



## **Draft minutes EONS Research Working Group Face-to-face meeting Friday 23 November 2018 Royal Marsden Hospital, London, United Kingdom**

### **Participating:**

Wendy Oldenmenger (co-Chair), Mary Wells (co-Chair), Maria Brovall (MB), Melanie Charalambous (MC), Amanda Drury (AD), Nikos Efstathiou (NE), Manuela Eicher (ME), Paz Fernandez Ortega (PFO), Carole Farrell (CF), Daniel Kelly (DK), Grigorios Kotronoulas (GK), Ulrika Ostlund (UO), Elizabeth Patiraki (EP), Marlies Peters (MP), Theresa Wiseman (TW), Mariska Mooijekind (MM) (Working Groups Manager)

### **Unable to attend: -**

#### **1. Welcome and introductions, update on Working Group membership and decision about Vice-Chair**

MW and WO welcome all to the meeting. All Working Group members introduce themselves to the others. Current members UO, MW, TW, DK will leave the Working Group by the end of the year. New to the group are CF, PFO, ME, NE and MB. ME has been elected as Working Group Vice-Chair. All new Working Group members are requested to provide a photo and brief biography, for the website. MM will ensure all to receive a Conflict of Interest Form to sign.

WO informs the Working Group members that in 2019 EONS will hold elections for new Board Members. All members are encouraged to apply for the position of EONS Board Member. There will be three vacancies. Board Members leaving are Daniel Kelly, Patrick Crombez and Cristina Correia de Lacerda.

#### **2. Update from the Board**

WO updates the Working Group members on the current Board issues. Funding for the 2019 Research Workshop and the Research Travel Grant has been approved by the Board.

The Munich congress EONS11 is considered to have been successful and the Board is now reviewing the possibility of organising EONS12 at ESMO 2019 in Barcelona, in September of 2019.

EONS is currently a UK Charity. The society will change into a Belgian NGO, because of the possible implications of Brexit and as it is easier to apply for EU Grants when based in Brussels.

At the end of 2018, the ECCO Secretariat will move in with EORTC. EONS will therefore have to move office in December and will move in with ESTRO.

Each EONS Working Group has a Young Cancer Nurse representative. In the Research Working Group that is AD.

The call for applications for the 2019 Masterclass in Berlin is still open. All Working Group members are requested to share the information within their networks.

The 2018 European Cancer Nursing Day (ECND) is considered to have been a great success. In preparation of the 2019 ECND the Working Group will be invited to present a representative for the relevant Task Group.

### **3. Strategic and Organisational Goals RWG**

The Working Group discusses the EONS Strategy document, which includes the Working Group's Objectives and which was discussed earlier in Brussels, in May. The Working Group members share the following feedback:

- Many of the goals are considered to be very ambitious for a 2-year strategy. Should the goals be projected further into the future to 2030?
- The group notices that in "a note on terminology" Palestine is not included by the current wording.
- The group agrees that equal access to cancer treatment and care should be promoted more strongly, under "Values".
- Under "Strategic goals":
  - Speak about "across the membership countries"? (again, ensure Palestine to be included)
  - Change order: move no 7 to no2
  - Remove "all" in the individual items "all cancer nurses" (2, 3, 4). Is considered to be an unrealistic aim.
  - Change the wording of no 7 to "organisations working on behalf of people affected by"
  - Change the verbs used in no 5, 6 and 7. "EONS will have achieved the following" does not match with the way these sentences are set up.
- Under the Research Working Group Objectives:
  - Remove item 1 and make this across all Working Groups
  - Ensure the issue of transparency is included in the organisational and strategic goals.
  - Objective 1 - to be moved to general area of document; is an organisational objective, rather
  - Objective 2 – text will remain the same, will be new number 1
  - NEW 2: To build capacity and provide opportunities for nurses for to learn, network and develop research skills and experience.
  - Objective 3: To influence strategic priorities and funding, in order to promote person-centred cancer research.
  - Objective 4 will remain the same.

