

EONS Advisory Council Meeting

**Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel,
Brussels, Belgium
26 November 2011**



Item 1: Introduction & Welcome

Birgitte Grube



New Look Board: 2011-2013



Birgitte Grube: President

Sultan Kav: Past President

Erik van Muilekom: President Elect

Danny Kelly: Treasurer

Mary Wells : Board Secretary

Anita Margulies

Françoise Charnay-Sonnek

Lena Sharp

Paul Trevatt



EONS Team

Clair Watts:
*Executive
Director
& Editor
in Chief*



Rudi Briké:
Office Manager



- ▶ Loureen Pierce: *Book-keeper*
- ▶ Steve Rowett: *Web manager*
- ▶ Kate Griffin: *Newsletter & News*
- ▶ Linda Heil: *Projects Manager*
- ▶ Jason Harris: *Design editor, inc. Magazine*
- ▶ Jim Boumelha: *Magazine Production editor*
- ▶ Catherine Miller: *Magazine Medical editor*



Advisory Council meeting today represented by:

- ▶ Austria
- ▶ Belgium
- ▶ Croatia
- ▶ Cyprus
- ▶ Finland
- ▶ Germany
- ▶ Iceland
- ▶ Ireland
- ▶ Italy
- ▶ Lithuania
- ▶ The Netherlands
- ▶ Portugal
- ▶ Serbia
- ▶ Slovenia
- ▶ Spain
- ▶ Sweden
- ▶ Switzerland
- ▶ Turkey
- ▶ UK

Participating as observer:

Suzanna Winston, Brussels, Belgium (Associate member)



Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting

Birgitte Grube



Item 3

Past-President's Report

2009-2011

Sultan Kav



EONS Vision & Mission

► **Vision:**

Moving forward together to realize the potential of cancer nursing across Europe

► **Mission:**

To promote a healthier future for people affected by cancer, ensuring that they will benefit from the care of well-educated, perceptive and proficient cancer nurses



Working Groups & Task Groups

Working Groups:

Communication

Advocacy

Research

Education

Task Groups:

Accreditation

target

PrEPs (Prostate)

TITAN

Skeletal Care Academy

Breakthrough Cancer Pain Guideline

Extravasation guidelines review

PEPs for Europe

Post-Basic Curriculum update

European Partnership for Action Against Cancer

EMCC Nursing track & Symptom Sci track

EONS 8 Spring Congress Committee

Magazine editorial team

Monthly Newsletter team

Website team

Fungating wounds toolkit

Skin cancer e-learning

Lung Cancer (BREATHE) e-learning

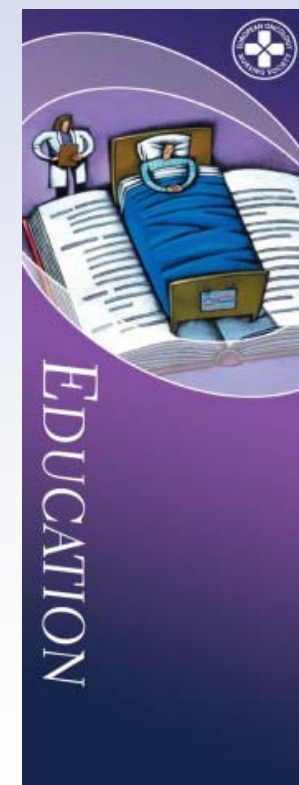
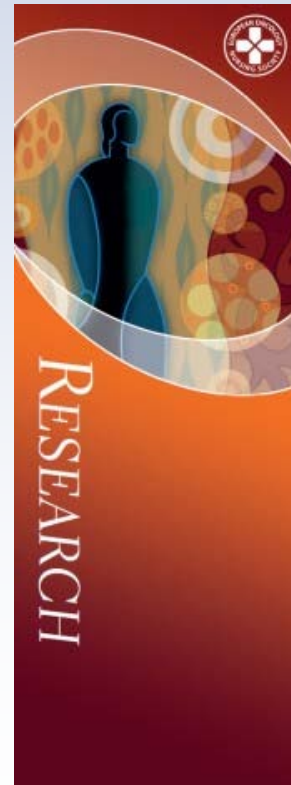
PREVENT e-learning

Kidney cancer e-learning

.....plus individuals contributing to
a variety of collaborative
projects & congresses



