be activated very soon.
- In 2023 the WONCA Europe conference will be held in Brussels, Belgium and 2024 in Dublin, Ireland. Single bids were submitted in tenders for both conferences. So, their hosts were accepted without any further competition procedure.
- WONCA Europe has submitted a bid to host 2025 WONCA World conference in Lisbon, Portugal. The bid was developed in collaboration with Portuguese Association of General Practitioners and Guarant company, current PCO of WONCA Europe conferences. The only competitor for the European bid is an offer from



South Africa. The tender will be resolved during the virtual meeting of the WONCA World Council in Abu Dhabi in November 2021.

Financial situation

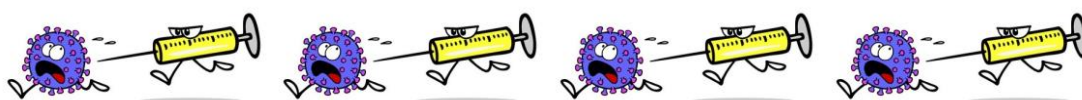
- Obviously the corona pandemic had big influence on finances of WONCA Europe. This was mainly due to the uncertain income from the annual conferences, paid as levy by local organizers. Although the financial situation of WONCA Europe is still not secured, it has significantly improved after fortunate managerial decisions about the cut of expenses. Four networks and the Slovenian Institut for Development of General Practice, running the secretariat waived part of their annual instalment. Savings were made also on the travels and the costs of the European Journal of General Practice.
- The whole income from 2020 Conference in Berlin was donated to the networks of WONCA Europe (including EURACT) as 2021 instalments. It is also expected that lower than usual levy will be paid by the organizers of 2021 conference in Amsterdam.
- The income was increased significantly by donations given by sponsors as an unrestricted grant to run webinars for the audience of European GPs. The webinars have been already forecasted and are now translated to 5 languages. They will be available soon on the web-site of WONCA Europe.
- Small income is also expected from the educational projects on COVID-19 and osteoarthritis run in collaboration with EURACT.

Personnel issues

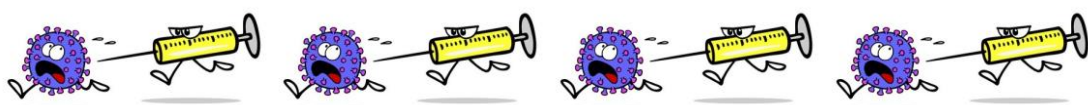
- After the resignation of Prof. Mehmet Urgan, the presidency of WONCA Europe was taken over by the President Elect Prof. Shlomo Vinker. Official handover ceremony took place in Vienna during the latest EWONCA Europe EB meeting. Prof. Vinker will chair the European Council of WONCA till 2024.
- On the position released by Prof. Vinker as President-Elect was elected Prof. Thomas Frese. The elections were held by correspondence. Prof. Frese was the only candidate. Prof. Frese is a GP and head of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Halle, Germany. In WONCA Europe EB he was representing EGPRN.
- Prof. Pemra Unalan joined WONCA Europe as a new EGPRN representative. She is a GP and Associate Professor at the Department of Family Medicine of Istanbul University, Turkey.

Adam Windak, EURACT representative
WONCA Europe EB member at large

Krakow, 3 October 2021



Appendix 3 – President’s ppt presentation for the meeting



EURACT Autumn meeting

Online, 7th of October



Council Meeting Agenda

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16:45 - 17:00	Break
17:00 - 18:00	<u>Council Session - Part II</u>

Agenda

information

President's report (Nele)

Honorary Secretary's report – meeting Council April 2021 (Denise)

WONCA representative's report (Adam)

Agenda

presentations & discussions

Evaluation WONCA Europe Conference (Nynke)

Evaluation Bled Course 2021 (Vesna)

EURACT Snowball Symposium 20/10/2021

Leonardo Course / level 2 3 to 5/11/21

Approval of new members (Denise & Barbara)

Applications EURACT Conference 2022 (Barbara)