**ACTION:** WO to share these comments with the Board.

### **Lena Sharp, EONS President, connects with the meeting via Skype**

The feedback discussed on the Strategic and Organisational Goals are (re-)addressed. All agree it would be better to place the first Working Group Objective at the beginning of the document, in the organisational strategy, rather than listed repetitively in the objectives of the individual Working Groups.

LS informs all that EONS is close to an agreement with ESMO on EONS12 at ESMO 2019, Barcelona, in September 2019. Suggestions for a theme are welcomed.

**ACTION:** WO will send around template for WG members to provide suggestions for themes for EONS12. LS will check if ESMO has yet set a theme for their congress. Furthermore, LS informs the Working Group members that the number of inter-professional sessions in the congress will increase. More joint sessions will be organised.

LS urges all to encourage people to apply for the Masterclass – the application deadline is on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

LS leaves the meeting.

#### **4. Overview of Research Working Group history, progress and current activities**

MW presents a number of slides on the history, progress and activities of the Working Group. The slides are provided, by separate (PPT) file.

#### **5. EONS project requests**

- Sanofi Regeneron

EONS has been approached by Sanofi Regeneron on a potential collaboration on a Research project, which will explore the patient and caregiver burden of advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma and advanced basal cell carcinoma. Sanofi is interested in patient experiences or caregivers/nurses who have experience with these patients. A patient journey in different countries would perhaps be an option, to obtain more detailed information. A discussion between EONS and Sanofi Regeneron has taken place during EONS11. Should Sanofi Regeneron come back with a positive answer, a project proposal will need to be submitted to the EONS Board, including a budget. Emma Woodford, EONS COO, will be responsible for discussing the project finances with Sanofi. WG members will be invited to express an interest in working on this project Task Group, should the project take off, hopefully in 2019. It is suggested to see if / how the project meets the Working Group objectives.

- Biosimilars Survey

The Biosimilars Survey is an educational project, aimed on informing cancer nurses on biosimilars. Johan de Munter, Chair of the Communication Working Group, together with WO are the Project Chairs. Two pharmaceutical companies have agreed to provide funding, however, funding from additional companies is required. The project is aimed to be a shared project between Communication, Research and Education Working Groups.

#### **6. Updates from Task Groups – where are we now & Allocation of activities for 2019**

- **Research Grant**

The Research Grant is on hold until funding becomes available.

- **Research Travel Grant**  
 For the 2018 Research Travel Grant, six applications were received, of which three applications were incomplete and one was from an ineligible person (from a non-European country, wanting to attend a conference). Two eligible applications were considered, reviewed and scored by Task Group members TW, EP and GK. The Grant was awarded to Mary Tanay, who visited the College of Nursing at the University of South Florida in the summer of 2018 to meet with Professor Cindy Toftshagen and her team to promote collaboration in the area of cancer-induced peripheral neuropathy. A final report is to be received.  
 Working Group members discuss the application process of the Grant, because of the low number of eligible applications. It is agreed for the 2019 call to ask Steve Rowett (EONS website IT Manager) to have the opportunity to test the on-line application form in a number of different internet browsers. Furthermore the suggestion is made to include the name and email address of a contact person in the relevant web page. The group agrees to announce the Grant, once the application process for the Research Workshop has been closed. GK, AD & CF will be Task Group members. The GK will prepare a brief promotional video, giving an overview of what the Grant holds and to encourage everyone to apply, regardless of a potential language barrier. Furthermore they will direct potential applicants to contact their national society, should they be struggling with writing their application in English and inviting them to speak with one of the members of the Research Working group, should they wish. For issues with completing the form, they may contact Rudi Briké of the EONS Secretariat.
  