CARE Strategy



Strategic Direction: 2010-2011

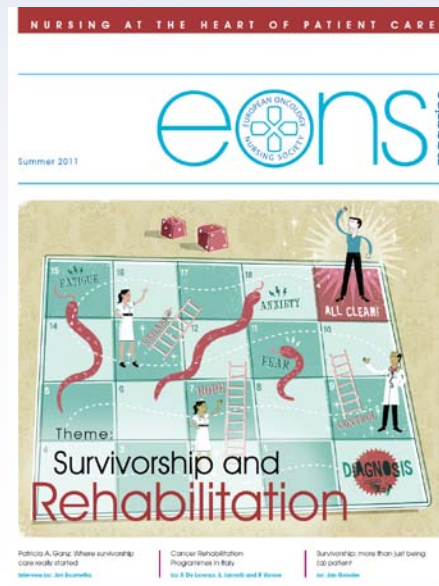
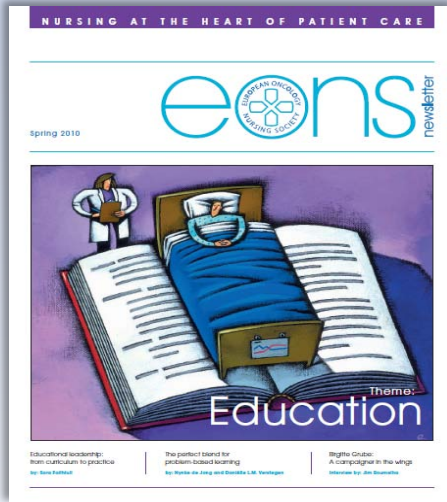
- Modernise infrastructure, processes etc.
- Engage more closely with members & encourage active participation
- Professionalise member services whilst remaining cost effective
- Increase engagement with external groups
- To improve alignment with changed UK charitable status requirements: demonstrate public benefit



Communication:



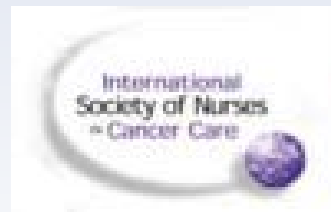
EONS NEWSLETTER



Website:
www.cancernurse.eu



Partnerships 2010/2011





Improving EONS Membership Structure

All National Cancer Nursing Society members automatically become members of EONS

- flexible criteria for the Society membership fee
- clarify the benefits of membership

EONS-National Society Contact Points

Fostering a personal relationship with the Society to build stronger engagement of the national societies with EONS



Advocacy

- ▶ Participation at the Gastein EU Health Policy forum
- ▶ Input into EU green paper on on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications
- ▶ Nurses represented in the cancer scientific community
- ▶ Survey of specialist nursing within Europe - underway



Activities to Improve Practice

- **Research projects to better understand patient & nurses needs:**

PSA project

Breakthrough Cancer pain

Skin cancer project



- **Grants to encourage personal growth:**

Clinical Travel Scholarship

Novice Research,

Major research & Mentoring research Grants

Congress Travel Scholarship



Awards to recognize excellence:



Distinguished Merit Award 2011

Lifetime Achievement Award



Excellence in Patient Education



Congresses



The 2011 European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress Integrating basic & translational science, surgery, radiotherapy, medical oncology & care

in partnership:



Nursing track in collaboration with the
Swedish Oncology Nursing Society
507 nurses/ 16.200 participants



Congresses

We met...

EONS
Spring Convention **7**

7th EONS Spring Convention in partnership with V&VN

15-16 April 2010
**THE HAGUE,
THE NETHERLANDS**

Invitation to Industry

EUROPEAN ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

v&vn
Association of European
Oncology Nurses

ecco
www.ecco-erg.eu

The cover features a photograph of a modern white building with a glass facade, likely the venue in The Hague.

..Lets meet in Geneva

EONS
Spring Convention **8**

The European Oncology Nursing Society presents:

26-27 April 2012
**GENEVA,
SWITZERLAND**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

EUROPEAN ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Opens	03 October 2011
Abstract Submission Closes	20 December 2011
Fellowship Grant Application Closes	20 December 2011
Early Rate Registration Closes (receipt of payment)	30 January 2012
Regular Rate Registration Closes (receipt of payment)	23 March 2012
Late Rate Registration Closes	24 April 2012
Onsite Rate	25 of 25 April 2012
Housing Reservation Closes	24 January 2012

The cover features a photograph of a harbor in Geneva at dusk, with a tall, illuminated tower in the background.



