



## ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 2024

Location: In person

Fira Gran Via Barcelona, Spain

### **Participants:**

Amanda Drury (AD) EONS Board Secretary

Christina Mazzega (CM) AIOM Oncology Nursing Society

Danijela Dohnal-Suvajac (DDS) Austrian Oncology Nursing Society

Dimitrios Protogiros (DP) EONS Board Member Early Career WG

Helena Ullgren (HU) EONS President Elect

Iveta Nohavova (IN) EONS Projects and Internal Relations Manager, Czech Oncology Nursing Society

Jorgina Serra López (JSL) Spanish Oncology Nursing Society

Karen Campbell (KC) UKONS President

Leena Koponen (LK) Finnish Oncology Nursing Society

Lucia Cadorin (LC) AIOM Oncology Nursing Society

Matt Fowler (MF) EONS Board Treasurer

Mary Tanay (MT) UKONS President Elect

Nikolina Dodlek (ND) EONS Event and Membership Officer, CONS representative

Remco Albers (RA) Dutch Oncology Nursing Society

Saskia Claassen (SC) Dutch Oncology Nursing Society

Susana Miguel (SM) EONS Individual Member

Ulrika Persson (UP) Swedish Oncology Nursing Society

Virpi Sulosaari (VS) EONS President

Wendy McNally (WM) EONS Board Member Education WG

### **Apologies:**

Johan de Munter (JdM) EONS Past President

Merel van Klinken (MvK) EONS Board Member Advocacy WG

Stavroula Chante (SC) EONS Board Member Communication WG

### **Item 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- VS and HU welcomed everyone to the meeting. HU provided the Agenda of the Meeting.
- VS provided a QR code for participants to confirm their attendance. 17 Participants were confirmed to the Meeting.
- HU invited the participants to review the Previous 2023 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved.
- VS presented 40 years Anniversary celebration of EONS, mentioning that in 1997 Office moved from UK to Brussels, Belgium. VS pointed out the current changes in Statutes as for eg. EONS Board has now additional Board Member Early Career WG and having a 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group as Early Career Working Group, that was previously called previously called Young Cancer Nurses Network.
- VS also presented from Strategy to action EONS activities and several ongoing projects and initiatives.
- NURTURE project
- Leadership Event
- Operational Grant
- EONS17

VS also emphasized on collaboration with different organizations.

### **Item 2. Working Group Presentations**

- HU invited WG Chairs to present WG Updates

#### Early Career Nurses Working Group

- DP presented the Early Career Nurses Working Group, established in January 2024., focusing on strategy goals. WG has 10 members and 2 chairs, and recruiting currently for Ambassadors Network aiming to have 2 representatives per country. Planned three webinars in autumn to be announced dates, monthly blog activity and various activities through other EONS WG Collaboration.

#### Communication Working Group

- HU pointed out CWG has new Leadership: The group welcomed a new chair, Carlos Cargaleiro and dStavroula Chante as the CWG Board Member.

- Current activities are Cancer Awareness Calendar: A cancer calendar was developed to highlight key awareness dates, with previous Twitter chats transitioning to LinkedIn for future discussions and supporting EONS in all communication activities.

#### Advocacy Working Group

- HU presented Advocacy WG highlights. The group is also focused on promoting the European Cancer Nursing Index and launching a call for new members.

The group has conducted the European Cancer Nursing Index twice, focusing on areas like safety and educational recognition for oncology nurses in Europe. Plans to update the Cancer Nursing Index annually with a continued advocacy focus for cancer nurses.

#### Research Working Group

- GB recorded a video that was displayed on behalf of the RWG Chairs presenting current Projects and detailed activities, including a PhD workshop, a review of Early Career Development Grant applications, and a cancer nursing research project. Future plans include advancing practice roles in survivorship and translating questionnaires to enhance accessibility.

#### Education Working Group

- WMc presented EWG activities starting off with EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework, outlined developments in the Framework and a pilot study. The group is updating the Framework for 2026. EWG is currently collaborating with Roche and webinars will take place this year, to

be announced soon. ESO EONS Clinical fellowships call will be open and disseminated to EONS Membership.

- Evaluation of ECCN Modules: The task group will assess the utility of the education modules and framework among members. EONS Masterclass is taking place in November with 30 in person participants.

### **Item 3. AOB**

- HU presented the ECND25 event and pointed out all invitations will be reviewed during the Board Meeting.
- EONS18 to take place in Berlin, Germany, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

### **Item 4. Reflections & feedback AC participants – what should EONS focus be looking forward?**

Participants were asked to scan the QR code to input five strategic priorities for their Societies and as Individual members. They were encouraged to brainstorm and prioritize future objectives through a digital platform, covering areas such as practice, research, leadership, and sustainable initiatives.

- The following items were discussed;

#### **Representation in EONS**

- LK emphasized the need of each National Society having its own representative in EONS. What role does each EONS representative serve for their respective Society? Understanding the structure of EONS, it is essential to clarify if each Society within this organization is represented adequately and if there is a distinct representative assigned to advocate for each community's unique needs and perspectives.

#### **Role of EONS for Individuals**

- MT pointed out UKONS membership is free. DP mentioned how plenty opportunities arise through EONS. It was mentioned (VT) that EONS activities need to be disseminated broader and more time wise so National Society activities do not overlap. Some barriers

might be not having proficiency in English. There is a need to evaluate the accessibility and inclusivity of EONS resources, as language barriers can limit participation and understanding for non-English speakers within the organization.

- JS pointed out issues arise when clinical nurses rotate in between the clinical wards, not working only in the oncology field but various specialties. DP pointed out that workforce crisis and founding can be an issue and an obstacle.

#### Purpose of EONS Membership and collaboration

- AD pointed out it is important to engage from Societies to better collaborate. It was discussed that Membership in EONS benefits are various activities, education and safety.

#### Structured Guidelines for EONS

- Discussion led to conclusion of vital need for more structured guidelines within EONS. Systematic approach is necessary to help members understand their roles, responsibilities, and the processes within EONS. Structured guidelines would provide clarity and make participation within the organization more manageable and efficient for all members."
- Participants pointed out that a concise document summarizing the key points and functions of EONS would be valuable to ensure that all members, especially new ones, can quickly understand the organization's purpose, structure, and how it operates.

### **Item 5. Closing the Meeting**

- VS and HU thanked all the participants for their time and input. The meeting adjourned with an overview of next year's objectives and a call for continued focus on key areas in cancer nursing education, advocacy, and research.