Life EURACT Council Meeting 3 & 4/12/21 - Vienna

Research & projects

Specific requests from Committees and TaskForces (Chairs)



26th WONCA
Europe Conference
Virtual 6-10 July, 2021



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WONCA EUROPE 2021 IS NOT OVER

Registered participants can log in until 10 October (15:00 CEST)

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EURACT Bled Course 2021

Hybrid course

- 36 participants on site
- 12 participants on line
- Up to 80 participants following webinars
- 15 countries

At the end of the course the learner will:
be able to define leadership in medicine and to list its essential components,
be able to demonstrate their competence as a leader,
be able to list the strategies used to implement leadership and tasks delegation,
be able to teach leadership skills to medical students, trainees, and colleagues,
value a collaborative atmosphere in family medicine team.

4 keynotes
1 joker session
2 invited guests lectures
5 groupwork sessions
Module presentation
Anniversary celebration
Gala dinner



30th Janko Kersnik

EURACT Bled Course

Leadership in Family Medicine

9th - 11th Sept 2021

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NEO-RENAISSANCE

of Family Medicine



14TH - 17TH SEPT. 2022

Bled - Slovenia

Reviewers needed!!!

- New textbook of Family medicine
- 2022/23
- University of Ljubljana and University of Maribor
- Slovenian and English edition
- Reviewers needed

Diseases and conditions	Low back pain
	Sleep disorders
Communication	Principles of communication
Specific problem solving skills	Decision making in family medicine
	Home care
	Prescription of medications
	Emergency and out-of-hours care
Community orientation	Family

TO BUILD A 'LEARNING
COMMUNITY AMONG
GP/FM TEACHERS
WHERE PARTICIPANTS
AND TOPICS EXPAND
LIKE A
ROLLING
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EURACT SN WBALL SYMPOSIUM

How to be a good GP/FM
teacher in the digital era?

ONLINE
INTERACTIVE
WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY
20TH OCTOBER
5PM-7PM**

Arabelle Rieder, Ilir Mecini, Odd Martin
Vallersnes, Helena Karppinen, Pavlo
Kolesnik, Karena Hanley, Martine Granek-
Catavarias, Mariia Hryshchuk

EURACT Snowball Symposia

The details of the conference

Application is accepted

ENTERING THE CONFERENCE

The duration of the conference: 2021.10.20, 17:00 - 2021.10.20, 19:00
The short introduction of the conference:

Ruth Kalda, Martine Granek-Catarivas, Renzo de Gabriele, Dimitrios Karanasios

Framework for Continuing
Educational Development of Trainers
in General Practice in Europe

The poster features a green background with white and yellow text. At the top left, there is a logo consisting of four squares (two green, two white) and a circular badge with the text 'EURACT sponsorship for participating in the courses - info and application form'. The main title is 'Leonardo EURACT course level 2 for trainers in Family Medicine'. Below the title, there are two rounded rectangular boxes: a yellow one containing 'level 2' and a green one containing 'Online'. At the bottom, two white rounded rectangular boxes contain the text 'from competent' and 'to proficient trainers'. A grey footer bar at the bottom contains the text '3rd - 5th November, 2021 • Online'.

EURACT sponsorship for participating in the courses - info and application form

Leonardo EURACT course level 2 for trainers in Family Medicine

level 2 Online

from competent *to proficient trainers*

3rd - 5th November, 2021 • Online

approval of new members

- **France**

Chloe Delacour

- **Ireland**

Brian McEllistrem

- **Israel**

Lital Goldberg

Christina Solbach – Sabbach

- **Malta**

Sarah Schembri

- **Malta**

Sarah Schembri

- **Sweden**

Anneli Vinensjö

- **Norway**

Anne Cathrine Bergh

Anja Rassmusen

Nina Reimers

Leonor Roa Santervas

Elin Sjaastad

- **Portugal**

Cecilia Shinn

- **Turkey**

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very special occasion.**

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Medical
Education
Conference**