National Oncology Nursing Congresses

- 25th V&VN National Oncology Congress, 15-16 December 2010, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (*Birgitte Grube*)
- The Norwegian Oncology Nursing Society Board meeting, Oslo, Norway 31th March (*Birgitte Grube*)
- 19th National Oncology Congress, 20-24 April, Antalya, Turkey (*Sultan Kav*)
- 8th Nurses and Midwives Congress in Slovenia, 13-14 May 2011 Maribor, Slovenia (*Sultan Kav*)
- 1st KOK German Oncology Nursing Congress, Sep 9-10, 2011, Berlin, Germany (*Sultan Kav*)
- 8th National Oncology Congress, November 11-13, 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria (*Sultan Kav*)
- 31th Annual National meeting for the Danish Oncology Nursing Society, 29-30 November (*Birgitte Grube*)



International Meetings

- 36th Annual ONS Congress, Boston, USA (*Sultan Kav & Birgitte Grube*)
- Cancer Survivorship and Sexual Health Symposium, June 17-19, Washington DC, USA (*Daniel Kelly; Maria Noblet, Antoinette Attard*)
- 13th World Congress on GI Cancer, 22-25 June, Barcelona, Spain, (*Joint EONS Symposia; Jose San Francisco, Liesbeth Lemmens, Alessandra Milani, Carmen Fuertes Ran, & Maria Dolores Ruiz-Fernandez*)
- 2011 MASCC/ISOO Supportive Care in Cancer Congress, 23-25 June, Athens, Greece (*Sultan Kav*)
- EHMA Annual Congress, 22-24 June, Porto, Portugal (*Françoise Charnay Sonnek*)
- ISNCC Executive Board in person meeting , 1-2 July, USA (*Birgitte Grube*)
- ISNCC and BMS Foundation Learning and Sharing Conference – Addressing Cancer Disparities in Central and Eastern Europe, 13-15 October, Warsaw, Poland (*Sultan Kav*)



EONS Representation on External Boards

- ISNCC Board (Birgitte Grube 2010-)
- ESNO Board (Kay Leonard 2009-2011)
- ECCO Board:
 - Sara Faithfull (2009-2011)
 - Anita Margulies(2011-2013)
- European Academy of Cancer Sciences
 - Kathy Redmond
 - Sara Faithfull
 - Nora Kearney
 - Agnes Glaus



Connecting, sharing experiences & Learning...



Item 4: Treasurer's report

Daniel Kelly

Clair Watts



Income: 2010/11

FY	2010/11	2009/10
Membership	76,165	95,800
Projects	44,216	17,142
Bank interest	18,178	41,881
Royalties	1,367	13,849
Conferences	22,521	336,982
Accreditation	3,130	3,384
Total	171,771	543,324

All figures shown in €



Expenditure: 2010/11

FY	2010/11	2009/10
Projects	64,340	61,545
Education	38,000	107,000
Grants & Awards	37,645	78,016
Membership services	274,560	255,527
Governance	43,258	44,916
Total	418,883	438,257

All figures shown in €



Financial Result: 2010/11 Comparison

FY	2010/11	2009/10
Income	171,771	543,324
Expenditure	418,883	438,257
Result	(247,112)	116,000



Budgetary Planning: Moving forward into 2011/12

Need to Recognise:

- there is always uncertainty in predicting income
- more limited external funding in recent years due to recession
- new pharmaceutical funding restrictions
- increased competition for funding

Changes?

- Take difficult decisions
- Review & reduce project costs wherever possible
- Re-shape congress to fit new funding rules
- Mobilise more members to join projects
- Be responsive to available funds,
be realistic with level of activity



Item 5: Memberships and benefits

Birgitte Grube & Sultan Kav





The “One Voice” of European
cancer nurses

Improving EONS Membership Structure

All National Cancer Nursing Society members
automatically become members of EONS

- flexible criteria for the Society membership fee
- clarify the benefits of membership:
 - Free copies of the EONS Magazine (electronic copies via website) and monthly newsletter
 - Publicize you national, local or regional events at European level
 - Dissemination of information on activities via EONS communication channels





...Benefits of membership

- Capability to influence European cancer nursing with having unified/strong voice via EONS
- Engaging in developing EONS Strategy & shaping new activities through participation on EONS Advisory Council
- Opportunity to engage your members in a variety of policy activities.
- Share your national news at European level & network to solve problems





...Benefits...

