

# Report from the EAUN Board 2021 – 2022

Unfortunately, the EAUN were unable to have their 'Annual General Assembly' (AGM) meeting this year due to circumstances that were beyond their control. The AGM is an important aspect of our annual conference as it is our way of feeding back to our members all the work that has been done behind the scenes, including highlighting the most important achievements and keeping everyone up to date with changes that have happened.

## The main achievements during 2021 – 2022

### Education

After the virtual meeting in September 2021 EAUN continued the project of delivering free webinars prepared by the SIG groups:

- “Updates in bladder cancer treatment and care” September 21’
- “Shared decision-making in prostate cancer: What’s new?” January 22’
- “Improving psycho-social care of patients with bladder cancer” May 22’
- “Assessment and nursing management of refractory chronic pelvic pain” September 22’

All of the webinars were recorded and published online. They can be reviewed through the official European School of Urology YouTube page.

EAUN also continued promoting educational activities through E-courses which are a benefit for EAUN members who can access it for free anytime. Currently we have four online E-Courses:

- Preventing Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infections e-course
- Nephrostomy Pigtail Catheter e-course
- The ins and outs of indwelling catheterisation and patient assessment for pelvic floor rehabilitation
- The effects of androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), the role of nurses and exercise in prostate cancer patient care.

For 2023 we will continue to offer free webinars in a regular base and ESUN Course.

### Guidelines

There is a huge interest in the EAUN Guidelines and therefore focus has been on up-dating existing guidelines. The 2012 Guideline “Indwelling catheters in adults - Evidence-based Guidelines for Best Practice in Urological Health Care Catheterisation Indwelling catheters in adults” has been up-dated and will be available on-line in the coming months. At the moment it has 7813 reads and 32 citations according to ResearchGate.

The up-date of the “Catheterisation Urethral intermittent in adults Dilatation, urethral intermittent in adults Evidence-based Guidelines for Best Practice in Urological Health Care” is on-going and we expect it to be ready in 2024. This guideline has 2481 reads and 45 citations.

Next step for the Guideline group will be to find out how EAUN can collaborate with EAU on joint guidelines. The next guidelines to be up-dated are the practice based guidelines on incontinent urostomy and Continent Urinary Diversion, this will be in collaboration with the Bladder Cancer SIG.

### Treasurer’s Report

It is our responsibility to give our members an overview of the EAUN finances for 2021/22, as we always like to mention our huge appreciation to the EAU, whom supported the EAUN with 25,000 euros to help us deliver what you as members have told us are key to you, education and guidelines.

Unfortunately covid put a stop to a lot of our face to face activity during the year (ESUN courses or work shops), but as you can see from above we were able to deliver some online webinars and have plans for 2022/23 to deliver more face to face and online sessions.

Finance 2021					
		Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total Balance
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Membership - 2562 (active members)</b>	9,815.00	9,815.00	-	-
<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>Board Meetings (Virtual)</b>		-	-	-
<b>Education (webinars)</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	7,500.00	1,624.00	5,876.00	5,876.00
<b>International Contacts</b>	<b>Promotional</b>		897.84	-897.84	4,978.16

Miscellaneous Expenditure	Subscriptions, Promotional Items, Stationary		893.32	-893.32	4,084.84
Guidelines	Intermittent catheter and design		1,464.50	-1,464.50	2,620.34
Fellowship		-	-		2,620.34
Revenue	EAU (congress, admin)	25,000.00	25,000.00		2,620.34
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,315.00</b>	<b>39,694.66</b>		<b>2,620.34</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Balance 2017/20</b>				<b>17,319.26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Balance 2021</b>				<b>19,939.60</b>

## Accreditation

Accreditation has taken a big step forward in that we have a board in place and also each EAUN member has a 'Continuing Nursing Education' (CNE) account. The board will meet bi-annually to review the online system, reviewer system and to support applications from those countries with no formal process or national association. The board comprises of members from the UK, Philippines, Poland and Ireland.

The CNE accounts can be found here: <https://eu-acme.org/>. The benefits of these accounts include: an online portfolio; validation of member activities; and registration of accredited CNE events, online learning and materials.

## **Endorsement**

The EAUN board has approved the process and documentation of endorsement. This is the granting of support or approval from the EAUN. It is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the high standards of urological patient care. Types of things that can be endorsed are: study days, courses, seminars, written materials, electronic content such as apps.

