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RE: EONS Membership structure & Benefits

Dear Member,

We would like provide you with more detail on the changed membership structure that was discussed at the November Advisory Council meeting and also to share with you the benefits of this change.

The EONS Membership Task Group has been working to improve the membership structure in order to create an EONS that is truly a society of all National societies and represents "one voice" for cancer nurses across Europe.

Previously there has been some confusion about the difference between the benefits provided to Individual, Associate and Society members, and we wanted to ensure that the structure was clearer and fairer to all.

In the new structure:

- 1) **All National Cancer Nursing Society members** will automatically be members of EONS, which will bring the following new benefits:
 - Reduced registration fee at EONS Spring congress,
 - Reduced registration fee at European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress,
 - Direct emailing of European news and EONS benefits to national members,
 - Direct access to all EONS training & educational activities (e.g. Masterclass, e-learning courses), research & travel grants & awards as well as direct engagement with / participation on EONS projects for everyone who provides their email address,
 - Opportunity for Societies to increase their membership since European membership now comes as a free bonus,
 - Reduced EONS Society membership fee for European countries whose GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is 75% or less than the European average. Please see the new membership fees for April 2011-March 2012 attached to this letter,
 - EONS will be able to clearly demonstrate the importance of our nursing voice to our ECCO founding partners, the European Commission and other stakeholders.



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- 2) **All Associate members** will have following new benefits:
- Reduced registration fee at EONS Spring congress
 - Reduced registration fee at European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress
 - Direct emailing of European news
 - Direct access to all EONS training & educational activities (e.g. Masterclass, e-learning courses), research & travel grants & awards as well as direct engagement with / participation on EONS projects for everyone who provides their email address

Membership fees for Associate members will stay the same.

3) **All Individual members:**

This category of membership will remain available as it offers the opportunity for cancer nurses to be EONS members and not join a National Society. This is especially important for those nurses who live in countries where there is no national cancer nursing society.

NOTE:

We would like to point that the voting situation will not change; only full members can vote. These are Individual members and Societies (specialized cancer nursing associations). Since the Society pays the membership fee, the Board of the Society will continue to decide on the allocation of votes. Associate members (institutes of health, academic departments, cancer hospitals etc.) cannot vote.

European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON)

All National Cancer Nursing Society Members and individual members will be able to obtain the reduced subscription rates for the European Journal of Oncology Nursing (either paper & online access or for online only access to the EJON).

What happens next?

To implement this change, EONS will need to keep a list of all national society members, associate members and individual members. Each year, when the membership is renewed, National Societies and Associations will be expected to provide an updated list of members to EONS. These details will be updated once each year.

Member Societies and Associate members will now need to provide a list that will include the first name, family name, and city where their members work. We have checked that this request does not conflict with data protection and freedom of information legislation and therefore will not present compliance problems since the



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information is already freely available. EONS will have the rights to access and manage the membership information that will not be shared or distributed without any written permission of the member.

In addition, we would ask that Societies also provide the members email addresses so that we can implement direct emailing of European information and provide reduced congress registration fees. The requesting of contact lists is not a new obligation, it is a requirement of EONS membership and can be found in the By-laws, excerpt provided below:

- 1.7 Any society applying (or reapplying) for full or associate membership will be asked to supply EONS with a copy of its membership list and will supply an updated list of its members on each subsequent year of its membership when payment of its annual or biannual fees becomes due. Membership of the Society is contingent upon compliance with this requirement.
- 1.8 Membership lists will only be used by the Society to calculate its total *de facto* membership and for the communication of EONS news and events. This information will not be used for commercial purposes or distributed to other organisations.

Since EONS has not asked for membership lists in the past, we would like to support Societies in this task, and propose to offer a one-off fee of 100€ to each National Society that can provide a membership list before the deadline of **Tuesday 10 May 2011**. These funds are intended to cover any administration costs incurred by National Societies in compiling their lists. We would ask that the lists are provided as Excel files and forwarded to the EONS secretariat at:

eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu .

We hope that you will agree that the proposed changes will bring a good number of positive benefits to all members of EONS and to EONS as the voice of cancer nursing in Europe.

If you have any questions or problems concerning this change please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

On behalf of EONS Membership Task Group

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