- Nominate eligible individuals for election for the Executive Board
- Vote for individuals for the Executive Board
- Nominate individuals for EONS grants (research, clinical travel scholarship, congress scholarship..) awards or honors
- Opportunity to engage your members in a variety of research activities





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- Access to funded training courses for your members
- Nominate individuals to participate EONS educational activities (i.e. Masterclass, Online educational programs, workshops..)
- Reduced subscription rate to the EJON
- Significantly reduced registration rates for the EMCC and the EONS Spring Convention
- Translation grants to develop EONS educational materials in their local languages



Membership Fee Model

Current Fees for National Societies:

- Up to 250 members: 360€
- Up to 500 members: 540€
- Up to 750 members: 720€
- Over 750 members: 900€

New Fees: Retain current structure but apply GDP adjustment factor to reduce fee for low GDP countries (75%)



New Membership Fee Model

NONS	# of Members	GDP per capita	Current fee	New fee
Croatia	186	63 (2008)	360	226.8
Estonia	100	63	360	226.8
Lithuania	95	53	360	190.8
Poland	736	61	720	439.2



EONS-National Society Contact Points

Fostering a personal relationship with the Society to build stronger engagement of the national societies with EONS:

Each Board member has been assigned three countries

- How does it work?
- What is your opinion?



President's Direction

Birgitte Grube



Future challenges

Challenges in the cancer field:

- Ageing populations
- Fast changing treatments
- Change in how we deliver cancer services
- Many survivors – patients with voices
- Be aware of the disadvantages groups

Economic challenges:

Sustain a healthy charity in the face of difficult financial times

Future congresses

- 'pharmacode' throughout Europe
- Find alternative ways to engage
- Flexible approach to sponsorship



CARE Working groups changes

- Two chairs:
 - One Board member
 - One can be an external expert
- Two Board members in each group:
 - One as chair
 - The second as a regular group member
- Direct link between the WGs and the Board through a minimum of two Board members



Take CARE and get involved

► Communication

- Magazine, Newsletter, website, conferences

► Advocacy

- Representation of nursing at EU level, EPAAC, EU policy analysis/directive 36

► Research

- Workshop, Grants and mentoring, toolkits

► Education

- Online learning (radiotherapy, survivorship)
- ESO/EONS Masterclass and e-grandrounds
- Update curricula at basic and specialist nurse level
- Accreditation
- PEPs



Future strategies

- To prioritize
- Not develop too many things
- Learn to focus
- Learn to say no
- Be realistic
- Deliver quality – not only quantity



We need your opinion

- Are we meeting the needs?
- Do we listen to your feedback?
- Do we collaborate?
- Do we make a difference?
- Do we really follow our strategy?
-so lets discuss this in the afternoon



Item 6:

The changed rules for engagement
between Healthcare professionals &
pharmaceutical companies

OR

Why the congress moved country!

Clair Watts



Valencia to Geneva

- May 2009 - planning starts, all checks positive, programme developed
- End May 2011 - all in place: venue, hotels, speakers, reception etc.
- Mid-June 2011 – Pharmaceutical invitation launched
- Two days later - Pharma companies alert EONS to attendance & funding problems
- Farmindustria Code of Practice – OK BUT Royal Decree 1416/1994 – Prohibits engagement of non-prescribers with companies (now being policed)



Rules & Interpretations

Companies :

- interpret European, local and company rules (U.S. driver)
- decide which events to support & if staff can attend
- cautious approach where non-prescribers are concerned

EONS-8 options:

- Remain in Spain – potential 130k loss of funding
- Cancel event – loss of 25k
- Relocate to Geneva – continue on budget & provide education



What about future events?