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financial support



30 Sep 2021 01 Oct 2021 All



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VIRTUAL MEETING TOUR



BUSINESS & MEETINGS

3 to 4 December 2021
Vienna
COUNCIL Meeting

EURACT Council Meeting Spring 2022

Kiev, Ukraine



5 to 7 May 2022

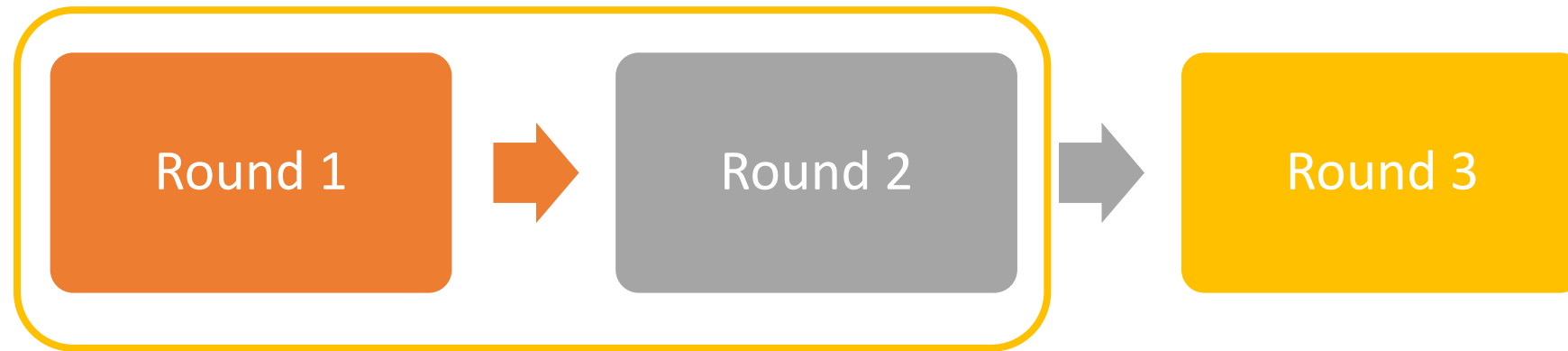
research & projects

- ECE - BME committee
- Hospital Training study – ST committee
- Book state of the art ‘CME in GP/FM’ – CME committee
- EURACT COVID-19 study – in progress
- CME-project + WONCA Europe
 - COVID-19
 - Pain & Osteoarthritis

EURACT COVID-19 study



- 'Influence of COVID-19 pandemic on GP/FM education in Europe'
- Questionnaire for key experts BME/ST/CME per country



 consensus between 2 experts/educational level

 support of council members!

European case-based independent programme for Continuing Medical Education (CME) for general practice



COVID-19 management



Chronic pain due to osteoarthritis

Independent case-based CME platform

- **Series of cases ('topics')** around essential clinical questions
- Short cases with different options
- **Direct feedback**
 - Answers of peers who already completed that case
 - Validated recommendation of an international multidisciplinary expert panel
 - Short summary of relevant literature and guidelines related to that case
- Assessment of 10 questions for each topic
- **European accreditation**
- Funded by unrestricted educational grants

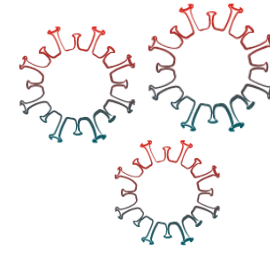


COVID-19 management



Chronic pain due to osteoarthritis

- Creation & management by EURACT & WONCA Europe + ISSECAM
- Funded but independent
 - Fee for the 'working group'/case makers
 - Budget for EURACT & WONCA Europe



Management of COVID-19 in family medicine

Management of COVID-19 in family medicine

- Started in September 2020
- Involvement of **11 EURACT members from 11 different countries**
- The group created and validated 22 cases divided over 4 topics
- **Announcement via EURACT/WONCA by videos, newsletters and social media**
- Dissemination via national/local societies

- Milena Cojić
- Martine Granek-Catarivas
- Karena Hanley
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- Nele Michels
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COVID-19 topics on PPCP

