

Report from the EAUN Board 2019-2020

Unfortunately, EAUN had to cancel the annual meeting this year because of the fast spreading of COVID-19. Most nurses have been very busy since then. Therefore, the board has chosen not to provide the members with online scientific presentations or a video presentation of the report of the board usually presented at the Annual General Assembly. We present you this written report instead. But also outside the annual meeting, EAUN has continued working to offer all members continued education. With this report we want to highlight the most important achievements of EAUN in 2019-2020 and to thank all EAUN members for their continued support and for your understanding of these changed conditions. Hopefully we will be back on track next year in Milan.

The main achievements during 2019-2020:

Education

The EAUN arranged an English translation of a Danish e-learning course of how to take care of a pigtail nephrostomy catheter to make it available to the members. The course was supposed to be released at the annual conference in Amsterdam. Now it is being finalised and the e-learning course “Care of the pigtail nephrostomy catheter” will soon be available for all EAUN members on the EAUN website.

Guidelines

At the moment EAUN is busy up-dating existing guidelines which means no new guidelines topics are being produced yet. We need support and help from our members in the future and we will encourage you to participate in this important work. The update of the Indwelling Catheter guidelines from 2012 is on-going and will be ready for presentation in 2021. The planning of the update of the Intermittent Catheterisation guidelines has started and hopefully this will be ready in 2022.

Long Term Plans

During 2019 the chair elect and the chair have revised the current long term plan. Now we have a plan for 2020-2025 reflecting the educational needs in European urology nursing. The plan will be published on the EAUN website.

International relations

In 2019-20 the EAUN chair, Chair Elect, Board and SIG members have presented on national and international urology conferences:

- April 2019, 22 lectures and workshops across China and Hong Kong teaching on guidelines and standardising urological nursing care, invited by Prof. Wei He, chair of the Chinese Urological Association Nursing Committee.
- April 2019, a workshop at the Mediterranean Minimally Invasive Surgery in Urology in Egypt on invitation of Prof. Aly M. Abdel-Karim.
- May 2019, lecture at a large nursing conference (650 nurses) in Abu Dhabi on invitation of Dr. Manaf Al Hashimi, Chair of the scientific committee: the 1st VPS Annual Nursing Conference.
- June 2019, Aarhus, Denmark, celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Danish post-EAUN meeting. Presentation on 'Prostate cancer in the UK recent advances' and part of the organising group and chairing the morning sessions.
- July 2019, invitation to the 10th anniversary of the Hong Kong College of Urological Nursing Meeting by Ms. Cherry Chau, the Chairperson. 7 lectures during the 2-day meeting and visit to the urological ward of Prince of Wales Hospital and of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and visit to a private urological clinic.
- In July, Brussels, Real Men Against Prostate Cancer expert group technical meeting, working on an EU Call to Action campaign for prostate cancer.
- September 2019, invitation to Serbia by the Chair, Mrs. Valentina Petkovic, to give a presentation at the 6th National Congress, 'History of Nursing of Republic of Serbia' - history through practice, work of professional organisations, education, heroines of our time.
- October 2019, presentation at the 9th national congress of urology nursing in Antalya, Turkey, invited by Dr. Ayfer Özbaş, president of the Turkish association of urology nurses.
- November 2019, presentation at the UROONCO course in Brussels on invitation of Ronny Pieters, Chair Urobel.
- November 2019, presentation at the British Association of Urology Nurses (BAUN) in Liverpool, England, invited by Mrs. Jane Brocksom, president of BAUN. Attending the BAUN conference strengthened the cooperation on the Educational Framework for Urological Nursing (EFUN).
- January 2020, presentation in Istanbul at the International Neuro-Urology Society (INUS) invited by Prof. Helmut Madersbacher, INUS president. These visits have provided a great opportunity for expansion of the EAUN network and exchanging knowledge about EAUN guidelines and how they are used in local practices.

EAUN is member of the European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) and our representative attended the annual general assembly in Brussels in April 2020. The EAUN has cooperated with ESNO in developing the information and communication guide on Microbes. This has been launched April 28 this year and is available online [\[link\]](#).

Treasurer's report

It is our responsibility to give our members an overview of the EAUN finances for 2019/20, as we always like to mention a big thank you to the EAU, whom supported EAUN with 25,000 euros to help us deliver what you as members have told us are key to you, education and guidelines.

With such restrictions placed on industry and the change in sponsorship structure, we unfortunately have not received a lot of industry support to run any workshops or ESUN courses in 2019/20. This really has been a shame knowing that these courses are so important to our members, therefore the board is considering to invest the resources that we gathered from previous work of the board to underwrite a course for next year or organise the course in an interactive online way! We also expect some space in the budget for 2020 since travel is not possible for the board this year. The EAUN did however fund an important online e-learning course 'How to take care of a pigtail nephrostomy catheter' which will be launched in 2020.

