



A meeting of the advisory council of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) was held from 09.30 – 16.00 hrs on Saturday November 22nd at the Crowne Plaza, Brussels Airport, Diegem, Belgium.

Present: (EONS Board)

Sara Faithfull (chair)
Sultan Kav (President elect)
Françoise Charnay Sonnek (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)
Ingrid Bruyns Belgium oncology nursing society (SIO)
Daniela Simova Bulgarian oncology Nursing Society
Marica Miscancuk, Branka Svetec, Croatian oncology nursing society
Bart Jan Bosch & Bernardine Van de Walle, Dutch oncology nursing society (VvOV)
Anu Saag, Estonian oncology nursing society
Dimitriis Papageorgiou, Greek oncology nursing society
Giovanni Cavadini, Italian oncology nursing association (AIIO)
Jurgita Gulbiniene, Lithuanian oncology nursing society
Jorge Freitas & Elisabete Valerio, Portuguese oncology nursing association
Dusanka Tadic, Oncology Nurses section Nurses Association Serbia
Marjana Bernot & Katarina Lokar, Slovenian oncology nursing society
Maria Dolores Fernandez Perez, Spanish oncology nursing society
Helene Schneck, Oncology nursing society Switzerland
Nurgün Platin & Ayfer Elcigil, Oncology nursing society Turkey
Cheryll Vidall, UKONS (UK)
Franziska Schneider, Erasmus student involved in EONS project

Observer:

Steve O'Connor

Speaker:

Mr. Paul Trevatt, Mac Millan network nurse director, North East London Cancer Network

In attendance:

Rudi Briké, EONS secretariat

Apologies were received from

EONS Board: Yvonne Wengström, Rolf Baumer, Daniel Kelly.
Advisory Council:

Andrea Maiwald (KOK), Christine Berger (Finish oncology nursing society), Sven D'Haese (VVRO, Belgium), Faith Gibson (SIOP Nurses group), Louise Pengelly (Danish oncology nursing society), Lena Sharp (Swedish oncology nursing society), Csaba Avramucz (Hungarian oncology nursing society).

01/01 Welcome

Mrs. Sara Faithfull welcomed everybody to the EONS-advisory council meeting.

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

Mrs. Faithfull signed the minutes of the advisory council meeting, held in Brussels, November 17th 2007.

The EONS board members, executive director, and the EONS secretariat were presented.

01/03 Matters arising

Presidents report 2008: Please find attached PowerPoint presentation (pp)

Mrs. Faithfull pointed out to the participants this will be Mr. Foubert's last meeting with the advisory council as he will leave as EONS executive director by end of December 2008. Mrs. Faithfull gave an overview of EONS activities linked with the EONS CARE strategy. Mrs. Faithfull outlined the EONS short term objectives and long term objectives.

01/04 Executive director's report 2008

Please find attached powerpoint presentation(pp)

Mr. Foubert presented the financial statements and the proposed budget for 2008/2009. Though the financial situation is good at this moment, Mr. Foubert stressed the need to be careful in the future. He pointed out 800.000 Euro will be put on a short term account for 1 year. Mr. Foubert informed participants majority of the actual sustaining members will be continuing to do so in 2009. There will also be a new sustaining partner (Wyeth). He stressed the fact we need to communicate towards the industry and inform them about our activities. Related to the budget for 2008-2009, Mr. Foubert informed the audience EONS will need to develop its own website in 2009. With regard to EONS Newsletter, there will be almost no income from adverts in 2009 and we need to start with an electronic alternative for the printed Newsletter.

2008 was a very successful year with regard to income from ECCO 14 conference and the EONS Spring Convention 2008. However, with regard to 2009, income will be less due to higher expenditures and less income from conferences. He stressed the need to spent money in balance and to avoid if possible using savings.

Related to his Executive Director's report, Mr. Foubert presented an outline of the Executive Director's duties and responsibilities. He pointed out the new Executive Director will be needing support from the EONS Board and president. We also need to be clear to indicate to the new Executive Director what needs to be implemented with regard to the strategy and financial /accounting services. Finally, he invited the advisory council to collaborate and communicate even more intensively in the future with EONS.

Mr. Foubert received a well earned good –bye from all participants for his important and precious input and support towards the EONS community over the past years.

01/06 Overview of achievements in past years: EONS projects

Please find attached powerpoint presentations(pp)

➤ *TARGET*

Mrs. Margulies informed the audience about the update and developments regarding TARGET. She pointed out the TARGET pre-final version update should be finished by mid December. By mid January 2009, feedback from companies should be received and final version would be ready to be launched in April 2009.

Mrs. Margulies informed the participants also there will be no longer a dissemination project required but instead there will be a post Target questionnaire.

- *Providing Supportive Care and Advice to Men with Prostate Cancer (PSA Project).*

Mrs. Charnay-Sonnek outlined the need and the aims of this project together with the methodology and outcomes related to this project.

- *Analysis of Specialist cancer Nursing in Europe.*

Mrs. Faithfull presented a summary of the project outlining the methodology and aim of the project. Mrs. Franziska Shneider, Erasmus apprentice and linked on a temporary base to this project, outlined the role of Erasmus and the position of nurses in Germany.

01/07 **“Mapping the English Cancer Nurse Specialist Workforce: what is the learning for other countries? “presented by Mr. Paul Trevatt**

Please find attached pp presentation

01/08 **Workshop activity**

Please find attached summary of each workgroup

A) Specialist cancer nursing: addressing the diversity of nursing roles or losing the essence of nursing?

Summary (Ulrika Östlund/ Kay Leonard)

B) Drivers and barriers to development of specialist cancer nursing: how can cancer nurses be more visible?

Summary (Sultan Kav & Anita Margulies)

C) Educating the specialist practitioner: what’s needed when?

Summary (Sara Faithfull)

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 28th 2009. Venue of the meeting will be the Crowne Plaza Brussels Airport Hotel.

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