Online

15/03

04/05


09/06

09/06



The screenshot shows the PPCP website interface. At the top right, there are links for "Experts", "Supporters", and "About Mirrors of Medicine". The main header includes the "Mirrors of medicine" logo, navigation options for "Disease Area", "Method", and "Accreditation", and logos for "In collaboration with EURACT" and "Wonca". There are buttons for "my dashboard", "Join", and "Login". A secondary navigation bar features "COVID-19" and "Experts & associates" with a right arrow, and "Cases in your mailbox" with a right arrow. The main content area is titled "Select a topic (T) of interest" and lists four topics: "Treatment of COVID-19", "Testing of COVID-19", "Regular care in times of COVID-19", and "Follow-up of COVID-19", each with a right arrow. To the right, a section titled "Join the PinPoint Case Platform" lists three benefits: "Receive essential clinical cases with targeted feedback", "Compare your decisions with peers and experts", and "Get accredited CME courses for free". Below this is a dark green button with a bell icon and the text "Free subscription" with a right arrow. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Other disease areas" with a person icon and a right arrow, and "Feedback" with a speech bubble icon and a right arrow.

Example of case

Experts Supporters About Mirrors of Medicine

 Disease Area Method Accreditation

In collaboration with

my dashboard Join Login

COVID-19 > Follow-up of COVID-19

Mary (28 years old)

Mary, a 28-year-old, otherwise healthy, schoolteacher, was diagnosed with COVID-19 approximately 2 months ago. She was hospitalised due to typical symptoms (high fever, dyspnoea, cough, loss of smell and taste) and had a positive nasopharyngeal PCR test swab. 2 weeks later, she was discharged from hospital because her clinical status had significantly improved and her PCR test result was negative. She returned to normal activity.

Recently, her husband developed COVID-19 and tested positive by PCR. Mary feels well and has no symptoms at all.

What would you advise for this patient?

abbreviations

- No restrictions needed in a convalescent
- No restrictions unless symptoms develop
- Immediate isolation
- Immediate PCR test
- Perform PCR test if symptoms develop

Submit

...feedback

Experts Supporters About Mirrors of Medicine

Mirrors of medicine Disease Area Method Accreditation

In collaboration with EURACT European Academy of Teachers Wonca World family doctors. Caring for people EUROPE

my dashboard Join Login

COVID-19 > Follow-up of COVID-19

Mary (28 years old) View case

Your peers answered:

No restrictions needed in a convalescent	13%
No restrictions unless symptoms develop	0%
Immediate isolation	0%
Immediate PCR test	13%
Perform PCR test if symptoms develop	75%


your answer change answer?

Expert panel recommendation:

No restrictions needed in a convalescent	2
No restrictions unless symptoms develop	4
Immediate isolation	6
Immediate PCR test	3
Perform PCR test if symptoms develop	8

....and evidence

Evidence

 abbreviations



Next case



This patient was hospitalised for COVID-19 2 months ago. She has been in close contact with her husband who developed COVID-19 recently.

Risk of reinfection

Generally, COVID-19 survivors develop a healthy immune response consisting of both antibodies and T cells, similar to other viral infections [1]. However, infections and the immune responses they induce are heterogeneous in different people. It is unclear how common and severe reinfections are, and whether reinfected people can transmit the virus to others [2].

A meta-analysis of 17 studies including 5,182 patients with previous COVID-19 disease indicated that the SARS-CoV-2 recurrent RNA positivity ranged between 7-23% across the studies in recovered COVID-19 patients [3]. A more recent meta-analysis of 41 studies on COVID-19 recurrence estimated that 15% (95% CI: 12-19%) of discharged patients were again positive with SARS-CoV-2 during follow-up [4]. The main reasons for re-positive tests in recovered COVID-19 patients are still unclear but may include false positive/negative RT-PCR test results, and reactivation or reinfection with SARS-CoV-2. The false-negative tests prior to discharge might be another the key factor facilitating the spread of the pandemic [5].