- ▶ Nurse-only events with pharma support likely only in a few countries i.e. Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, Ireland (Mixed healthcare profs events possible in all countries)
- ▶ EONS needs to change the way it works with pharma, Pharma needs to change the way it works with EONS
- ▶ Event format changed to overcome problems:
 - 2013 – EMCC – latest news, research, policy
 - 2014 – EONS – education event



EONS-9

- ▶ Education only event
- ▶ NO: exhibition area, sponsored symposia, lunches no/limited free registration awards, etc.
- ▶ Registration fee must cover all costs
- ▶ Smaller congress at a university or similar (200-300 attendees)
- ▶ Autumn 2014 event

Invitation to 'host' due out in January 2012



Item 7: Project Updates

Mary Wells
Françoise Charnay-Sonnek



Research working group objectives

- To encourage research activity and collaboration amongst EONS members, national societies, external supporters and patient groups as effectively as possible
- To share research expertise and ensure that EONS benefits from the research efforts of its members and vice versa
- To help in the provision of education for EONS members to participate in research.
- To encourage publication and dissemination of research findings at conferences and other events.
- To advertise, review and monitor the progress of Research Grants (Major and Developmental) awarded on behalf of EONS
- To review the research strategy to ensure it remains relevant to the changing needs of cancer nurses across Europe.



Research Proposal Workshop 2012

“From clinical problem to research proposal”

Aims: To develop skills, strategies, knowledge and confidence in:

1. **Refining** a research question
2. **Selecting** appropriate methodological approaches
3. **Realising** a research plan

Save the date: August 29th -31st 2012

Venue: Karolinska Institute, Stockholm

Applications from January 2012



Major Research Grant

- 12 applications received and currently under review
- Successful applicant will be announced in December



PrEP (formerly PSA)

AIM

- 1.To highlight the training needs of nurses and young physicians across Europe (Phase 1)
- 2.To compare these with patients'/partners' views (Phase 2) !3.
- To develop and evaluate an educational intervention (Phase 3)



PSA/PrEP

Phase Ia : Evaluation of nurses knowledge and education needs

Phase Ib : Evaluation junior doctor knowledge and education needs

Phase II Evaluation of patients' supportive care needs and experiences of care (survey running to the end of November 2011)



development of an educational program



Item 8: Education Updates

Anita Margulies
Birgitte Grube

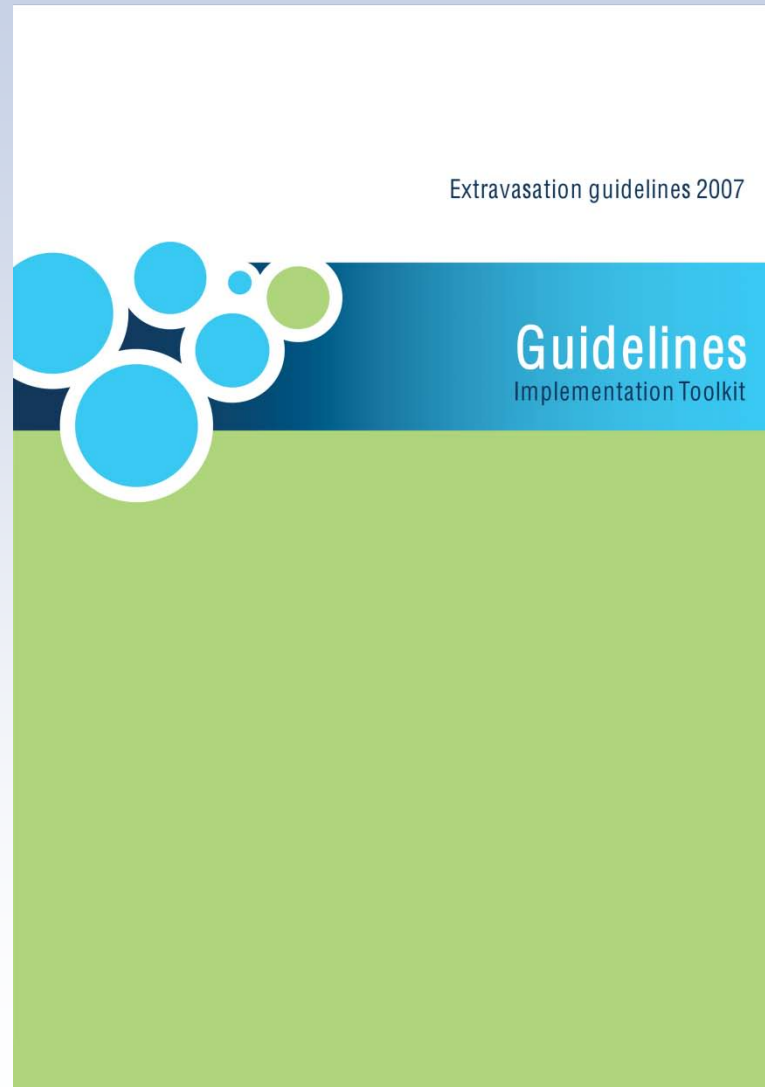


Extravastion Guidelines

In collaboration with ESMO
(European Society for Medical Oncology)