## **SIGs**

There are four Special Interest Groups (SIGs) within the EAUN; SIG Continence (Chair, Stefano Terzoni, IT), SIG Prostate cancer (Chair, Louisa Fleure, UK), SIG Bladder cancer (Chair, Bente Thoft Jensen, DK) and SIG Endourology (Chair, Anna Mohammed, UK). The SIGs have been developing webinars during the COVID-19 pandemic and we will continue to provide this way of education. Each SIG will continue to propose 1 or 2 webinar each year, which will be free to all members. We have a new chair for the SIG Prostate cancer: Louisa Fleure from UK and two new prostate SIG members: Nicole Klok from NL and Matthias Baumgartner from DE, one endourology SIG member: Marta Marchetti from the UK.

In 2022, the SIGs contributed to the EUT newsletters, and will continue this support and collaboration throughout 2023.

A Term of Reference document has been devised, outlining the new SIGs structure and responsibilities. We hope to finalise this document in 2023.

## **Social Media**

Regarding the EAUN activity on social media, we continued to be present on Facebook and Twitter and reinforce our presence on LinkedIn. We aim to keep promoting EAUN visibility to our members, followers, other associations and sponsors. In order to reach this goal we have been devising a plan that will enhance and promote the EAUNs activities and publications, by ensuring our members are informed appropriately.

## **Scientific Congress Office (SCO)**

The SCO has organised the annual 3-day congress, first time live after the COVID pandemic started in 2020, and the congress that year was cancelled. The SCO is pleased to have organised the congress with a wide variety of subjects, both clinical and general. There were three plenary sessions, one on the EFUN; four thematic sessions, four SIG sessions; two joint sessions and 6 state of the art lectures.

For next year the SCO and SIGs plan to organise several HOT sessions during the pre-congress day on Friday.

## International Relations

In 2021-2022 the EAUN Chair, Chair elect, Board and SIG members have presented at national and international urology conferences:

- June 2021 European Network for Safer Healthcare Webinar “Recommendations for better enforcement” at the launch of the report “Increasing adherence to CAUTI Guidelines”
- October 2021 Global Congress on Bladder Cancer, Ghent, Belgium: “ What really matters to patients for whom cystectomy is planned – The Role of Prehabilitation
- November 2021, URONAP - Philippines (online). The impact of Covid-19 on the delivery of urological care.
- November 2021, BAUN - United Kingdom (online). The challenges of urology nursing across a continent.
- June 2022 INUS – Innsbruck, Austria “ Patient involvement in guideline development- is it important for guideline implementation?”
- June 2022 INUS – Innsbruck, Austria INUS/EAUN Nurses Workshop “Educating people to master intermittent self-catheterisation
- June 2022 ERAS – Madrid Spain: “Follow up care after radical cystectomy”
- July 2022 EAUN – Amsterdam, Holland: “Prevention of bladder cancer”
- July 2022 ANZUP – Adelaide (on-line): “ Service evaluation to Research”
- July 2022 ANZUP – Adelaide (on-line): “How to improve adherence to intermittent self-catheterisation. EAUN Guidelines” July 2022 ANZUP – Adelaide (on-line): “The Effect of a smoking and alcohol cessation intervention in patients undergoing radical cystectomy on postoperative complications
- June 2022, ANZUNS – Australia. Reaching into populations.
- June 2022, ANZUNS – Australia. Are we obsessed about sex?
- June 2022, ANZUNS – Australia. The ‘trials’ of NMIBC (nursing perspectives) - Bladder Cancer Workshop.

EAUN is member of the European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO). June 1<sup>st</sup> ESNO organised a webinar on CAUTI which was endorsed by the EAUN, board member/SCO/chair moderated the webinar and a previous SIG member presented.

The EAUN will actively participate to the design, development and pilot of a cancer survivors smartcard (project of European Health and Digital Executive Agency, (henceforth "HaDEA") from the European Commission)

### Current Board Composition

We are very thankful to Jeannette Verkerk has kindly agreed to stay on the board and the SCO for another year, to ensure continuity and stability.

Unfortunately we say goodbye and our thanks to Ingrid Iversen and Susanne Vahr Lauridsen, whom were both EAUN board members. Susanne has agreed to take on the role of the chair for the guidelines, so will still be active within the EAUN, helping us deliver our long term strategy by updating our guidelines.

As this year's AGM was cancelled we are postponing the official vote for the two new members on to the board until the AGM can take place. But I am pleased to introduce both Robert McConkey and Mattia Boarin, who will join the board as Board member Elect, without voting rights until the next AGM.

### EAUN Board

Paula Allchorne (Chair) (GB)

Corinne Tillier (Chair Elect) (NL)

Jason Alcorn (GB)

Jeannette Verkerk-Geelhoed (NL)

Tiago Santos (PT)

Franziska Geese (CH)

Robert McConkey (IE) (from upcoming AGM)

Mattia Boarin (IT) (from upcoming AGM)



**Look forward to seeing you all in Milan 2023 –  
abstract deadline is 1 December 2022!**