Several, although rare cases of reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 have been reported and confirmed. They might be due to only partial immunity developed after the initial infection, a decline in neutralizing antibodies or consequence of exposure to different strains of the virus. Moreover, SARS-CoV-2 antibodies decline within 8 weeks and asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic patients may not even develop antibodies. Therefore, exposure to the virus may not translate to total immunity: since it is unclear whether convalescents are naturally protected and safe, it is crucial for them to take regular precautions to avoid reinfection and spread of pandemic [6].

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Announcement via EURACT/WONCA channels (June 2021)



EURACT NEWSLETTER
www.euract.woncaeurope.org

After hard work, we are honored to announce the launch of a new case-based CME program for GPs on the management of COVID-19. The cases, presented with feedback from peers, from experts, and from evidence can be consulted at the platform of Mirrors of Medicine or you can register to receive them bi-weekly in your mailbox. It is very easy to access and for free! Visit the PinPoint Platform and register yourself at <https://mirrorsmed.org>. This CME program is developed in collaboration with WONCA Europe and ISSECAM.

More information in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71imxy4Bqes>



Prof. Dr. Nele Michels
EURACT President & Council representative of Belgium

Mirrors of medicine
Check out cases at ppcp.mirrorsmed.org

EURACT ISSECAM Wonca

Prof. Dr. Nele Michels
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Hello, I'm Nele Michels and I'm glad to announce a new CME programme which is case-based on COVID-19 management for family practice.



WONCA Europe Newsletter June 2021 Edition

Published on 25 June 2021.



An Accredited Case-based CME Programme on COVID-19 in Family Medicine

We are proud to announce the realization of a new initiative from the joint effort of WONCA Europe and EURACT: an accredited CME programme on COVID-19 in family medicine.

This unique programme is freely available on the PinPoint Case Platform, through the support of ISSECAM (an independent international CME provider), and offers learning points for clinicians interested in different aspects of patient management during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you prefer to receive every 2 weeks a Clinical Case in your mailbox, you can register for this.

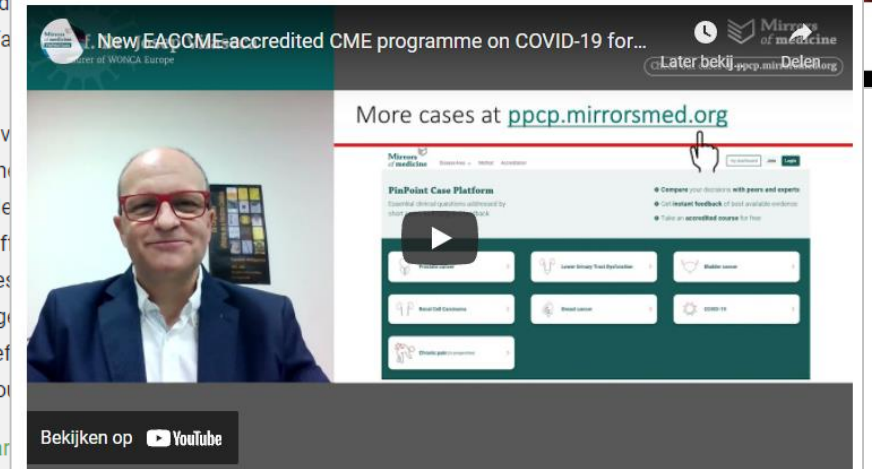
[Click here to read the rest of the article on our website.](#)



WONCA Europe COVID-19 Resources
COVID-19 Resources for General Practitioners/Family Physicians

More info

Featured video



New EACCME-accredited CME programme on COVID-19 for...

More cases at ppcp.mirrorsmed.org

PinPoint Case Platform

Bekijken op YouTube

COVID-19 CME: Video Interview with Prof. Josep Vilaseca

23 Jun 2021

Conclusions and next steps

- **Limited response after announcements** via newsletters and related channels
- **Focus on cases** in a simple format that can easily **be included in emails, newsletters and social media by national societies**
- **Multilanguage version** (EN-FR-GE-IT-SP) available by mid November
- **Exploration of needs and dissemination possibilities** via EURACT representatives:
 - Website/newsletters societies
 - Meeting formats
 - Other languages



We need your support!