EONS Extravasation Toolkit



EONS/ESMO Guideline Development

- Meeting in Stockholm – September 2012
- Andrès Cervantes (ESMO Guideline chair) and Fausto Rola
- EONS & ESMO will invite experts to join the up-date working group
- Awaiting a memorandum of understanding



E-PEPs

European „Putting Evidence into Practice“

Symptom Management Guidelines

EPAAC Project



European Partnership for Action Against Cancer

EPAAC is an EU joint action project which encourages collaboration between multi-professional oncology and patient groups

The focus:

Reduce the burden of cancer throughout the EU

- health promotion and prevention,
- screening and early diagnosis,
- related cancer health care,
- coordination of research
- cancer information.



The overall EPAAC plan

- support member states in the development of cancer plans
- reduce inequalities in cancer screening, treatment and supportive care.

EONS has committed itself

- to be part of the WP7 – healthcare
- to implement and disseminate symptom management guidelines.



EONS has developed a partnership with the Oncology Nursing Society and has a contract with ONS

- to use the PEP's and
- adapt them to European practices

Phase 1

- Evaluation of PEP s and EU modification
- 4-5 symptoms will be evaluated by a panel of experts
- Radiodermatitis
- Dyspnea
- Peripheral Neuropathy
- Lymphedema,
- Pain



Following adaptations and in agreement with the ONS, the guidelines will be translated into 5 European languages:

- German
- Dutch
- Spanish
- Slovenian
- Danish



Next Steps

- All member societies received a „call for expert reviewers“
- All individual members received a „call for expert reviewers“
- The received applications have now been compiled
- These will be reviewed and the chosen applicants will be notified shortly
- The project must be completed by 2013

Due to financial restraints, the number of reviewers must be limited.



EONS learning

**Radiotherapy side effects
course**

www.eonslearning.com

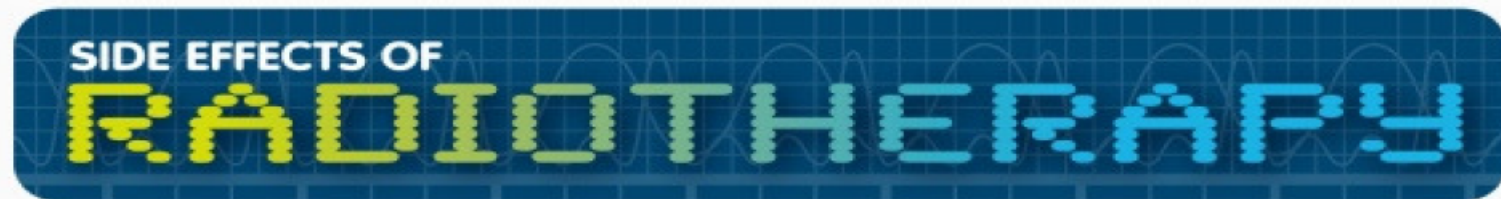


Course outline

- ▶ Week 1: Understanding radiation and radiotherapy
- ▶ Week 2: Listening to patient voices
- ▶ Weeks 3 & 4: Acute effects
- ▶ Weeks 5 & 6: Late effects
- ▶ Week 7: Embedding radiotherapy side effect management in practice
- ▶ Weeks 8-10: Final assessment and feedback
- ▶ Videos, powerpoint slides, tasks, weblinks, online discussion, case studies, additional resources
- ▶ Facilitators: Sara Faithfull, Birgitte Grube, Lena Sharp, Mary Wells



Topic outline



 [Latest news and announcements about this course](#)

Introductions:

 [Welcome and information about this course](#)

 [Introduction to topics covered in this course](#)

These discussion forums are here for your general use - feel free to post your questions and comments at any time:

 [Your questions, comments and ideas](#)

 [Course cafe](#)


 [Tutor discussion board](#)

1 **Week 1: Understanding radiation and radiotherapy**

In the first week of this course, we will get to know each other a little and find out more about the effects that radiation has on the human body.