- **Research Proposal Workshop**  
 The 2019 Research Proposal Workshop will take place between 5 – 7 June 2019 in Athens, Greece. The application form has been finalised. The Working Group discussed the EUR 100,- registration fee towards the costs of travel and accommodation and agrees this should be maintained for all, including Low and Medium HDI listed countries.  
 The Workshop holds a budget of EUR 13.000,- and quotations for the various items have been requested. The venue has to be confirmed. GK, MC & EP are active on this Task Group.  
**ACTION:** MM to connect GK with EONS Communication Interim, Eleonora, for the preparation of an announcement poster.
  
- **Change Champions Grant**  
 The Change Champions Grant was not continued.
  
- **Novice Dissemination Award**  
 The Novice Dissemination Award presentations at EONS11 worked very well. For EONS12 another 1 or 2 presentations can be accepted. PF, NE and MB will review the abstracts for the 2019 call.
  
- **Web pages**  
 AD, MP and MC form the Task Group and have provided a paper in preparation of the meeting.  
**ACTION:** All Working Group members to forward resources for inclusion in the Research web pages with the next update, which is scheduled for January/February 2019.  
**ACTION:** MM to ask Helen Oswald, EONS Communications Manager, to remove the

minutes from 2015 and earlier.

**ACTION:** New Working Group members to provide a photo and brief biography, to be included in the web pages.

**ACTION:** MM/WO/MW to include the correct Terms of Reference in the web pages. (The link currently refers to the Terms of Reference of the Education Working Group.)

- **RECaN**

The second paper of phase I on meta-analyses is to be finalised and then submitted.

**ACTION:** DK to approach the Lancet, or JAMA, should Lancet fail.

In paper I most of the OMAHA data were already published. A third paper could discuss the limitations of OMAHA and need for the development of a more specific nursing intervention classification system.

**ACTION:** EP, CF and UO will look into the possible exact content of paper III, which all agree should be a Position Paper. Preferably this paper would be published in EJON.

Additionally, from RECaN phase 2, two papers are to be finalised, one about the qualitative data (**ACTION:** DK) and another about the patients' safety survey (**ACTION:** LS, WO).

**Representative on ECND 2019 Task Group**

MP volunteers to participate in this Task Group, in preparation of the 2019 European Cancer Nursing Day.

**Annual Events Calendar**

**ACTION:** WO and CF to set up the 2019 Research Annual Events Calendar, reflecting all Working Group and Task Group activities.

**ACTION:** MM to provide WO with the Events Calendar template.

**Research in Action**

**ACTION:** AD will send out a new call to all Working Group members.

**EONS Link**

**ACTION:** MM to check / arrange access to EONS Link for all Working Group members, including the new members.

NE presents on the Marie Curie RISE (Staff Exchange) scheme.

RISE is a European Commission funding programme. The programme is launching a new call on 5 December, with a deadline for submission on 19 March. The call is for research projects, covering (a maximum of) 3 countries. The Working Group members discuss the possibility of using the RECaN data for writing a proposal. However, all agree that time is too short to prepare an application for this upcoming call; more preparation time is required. The group agrees to try and apply for a future call.

**ACTION:** NE, PF and ME form a Task Group, which will prepare a proposal for the Board. The suggestion is made for the project on the development and testing of an outpatient oncology acuity tool to increase workforce and patient care quality. TW mentions one of her colleagues is working on this exact topic and suggests liaising with her.

**7. Evaluation of Working Group activities and handling of final reports**  
**Research Travel Grant**

**ACTION:** Task Group members to develop a template for grant recipients to complete. Set specific headings, number of words etc.

**ACTION:** Task Group members of the Research Proposal Workshop to approach previous participants and ask them for feedback.

The Working Group discusses the possibility of preparing an article for the EONS Newsletter, capturing the impact of the Working Group activities. No clear action was agreed on.

**8. AOB**

PFO has been approached by lung cancer group, who are looking for nurses to form a group, which will work on initiatives. All agree for PFO to contact Helen Oswald, to advertise a call on the EONS website.