



## ***European Oncology Nursing Society General Meeting***

Sunday 29 September 2013  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Draft MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Mrs. Birgitte Grube	President
Mr. Erik van Muilekom	President-Elect
Dr. Sultan Kav	Past-President
Dr. Lena Sharp	Board member
Mrs. Françoise Charnay-Sonnek	Board member
Mrs. Anita Margulies	Board member
Prof. Mary Wells	Board Secretary
Prof. Daniel Kelly	EONS Treasurer
Mr. Paul Trevatt	Board member

Dr. Clair Watts	Executive Director
Mr. Rudi Briké	Executive Secretary

#### ***Also:***

Representatives of the national society members, associated members, individual members and members of the EONS National Oncology Nursing Societies. 160 delegates participated at the meeting of which 50 were voting members.

#### **Item 1 Welcome**

Mrs. Grube welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced the members of the EONS Executive Board and the EONS staff.

#### **Item 2 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The members approved, and the President signed, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 April 2012 during the EONS Spring Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### **Item 3 President's report 2012-2013**

Mrs. Grube presented an overview of what EONS has been doing over the past two years, outlining the main actions which have resulted in a more "inclusive" Society, with improved internal and external processes and increased engagement with the Advisory Council members. Mrs. Grube reminded the participants that the next meeting of the Advisory Council will take place in Porto, Portugal on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November. She informed the participants that there will be soon an invitation available on the EONS website for National societies to send in applications to host the 2014 Advisory Council meeting.

#### **Item 4 Approval of election process & results**

Dr. Watts presented the participants with an overview of the two election processes related to the election of a President-Elect/Education Board member/ Advocacy Board member (1<sup>st</sup> round) and the election of the EONS Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> round). She stressed the fact that clear processes had been developed and agreed by the EONS Board in advance and these have

been published on the EONS website, in the EONS Newsletter and forwarded to the EONS membership.

Dr. Watts informed the participants about the election results which now had to be approved by the voting members of the European Oncology Nursing Society, present at this General Meeting.

She reminded the delegates from the national oncology nursing societies and the individual members to take a seat in the voting section of the meeting room and to visibly present their voting slip or to raise their hand during the voting. Dr Watts then invited the voting members to confirm the election results.

The voting members unanimously accepted the voting results for both rounds. Prof. Daniel Kelly was therefore confirmed as the new EONS President-Elect with Mrs. Maria Cristina Pires de Lacerda as reserve while Dr. Andreas Charalambous (Education), Mr. Patrick Crombez (Advocacy) and Mrs. Maria Cristina Pires de Lacerda (EONS Treasurer) were confirmed as new EONS Executive Board members. Dr. Watts expressed her thanks to all the non-elected candidates for offering their time and availability to EONS and she invited them to consider standing for a Board role in future elections.

**Item 5 Welcome New Board & thank departing Board**

After approval, Mr. Erik van Muilekom officially took over the Presidency of EONS from Mrs. Birgitte Grube. He thanked Mrs. Grube for her continuing support during his term as President-Elect and, on behalf of the EONS Board, he handed over a small gift to Mrs. Grube as an acknowledgement for her important contribution as EONS President.

**Item 6 Welcome New Board & thank departing Board**

Leaving Board members Mrs. Françoise Charnay-Sonnek, Mrs. Anita Margulies and Dr. Sultan Kav received a warm “Thank you” from all the participants for their commitment to EONS during their terms of office.

The newly elected Board members Dr. Andreas Charalambous, Mr. Patrick Crombez, Mrs. Maria Cristina Pires de Lacerda and the President-Elect, Prof. Daniel Kelly were welcomed by the membership.

**Item 7 New President’s strategic direction**

Mr. Muilekom outlined the new Strategic Direction and stressed the importance of building further on what has been accomplished but also to make our own future and to cooperate in order to face the future challenges. He pointed out EONS will continue with its current CARE policy and focus further on membership services and will enhance cooperation with other Societies and strategic partners.