Case-based CME on COVID-19

EURACT Mircea of medicine Wanca

Mary, a 28-year-old, otherwise healthy, schoolteacher, was diagnosed with COVID-19 approximately 2 months ago. She was hospitalised due to typical symptoms (high fever, dyspnoea, cough, loss of smell and taste) and had a positive nasopharyngeal PCR test swab. 2 weeks later, she was discharged from hospital because her clinical status had significantly improved and her PCR test result was negative. She returned to normal activity.

Recently, her husband developed COVID-19 and tested positive by PCR. Mary feels well and has no symptoms at all.

What would you advise Mary?



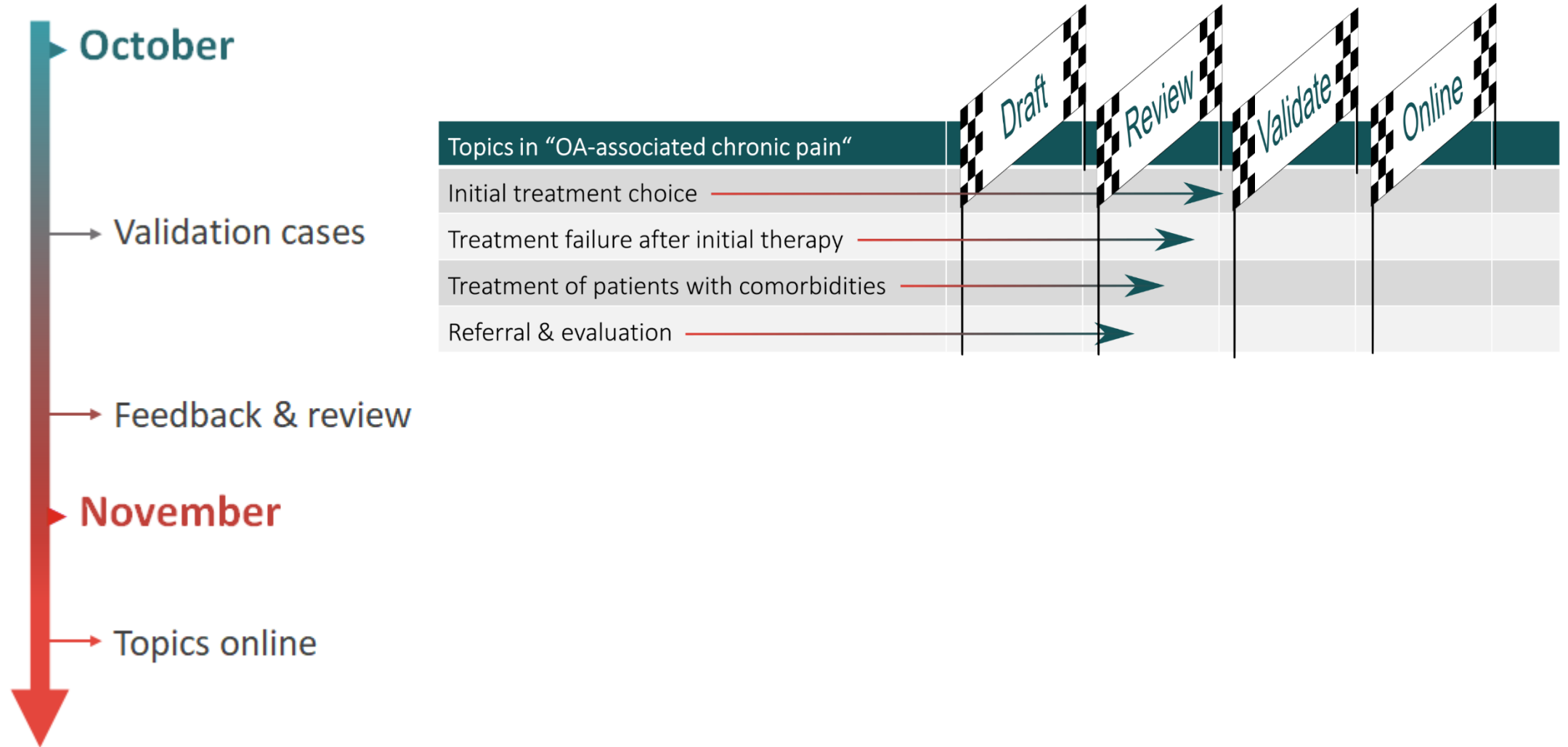
Management of chronic pain due to osteoarthritis

