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ESGENA Activities

ESGENA-Board Meeting

The ESGENA Governing Board met on 19th February 2005 in Birmingham, UK. The board worked on different topics, as detailed in the report below. Lotte Hansen and Margit Rytkonen, board members of the Danish Endoscopy Nurses Society, joined the ESGENA board in order to prepare the ESGENA conference programme for Copenhagen.

ESGE-ESGENA Guideline Committee

The ESGE-ESGENA Guideline Committee met on 4th February 2005 in Vienna, Austria. ESGENA-delegates were Christiane Neumann and Ulrike Beilenhoff. The guideline committee discussed the reviewed draft of the new guideline for Reprocessing Quality Assurance "Microbiological Surveillance Testing in Endoscopy" which was written by Ulrike Beilenhoff and Christiane Neumann.

ESGE-ESGENA Workshops on Advanced Endoscopy

ESGENA delegates participated in the ESGE-ESGENA Workshop on Advanced Endoscopy, which was held on 22-23rd April 2005 in Antalya, Turkey. ESGENA delegates were

- Michael Ortmann, Switzerland
- Eric Pflimlin, Switzerland
- Ulrike Beilenhoff, Germany

A report is published in the ESGENA News No. 16.

A second workshop will be held on 21-22nd November 2005 in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro. Please find further information on the ESGE-website: www.esge.com

ESGENA Education Working Group (EEWG)

The ESGENA Education Working Group (EEWG) met on:

20-22 May 2005 in Birmingham, UK.

The core curriculum group met on 20th February 2005 in Birmingham, UK.

Country	Delegate:
Belgium	Willy de Vriese, Brugge
Croatia	Jadranka Brljak, Zagreb
Czech. Republic	Dana Kuchynokova, Prague
Denmark	Mette Asbjorn-Oelesen, Copenhagen
Finland	Eeva-Riitta Ylinen, Kuopio
France	Helene Herve-Desirat, Paris (*)
Germany	Ulrike Beilenhoff, Ulm (*)
Great Britain	Christiane Neumann, Birmingham (*)
Iceland	Herdis Astradsdottir, Reykjavik
Ireland	Mary Fogarty, Dublin
Jordan	Lilishor Poponea, Amman
Italy	Patricia Burga, Padua
Luxembourg	Lorenz Rudkin, Luxembourg
Norway	Anita Joergensen, Skien
Portugal	Rafael Luis dos Santos Oliveira, Lisboa
Slovenia	Stanka Popovic, Ljubljana
Spain	Pilar Perez Rojo, Pamplona
Sweden	Solvig Ljungström, Stockholm
Switzerland	Michael Ortmann, Basle (*)
The Netherlands	Marjon de Pater, Amsterdam
Invited education specialist:	Diane Campbell, Torquay, UK (*)

(*) Member of core curriculum working group

The EEWG and CC group worked on the following issues:

- Qualification and tasks of teaching staff (academic tutor, mentor, external assessor)
- Methods and tools of assessment
- Implementation of the core curriculum on the national level (how to develop a national course, how to translate the core curriculum into teachable components)
- Review of educational material (as the train-the-trainers-course)

The next EEWG-Meeting will be held on 17th October 2005 in Copenhagen, Denmark. A special THANKS to Christiane Neumann. She invested an enormous effort in organising the CC group- and EEGW-Meetings.

New ESGENA Logo

At the ESGENA Annual General Assembly in September 2004 in Prague, it was agreed to ask a professional designer to create a new logo for ESGENA. The ESGENA group members received four drafts of possible logos. After a survey in the membership countries, a preference was identified for a modern logo. In February 2005 the ESGENA Governing Board made the final decision on the new logo-a stylised eye.

The image can symbolise a watchful eye looking after patients needs. It can also symbolise the endoscopic view inside the human body. The eyebrow can be interpreted as an umbrella, uniting the individual European countries. The ESGENA Governing Board hopes that the new logo will find broad acceptance and identification. We would like to thank the ESGENA Group Members for their support in the decision making process.

ESGENA Website

In September 2004 the ESGENA Governing Board decided to offer more services for ESGENA members via the website. With the support of a professional designer and Medconnect, the new web site was developed. Gerlinde Weilguny and Ulrike Beilenhoff co-ordinated the work for ESGENA.

On the new website a restricted membership area offers information to members only, such as:

- newsletter issues
- membership pages
- different data bases
- ESGENA constitution
- Information about annual general assemblies
- Actual information e.g. CVs from candidates

The password for the restricted membership area will be changed annually. It will be published in the ESGENA membership pages, which are sent to members only.

The first password for the restricted membership is: Nursing

The ESGENA governing board would very much appreciate feedback on the new website. Ideas and suggestions for further improvement and development are most welcome.

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Christiane Neumann*

ESGENA Education Grants

ESGENA European Education Grants are offered to fully trained European nurses who wish to undertake further clinical training in specialised endoscopic or gastroenterological nursing at an officially recognised ESGENA host centre. Hands-on training may not be possible in many countries due to legal restrictions.

ESGENA Grants are restricted to ESGENA Members (either with Individual Membership or with Group Membership through their national Group).

Each grant covers a maximum period of 4 weeks. Successful applicants will be asked to report back concerning the quality of their training period. Please note that a high proficiency in the language of the preferred host country is essential and the candidate should be able to provide a report after the visit in *English*. Experience has shown that most nurses are able to travel with a standard holiday visa, which should be organised by the applicant prior to departure. Selection will be made by the ESGENA Board. Applications for 2005 and 2006 should be sent to Christiane Neumann (Christiane.Neumann@swbh.nhs.uk).

ESGENA covers travel and accommodation expenses up to a certain amount of money. ESGENA developed detailed guidelines, application forms and a contract for the scholarship holders, which are available on the ESGENA web page www.esgena.org

Invitation to the next ESGENA Annual General Assembly

The ESGENA governing board invites its members to attend the annual General Assembly, which will be held on:

Date: 16th October 2005

Time: 17:00-18:00

Venue: 9th ESGENA Meeting Copenhagen, Denmark

The agenda of the General Assembly of ESGENA will include the following items:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Board election
3. General report of the governing board
4. ESGENA membership – update
5. Financial report
6. Editor's report
7. ESGENA website
8. ESGENA grants
9. Representing ESGENA
10. Workshops on the Endo-Trainer
11. Activities of ESGENA
12. Update about the forthcoming ESGENA Meeting (Berlin 2006)
13. Any other business

The ESGENA board would very much appreciate if all members attending the Copenhagen conference would also attend the General Assembly.

