

National Societies Committee Meeting

02 September 2013, Amsterdam

Attended:

- Mona Schlyter (Chairperson of the National Societies Committee)

National Society Presidents / Contacts

- Eva Goossens (Belgium) – *standing in for Philip Moons*
- Jiri Leso (Czech Republic)
- Ana Ljubas (Croatia)
- Dorthe Stengaard Boedker (Denmark)
- Pernille Palm Johansen (Denmark)
- Emer Lodge (Ireland)
- Gillian Fahy (Ireland)
- Sabrina Barro (Italy)
- Stella Kuiken (Netherlands) – *standing in for Jeroen Hendriks*
- Siv Olsen (Norway)
- Alberto-Luis Fernandez-Oliver (Spain)
- Janet Oliver (United Kingdom)

ESC: Monique Varlet

Apologies:

Suzan Yamuti (Austria), Sirkka Ekola (Finland), Rosemary Chatelier (France), Michael Jacobs (Germany), Ioanna Hatzina (Greece), Dezso Stupek (Hungary), Ofra Raanan (Israel), Sigita Sakne (Latvia), Hamdan Ibrahim (Malaysia), Vincent Gatt (Malta), Izabella Uchmanowicz (Poland), Sofia Teixeira Nunes (Portugal), Urska Hvala (Slovenia), Vesna Mitkovic (Serbia), Maria Bäck (Sweden), Gaby Stoffel (Switzerland), Fisun Senuzun (Turkey)

1/ Welcome and presentation of members

Kaat Siebens, past Chair of CCNAP, addresses the audience. She informs participants that Donna Fitzsimons, Chair of CCNAP, cannot attend the meeting and expresses her warmest thanks on her behalf to the Presidents and Representatives of the National Societies for their work. Kaat Siebens leaves the meeting.

Mona Schlyter, Chair of the National Societies Committee, welcomes participants who introduce themselves.

2/ Approval of last meeting minutes

Minutes from the meeting in March 2013 in Glasgow are approved.

For the EuroHeartCare congress in Stavanger Siv Olsen wishes a list of all Chairs and Members of every group. This will enable to see how many delegates could be expected.

Mona Schlyter comes back on some aspects of the EuroHeartCare congress in Glasgow:

- The problem of the high registration fee partly explains why there are not many delegates compared to the important membership of some National Societies (example of the Dutch Society having many members but only 14 delegates were present in Glasgow)
- It is interesting to note that 37% of delegates registered to the congress were CCNAP Members. They were 60% in the end with 84 new members joining CCNAP onsite.
- The attendance in Glasgow was much lower than in Copenhagen which had 668 delegates of which many were from Denmark.

3/ Information and discussion about Guidelines implementation

A general concern among participants is about the contents of the workshop organised on 25th October 2013 and how to get prepared.

As a first step Mona Schlyter encourages participants to have a general discussion.

Indicators

It appears necessary to have indicators for the implementation of guidelines.

But the question is: what are we measuring? How can the success of an intervention be measured for patients and nurses. This must be considered for the implementation of guidelines.

Dialogue Nurse/Doctor

Mona explains the role play that has been filmed: it is a dialogue between a nurse and a doctor. It shows that a nurse can ask questions to a doctor about the way he has treated a patient. There might be a good reason for treating a patient in a certain way but it appears that doctors are not always aware of the significance of guidelines. Therefore it is important that nurses ask questions to doctors.

Follow-up on patients

Follow-up on patients might be difficult in some situations like acute care sessions which differ from care in a Heart Failure hospital. In this case there is no follow-up on in- and out-patients. How will it be possible to measure how the patient will follow the advice once he is out?

Focus must be set on the patient not on the nurse and a follow-up must be done in and out of hospital. This will really be dependent on how professionals work: different hospitals, different patients, different cultures...

What is the take-home message that must be delivered back to the National Societies?

The key message to take back to National Societies is that the Guidelines project needs nurses onboard. Some nurses are not aware of how important they are. Mona

Schlyter encourages participants to discuss this in their institution and share with other colleagues to see what they think.

Nurses in Heart Failure already work with guidelines and are much aware of the importance of guidelines. It should not be difficult to work with guidelines for medication.

To prepare the workshop on 25th October 2013 in Amsterdam Mona Schlyter needs feedback from National Societies:

- ➔ Participants are invited to discuss this initiative within their National Society
- ➔ Mona Schlyter will send a mail to all NS Representatives and ask for feedback
- ➔ Deadline for sending feedback to Mona Schlyter is 01st October 2013

The Danish Society will not be present at the meeting on 25th October but will participate in the project and provide inputs.

A suggestion is made to enable NS Representatives who cannot come to Amsterdam to join the meeting via conference call. This could be easily arranged with the ESC conference call provider.

Title for the Guidelines

Participants agree that a title on the Guidelines would help them orientate their preparation work for the meeting in October. For the moment it is about Guidelines in general. Next step is for each institution to decide depending on the work place, etc.

Nurses are aware of the existence of Guidelines in English and that they are long documents.

- ➔ National Societies should be asked if they can choose a Guideline (a clinical guideline could be a good start)
- ➔ Two questions must be asked: 1/ are their members aware of the existence of Guidelines and 2/ what would be the barriers (language, etc.)

4/ Communication – Website, Event Calendar

Mona Schlyter reminds all participants of the CCNAP Website and the pages dedicated to National Societies.

5/ Membership

Mona Schlyter encourages National Societies to promote CCNAP among their members. It is important to inform NS members about the benefits of joining CCNAP and that is not only for nurses but also includes Allied Professionals.

- ➔ Participants would like to receive statistics about the membership by country

Mona thanks everyone for their presence and active participation.