**Item 8 Treasurer’s Financial Report**

Prof. Kelly presented the final budget for FY 2012/13. Prof. Kelly compared the difference in income with 2008/9, 2009/10, and 2011/12 and noted a reduced income from membership, due to the fact that there are now fewer sustaining (pharmaceutical) members. He also described the cycling effect of the funds from the European Cancer Congress which creates an income peak at the start of the two-year cycle due to income from Stockholm 2011 and then leads to a drop in come in the following year as the funds are spent.

Regarding expenditure he referred to the increased spend being made for projects and membership services.

Related to the budgetary strategy for FY 2013/2014, Prof. Kelly stressed the fact that a budget had been developed, with activities and costs being monitored against the plan throughout the year. He suggested the need to seek new income streams and invited the membership to put forward ideas for increasing society income. He concluded that EONS had to be realistic and careful in starting new activities.

## **Item 9 EONS activities**

### *- Communication - Paul Trevatt*

Mr. Trevatt stressed how important it is for EONS to improve its communication by listening to the needs of the membership. He referred to the updated EONS homepage, which has been revised according to feedback received from the EONS membership. He also updated the participants about the EONS Social Media Pilot which took place from June to September 2013. He pointed out that this pilot will now be evaluated in order to decide whether or not to continue with a Social Media presence.

### *- Advocacy – Françoise Charnay-Sonnek*

Mrs. Charnay-Sonnek updated the participants on the Directive 2005/36 on professional qualification, in which an agreement on the final text of the revised Professional Qualifications Directive has been reached. This proposal will be voted for approval in the European Parliament on 7 October.

FCS stressed the fact that it will be a new challenge for nursing to work on a common platform across 9 countries, with equivalent levels of education and practice.

### *- Research – Mary Wells*

Prof. Wells informed the participants at the General Meeting that a third Research Proposal Workshop is scheduled to take place in Cyprus in spring 2014. The call for applications will soon be available on the EONS website.

She also outlined the major results from the 2013 Membership Survey.

### *- Education – Anita Margulies*

Mrs. Margulies informed the participants about the updated EONS Cancer Nursing Core Curriculum 4<sup>th</sup> edition which is now available on request by contacting the EONS secretariat. She also gave an update on the EONS PEPs project, which was a major part of EONS' involvement in the EPAAC Work Package 7: Healthcare, highlighting the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> PEPs Workshop taking place in October 2013 in Brussels.

## **Item 10 Grants & Awards**

Dr. Kav provided an overview of recent grants & awards and she informed the members that the call for applications for the Major research Grant 2013 is open until end of October 2013.

## **Item 11 Upcoming events**

### *- ESO-EONS Masterclass 2014*

Dr. Sharp updated the participants about the successful ESO-EONS Masterclass 2013 which took place from 17-22 March 2012 in Ermatingen and which was very well received by all the participants. She also announced that the 7<sup>th</sup> ESO-EONS Masterclass would take place from 8-13 March 2014. She informed the participants that 3 travel grants of 500€ each are available. The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

### *- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event – Paul Trevatt*

Mr. Trevatt informed the participants that on Thursday 10th April 2014 EONS will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The one day event will be hosted at the Royal Marsden Hospital (RMH) in London where EONS began under the leadership of Robert Tiffany (Chief Nursing Officer - RMH) and others.

### *- EONS-9 – Erik van Muilekom*

Mr. Van Muilekom informed the participants the EONS-9 Congress is now scheduled to take place from 18-19 September 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey, in cooperation with the Turkish Oncology Nursing Society.

*- EONS Advisory Council meeting – Erik van Muilekom*

Mr. Van Muilekom informed the participants that the 2013 Advisory Council meeting will take place from Friday 22 to Saturday 23 November in Porto, Portugal, hosted by the Portuguese Oncology Nursing Society.

**Item 12 Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next General meeting will take place during the EONS- 9 Congress in Istanbul, Turkey (18-19 September 2014). Exact time and location will be communicated in due course.

Signed:

Date:

*The presentations made during the meeting are available on the EONS website and can also be found as a separate attachment to these minutes.*