Overview

- Started in July 2021
- Involvement of 11 EURACT/WONCA members from 11 different countries (6 from the COVID group)
- Similar approach but also involvement of experts in chronic pain/OA (pain medicine, orthopaedics, rheumatology)
- EURACT representatives to be involved in testing and dissemination

- Milena Cojić
- Özden Gökdemir
- Martine Granek-Catarivas
- Jean-Pierre Jacquet
- Pavlo Kolesnyk
- Richard Mayne
- Nele Michels
- Mariana Moura Relvas
- Jens Søndergaard
- Josep M. Vilaseca
- Adam Windak

Next steps and planning



→ 14.45h: you will be directed to your **committee**

→ task for the chair:

→ prepare 1 slide

→ send the slide to Barbara

→ **15.30h BREAK**

→ 16.00h: you will be directed to your **task group**

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→ 17.00h **council session part 2** → same link as in the e-mail



Requests from Committees & Task groups

- BME (Francesco, Helena)
- ST (Karena)
- CME (Jachym)
- MS (Humbert)

- Appraisal/Portfolio (Roar)
- Online education (Pavlo, Arabelle)
- Leonardo Courses (Renzo)
- Recruitment & Visibility (Dimitrios)

1 slide – 1 minute + 1 minute for questions

Report EURACT BME Committee / October 2021

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After these papers, we might write an article "12 tips to foster ECE or whatever"/ for "Clinical Teacher", a practical review article with expert tricks, based on evidence to some extent.

Also BME guidelines could have been be an option later /Medical Teacher (AMEE).

CME/CPD committee



Nele, Ruth & Vesna

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MS Committee

Leonardo Courses – taskforce

Recruitment taskforce

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to do / to come ...

- Reviewers for new textbook of Family medicine (Vesna)
- EURACT Snowball symposia: attend & promote
- Think about organising EURACT Med Ed Conference in your (beautiful) country
- Register for Council meeting in Vienna!
- Support COVID-19 study: instructions will follow
- Disseminate COVID-19 CME (cases): email and promotional material will follow



Anne Simmenroth



Nele



Roar Maagaard



User



Denise Cunha Velho - USF-AN



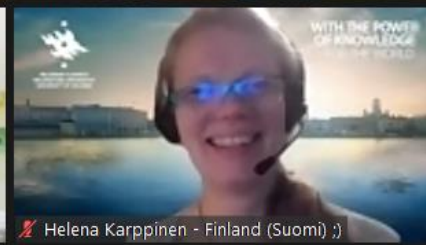
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Eva de Fine Licht



Martine Granek-Catarivas



Helena Karppinen - Finland (Suomi) ;)



