



A meeting of the advisory council of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) was held from 09.30 – 16.00 hrs on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza, Brussels Airport, Diegem, Belgium.

***Present: (EONS Board)***

Sara Faithfull (chair)  
Sultan Kav (President elect)  
Yvonne Wengström (past president)  
Rolf Baumer (EONS Board member)  
Françoise Charnay Sonnek (EONS Board member)  
Daniel Kelly (EONS Board member)  
Kay Leonard (EONS Board member)  
Anita Margulies (EONS Board member)  
Ulrika Östlund (EONS Board member)

Jan Foubert (EONS executive Director)

**Present:**

**(Advisory council members)**

Bernhard Glawogger, Austrian oncology nursing society (AHOP)  
B.Svetec/N.Stancic , Croatian oncology nursing society  
Erwin Humer, Dutch oncology nursing Society (VvOV)  
Erik Aerts (EBMT)  
Rolf Baumer, German oncology nursing Society (KOK)  
Dimitriis Papageorgiou, Greek oncology nursing Society  
Marie Lavin, Irish oncology nursing society  
Regina Ferrario/Giorgio Cavadini, Italian oncology nursing association (AIO)  
Danuta Lichosik, Italian oncology nursing association (AIAO)  
Dusanka Tadic, Oncology Nurses section Nurses Association Serbia  
Denis Mlakar Mastak, Slovenian oncology nursing society  
Dolores Fernandez Perez, Spanish oncology nursing society  
Maria Browall/Lena Sharp, Swedish oncology nursing society  
Helene Schneck, Oncology nursing society Switzerland  
Nurgun Platin, Oncology nursing society Turkey  
Annie Young, UKONS

**EONS editorial team**

Emile Maassen, the Netherlands  
Catherine Miller, UK

Speaker:

Prof. Petra Riemer-Hommel

In attendance: Rudi Briké, EONS secretariat

Apologies were received from Mr. Sebastien Bugeia (AFIC).

**01/01 Welcome**

Mrs. Sara Faithfull welcomed everybody to the EONS-advisory council meeting. Mrs; Faithfull reiterated that this meeting allowed EONS to showcase its activities and to develop the priorities for future work between the members of the advisory council and the EONS team.

**01/02 Minutes of the previous meeting and presentation of participants**

Mrs. Faithfull signed the minutes of the advisory council meeting, held in Brussels, September 16<sup>th</sup> & September 17<sup>th</sup> 2006.  
All participants at the advisory council meeting gave a short introduction about themselves. The new board members, executive director, secretariat and the EONS news team were presented.

**01/03 Matters arising**

*Update on EONS activities 2007 Please find attached powerpoint presentation(pp)*

Mrs. Faithfull gave an overview of EONS activities. She informed participants about the increase in EONS members and the recent inclusion of the Hungarian Cancer Society, Section Oncology Nursing, as full member. Mrs. Faithfull outlined the EONS mission statement and the aims of the advisory council meeting, related to the role of the advisory and the need for governance as put forward by the Charity Commission.

**01/04 Charity Commission report 2007**

A formal complaint was received by the Charity Commission which was investigated by the commission and proved to be unfounded. A copy of the letter informing the membership was circulated to all NONS earlier in the year.

**01/05 From FECS to ECCO**

The document outlining the mission and governing structure of the European Cancer Organisation (ECCO) was available in the delegates package. More information is available on the ecco link [www.ecco-org.eu](http://www.ecco-org.eu). Mrs. Faithfull informed participants a 2<sup>nd</sup> representative of EONS needs to be nominated for the ECCO Board. She invited the members of the advisory council to send in nominations.

**01/06 New EONS roles and board positions**

➤ New EONS Board positions

The role description of the EONS treasurer and EONS secretary of the board was agreed at the EONS Board meeting on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Baumer agreed to accept the position of EONS Treasurer and Mrs. Östlund agreed to accept the position of EONS secretary of the Board.

➤ Executive Director's report (pp presentation attached)

Mr. Foubert presented an outline of the Executive Director's duties and responsibilities. He informed the participants an evaluation of the Executive Director's position will be done by end of February 2008.

➤ Overview of achievements/projects of EONS in past 2 years of CARE strategy (please find attached pp presentation)

Questions arising

- Mr. Foubert confirmed to Mrs. Danuta Lichosik (AIAO) that it is possible to use TARGET/TITAN material as long as there is a link with the national society as member of EONS. An official application should be send to Mr. Rudi Briké at the EONS secretariat.
- Mrs. Nurgün Platin, referring to the Cancer tales book, pointed out the role of psychiatric care in Turkey and the way nurses can teach bedside nurses psychological aspects of nursing. Mrs. Platin wondered if there could be possibility to cooperate in this with other societies.
- Mr. Foubert invited Mrs. Platin to send an article for the EONS Newsletter regarding this. He also encouraged other member societies to send in material regarding conferences, courses etc and pointed out that Newsletter articles are available to translate in other languages, as long as we are informed about translation activities and this is acknowledged.
- He also advised member societies to report to EONS problems regarding communication with local pharmaceutical companies so we can deal with them on a European level.

**01/07 Challenging future values in EU health care cancer provision, presented by Prof. Petra Riemer-Hommel.**

*Please find attached pp presentation*

**01/08 Workshop activity**

A) Enhancing the cancer workforce: migration/ workforce redesign/ skills and education for nurses (Chair Sara Faithfull)

*Please find attached report*

B) Planning for future cancer care provision: Developing the evidence base/ social issues, communication (Chair Yvonne Wengström)

*Please find attached report*

C) Action for change: leadership/ health care managers/ organisational change (Chair Sultan Kav)

*Please find attached report*

**01/09 Closing remarks of the meeting**

Mrs. Faithfull expressed her thanks to all participants for their contribution to the meeting. The date for the next meeting will be November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008.

Date:

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