EAUN received income (EAU)	25,000
Membership income	17,525
Anticoagulant cards	3,336
TOTAL INCOME	45,861
International contacts	3,179
Fellowship	1,265
Miscellaneous	1,121
Guidelines (Anticoagulant Card, TRUS Bx, Indwelling Catheter)	3,347
Education (Nephrostomy Online Course)	2,279
Board meeting	4,704
Membership administration costs	17,525
TOTAL Expenditure	33,420
<u>OVERALL Total Revenue</u>	<u>12,441</u>

The board has devised an expenditure plan for 2020/21. The priorities being:

- ESUN and e-learning courses
- Educational Framework for Urological Nursing [EFUN]
- Development of Guidelines

Educational Framework for Urological Nursing (EFUN)

As was reported to delegates and members attending the EAUN Barcelona Congress in March 2019, final analysis on the EFUN World Café has now been completed. Additionally, as was promised, a paper entitled "[Developing an Educational Framework for Urological Nursing: Using a World Café approach to gain an emerging international understanding of issues, challenges and responses](#)" was published in the International Journal of Urological Nursing, Volume 14, Issue 1, in March 2020. At the EAUN Amsterdam meeting it was planned to have a last review of the EFUN data with the Chairs of the attending national nurses societies and to have a further meeting of the EAUN, BAUN, ANZUNS Project Group. As we now are all too aware, due to COVID-19 this meeting never occurred. Recent demands upon the members of the Project Group have resulted in EFUN plans being temporarily slowed as they have been required to devote all their time to clinical care needs within their own practice areas. Whilst this is understandable, the development of an effective and supportive EFUN remains a key priority for the EAUN and work on drawing the project to a close will recommence this summer. Further developments will be communicated to EAUN members through our various media outlets and EFUN remains a standing agenda item at all EAUN Board meetings.

Accreditation

EAUN has been working on the documentation and implementation of accreditation and endorsement of educational activities. This has been a journey full of learning. Looking at how other like-minded organisations deal with this issue. We have in place core draft documents, that still require some refinement, so that they can be presented to the membership. Also, we have been looking at the process for accreditation and endorsement. This is an area that is under review and we want to align with the EAU. When we understand the process, we can complete the documentation and share.

EAUN has also had a couple of meetings with an organisation called COR2ED. They work and produce independent medical education programmes. They are looking to develop a urology platform and have sought to work with EAUN. At present, we are scoping this to see if it may be of benefit to you, our members.

SIG and ESUN

SIG: all the SIGs, Bladder cancer, Prostate cancer, Continence and Endourology, have organised a dedicated session for the annual congress in Amsterdam. SIG continence and bladder had also organised a workshop or hands-on training. Unfortunately the annual congress was cancelled.

SIG Endourology has organised a nurses' programme during the ERUS in Dusseldorf, Germany.

ESUN: we couldn't organise an ESUN course in 2019 due to a lack of sponsors. We hope to organise an ESUN course (sexual dysfunction) in 2020 in Leuven, Belgium.

Scientific Congress Office (SCO)

The SCO has welcomed a new member, Robert McConkey (IE). The committee have created a three-day congress programme 2020 which contained two HOT sessions, two ESU courses, four SIG sessions in cooperation with the SIGs and one workshop. Besides this the usual plenary sessions, state-of-the-art lectures and thematic sessions. The number of abstracts was very high, 96 in total, we were very pleased to see this. The quality of the abstracts was very good.

For next year we will say goodbye to two members and welcome two new members to the SCO: Ana Semedo (UK) and Jonathan Borwell (UK). We will plan a new programme for the congress in 2021 in which we will include the most promising sessions of 2020, so you don't have to miss this.

[2019-2020 SCO composition](#)

Social Media

During this year EAUN have been working on improving EAUN visibility through our social media platforms. The aim is to promote the work developed and share information on projects in which EAUN is involved. This brings us closer to our members and followers by keeping them updated and facilitating communication. Our posts on social media have also focused on sharing knowledge by highlighting practical key information from our nursing guidelines and new articles and studies published.

Rules for new board members – why Jerome Marley and Giulia Villa continue

In March this year the board terms of Jerome Marley (IE) and Giulia Villa (IT) ended and the board was going to present the first new board member at the AGM in Amsterdam: Franziska Geese (CH). (The selection process for a second new board member was not finalised yet.) The members have to approve the candidacy of selected members with a majority vote. According to the Bylaws to be able to vote the members have to attend the AGM. However, as you know, this year's congress and the AGM had to be cancelled. Therefore, similar to the EAU, the official replacement of the board members will take place next year at the AGM in Milan. In the coming year the new board members will join the board as Board member Elect, without voting rights, and the current board members will all stay in function until the next AGM.

[Current Board Composition](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all in Milan 2021!