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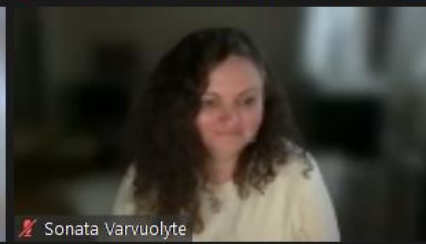
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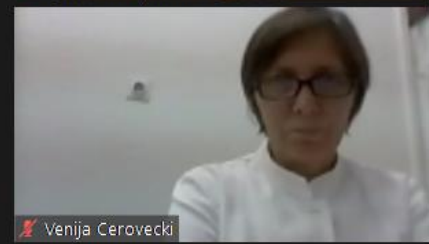
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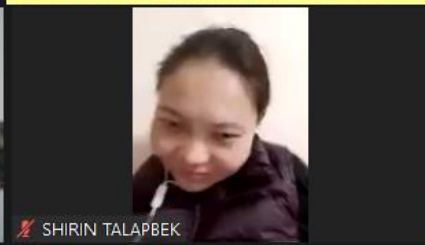
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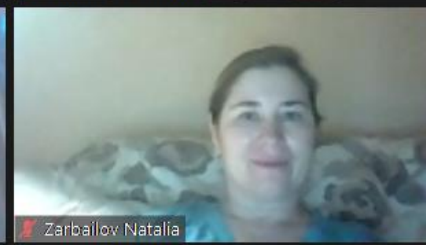
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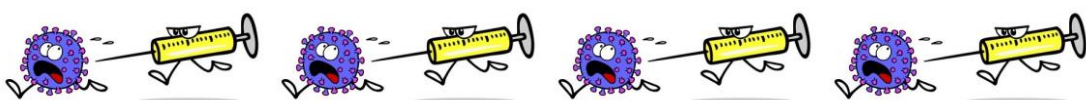


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Alessandra Clementi

Appendix 4 – Reports from Committees



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Discussion in Council at beginning of May. Maybe some good data – results in Autumn.

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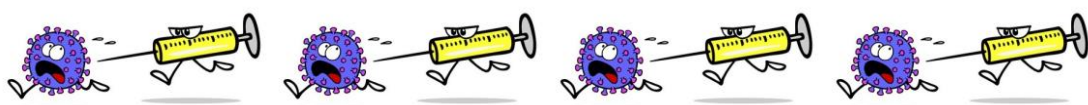
News from each of the member countries about
what is happening in ST in their countries.

Progress on the hospital experience study.

Future perspectives

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Appendix 5 – Reports from Task Forces



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RTF REPORT

7/10/2021

PREVIOUS REPORT (April 2021):

➤ **COUNCIL MEMBERS PREPARE A LIST OF THEIR COUNTRY**

ORGANISATIONS (Universities, GP/FM Associations/Academies, PHC Scientific bodies etc) - sent it to Barbara

➤ **ESTABLISH EURACT'S DATABASE FOR SEARCHING THE LITERATURE:**

separate page in our website (2 options: subscription to a recognized database like Cochrane + list of links guiding to educational resources in GP/FM) – Responsible ? MSE – RTF ?

➤ **CME CREDITS:** not needed/wanted by every country

➤ **EDUCATIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR (TRAINEE/MENTOR) – AWARD:**

Every second year - Presentation at EURACT Conference and Euract Messenger -

Applications over EURACT Website - Advertisement over the own Network, Messenger and VdGM. NEXT: Approval of EC and EB

- Application form for Webpage (Responsibility?)
- Project Evaluation after Submission (Criteria? → help needed from EC Members Committee? 1 or 2 persons from BME, 1 or 2 persons from ST, 1 EB Rep (Pres.?) OTHER

IMPORTANT ISSUES:

- EURACT-funding??? (does not exclude from Award-application and vice versa)
- Award winners: Number of students getting entrance to EURACT conference – it was in discussion between one or several last year (up to a max. amount of e.g. 500 € registration fees in total) – has to be decided

Today's REPORT (October 2021):

- **No council member send a list of his/her country organisation**
- **Databases are too expensive** (Cochrane 9.000 euros/year)
Useful? Cost/effective for EURACT ?
- **CME Accreditation is too expensive** (possibility of transform certificates in local accreditation systems to CME credits)
- **EDUCATIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Provide detailed information** (and Application forms) **to EB to approve** (maybe announced in 2022 EURACT Conference)

- **WEBSITE** (old style, more as information database, not interactive, difficult to be up-to the minute) **maybe to ask an expert on this field**
- **IS THERE ANY MEANING OF EXISTENCE OF THIS TF ANY MORE?** MOST SAID NO (it's duties to be integrated in MSC), other said to be discussed in Vienna as the role of creation of TFs was always to deal with several issues that were coming up suddenly and after solving them to dismiss