 [Welcome to week 1](#)

 [Task 1.1: Introducing ourselves](#)

 [Task 1.2: Your setting](#)

 [Revision: Introduction to radiation and radioactivity](#)

 [Revision: Introduction to radiotherapy techniques](#)

 [An introduction to radiation biology](#)

 [Latest developments in radiotherapy](#)

Evaluation

Online aspect
easy to fit round a
busy work and
family life

An excellent course which I thoroughly enjoyed and will have significant impact on my clinical practice. The team were very friendly and supportive and you never felt confused or unsure as everything was explained sufficiently. I would definitely recommend the course to others.

- 2 courses run
- 43 participants so far
- Next course started this November with 23 participants

Video recordings interesting and effective way of communicating information. Very useful links provided for accessing further information. Excellent that it is an international course as ideas can be shared not only across sites but also across countries.



Item 9:
Cyprus Oncology
Nursing Society

Andreas Charalambous



Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society

Dr Andreas Charalambous
President



The Republic of Cyprus at a glance...

- ▶ Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean (after Sicily and Sardinia).
- ▶ It is strategically situated in the far eastern corner of the Mediterranean, at the crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia; in close proximity to the busy trade routes linking Europe with the Middle East, Russia, Central Asia & the Far East.
- ▶ Cyprus is a member of the EU since the 1st May, 2004.
- ▶ 867.600
- ▶ Official Languages: Greek and Turkish



Cyprus Health Care System...

- Mixed system – Combination of private and public health care services.
 - According to their income, the people of Cyprus are entitled to healthcare services.
- A National Health Care System is on its way...



Oncology Care...

- ▶ Oncology services are provided in Nicosia and in Limassol:
 - ▶ Limassol General Hospital
 - ▶ Nicosia General Hospital
- ▶ Specialized oncology care provided at the Bank of Cyprus Oncology Center



Aims and Objectives

- Promote education and training for members
- Promote education and training for nursing students
- To participate appropriately with international nursing organizations
- Act as a pressure group for policy makers in the field of oncology and hematology
- Improve the working conditions for nurses
- To participate in the development of cancer nursing
- To provide a network for nurses working in cancer care
- To act as a forum of support for nurses



Actions...



- Becoming members in international oncology associations
- Participated at the General Assembly in Sweden (2011)
- Organized local meetings → nurses involved in oncology or hematology becoming members of the society
- 1st Psycho-educational workshop



Item 10: Discussion groups - Introduction

Birgitte Grube



The Plan

- 13.15 - 14.30 Group discussions
- 14.30 - 15.00 Refreshment break
- 15.00 - 15.45 Summaries from groups



Item 11:
Discussion groups -
Breakout into 4 groups



Communication

Chairs:

Paul Trevatt (UK), Lena Sharp (Sweden)

- Bernhard Glawogger (Austria)
- Pantelis Savvides (Cyprus)
- Maria Dolores Fernandez-Perez (Spain)
- Jovita Demskyte (Lithuania)
- Suzanna Winston (Belgium)
- Helene Schneck (Switzerland)



Advocacy

Chairs:

Francoise Charnay-Sonnek (France)

- Birgitte Grube (Denmark)
- Katarina Lokar (Slovenia)
- Crombez Patrick (Belgium)
- Anne Koskela (Finland)
- Cristina Pires de Lacerda (Portugal)
- Sally Campalini (UK)



Research

Chairs:

Sultan Kav (Turkey)

- Andreas Charalambous (Cyprus)
- Halldora Halfdanardottir (Iceland)
- Patricia Fox (Ireland)
- Ayfer Elcigil (Turkey)
- Rosemarie Jansen (The Netherlands)
- Daniel Wecht (Germany)



Education

Chairs:

Erik van Muilekom (The Netherlands), Anita Margulies (Switzerland)

- Marica Miscancuk (Croatia)
- Jorge Freitas (Portugal)
- Dusanka Tadic (Serbia)
- Per Fessé (Sweden)
- Danuta Lichosik (Italy)
- Branka Svetec (Croatia)
- Bart Jan Bosch (The Netherlands)



Item 12: Discussion groups - Summaries

Paul Trevatt & Lena Sharp

Katarina Lokar

Halldora Halfdanardottir

Erik van Muilekom



Item 13: Concluding Remarks & Close

Birgitte Grube

