

Statement ESOP Board

After the conference is before the conference. ESOP is off to something big.



The past has posed many questions and challenged us in many ways. What role should we play as members in the ESOP, how can we come together and achieve more together?

I am sure that our basic assumption that all people who are committed to better care for the sick and especially for patients with cancer have a right to join forces with us to raise the contribution of pharmacy in oncology to a challenging level. Each can offer skills that, taken together, make for success. Wherever we work, in research, administration or directly with patients we make an important contribution to the whole. Wherever we live, in the North or South, in different systems of governance, we always raise our voices when suffering happens and we ourselves or together with others can alleviate suffering. It is not the degree of possibility but the will to think and act that makes us strong.

Together we have perceived the different living and working conditions and adapted the measure of development opportunities, knowing that under better care conditions we would be able to achieve more.

The quality standard has challenged us again and again over the past 24 years and driven us to revise it. Once again, we call on members to rally around Kristjan (EE), the old and new leader, in the working group on the 7th rewrite of QuapoS.

We also know that without a continuous exchange of knowledge we cannot make human progress. In this respect, every student and teacher carry an important ability within themselves, the ability to listen and consult; the ability to exchange knowledge horizontally and vertically. It is only through mutual

acceptance that we have developed our strength, among other things, and through the promotion of local developments.

There are two levels of communication within our society. On the one hand, for countries where there is no organized structure for cooperation in oncology pharmacy, the board can call upon and nominate colleagues who will act there both as contacts internally and externally and who will also work to build up a national society. The next stage of cooperation begins at the latest when a national group has also been legally constituted (in many countries at least 7 members are necessary for this) and registers a representative as a delegate to the General Assembly.

We rely on the formative power of each and every one of our members, whose abilities we want to support to the best of our knowledge and to this end have created a society that does not move through the world like a locust for its own benefit. We count on you all in 2024 at ECOP 6.

Within the last few years and especially during the Corona period, when we did not want to leave our members alone through accompanying research and publications, not only the number of members, but above all the number of member countries has increased rapidly.

This has had its influence on some decisions of the last General Assembly.

Firstly, we have changed the structure of the Vice-Presidents to elect a Vice-President for both the EU (Mirjam, NL) and the non-EU countries (Sherif, EG) to represent them to external organizations. In addition, we have again elected (Christophe, FR) as VP for CPD. As we want to achieve a strengthening within the activities of the individual areas with regard to both the scientific research projects and the publications of our society, we have also elected a VP (Robert, AT) for this.

Since the regular meetings of the Presidium (mostly via Zoom), will in future also include meetings for the Chairs of the individual thematic areas and thus ensure a broader communication of the activities for all officers of the Society, we have dispensed with the election of an internal representative. We have to thank Ewelina (PL), who was responsible for this, in a special way, especially as she, as Chair, will also have to deal with a considerable workload on the government side due to the expansion of the MASHA project and the anticipated implementation of the Safe Handling of CMR. Fortunately, the ESOP working group is providing a considerable amount of important input.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Ahmed (TR), who has resigned from the office of VP due to a change in his activity priorities. His work also with regard to the installation of the EUSOP was positively pointed out in statements also at the ECOP and is being continued with great commitment by Mina (SI).

As mentioned at the beginning, the growth of the ESOP also requires changes in the overall structure. In order to make the future successful for all, a Constitutional Committee representing all parts of our organization has been elected to develop drafts for a new structure of a real International Society of

Oncology Pharmacy to be presented to the General Assembly for decision at the beginning of next year. It is made up of the following 6 members: Camille (LU), Mirjam (NL), Maja (BH), Sara (CL), Sherif (EG), Carien (ZA).



Names starting from the left: Maja, Sara, Sherif, Camille, Carien and Mirjam

Roman (CZ) stood for election as the new treasurer and will be actively supported by the outgoing Camille during the transition phase. The vacant position of secretary will in future be filled by Venus (ZW), who was only able to attend the conference virtually due to visa problems.

You can find the list of all commissioners and group leaders on the homepage. The work continues even when half the globe is on holiday or suffering from Covid. We are preparing to hold an ExCOP in both South Africa and Chile in 2023 to give as many as possible the opportunity to complete the practical activities of the Oncology Pharmacy Specialization training (EUSOP) alongside the e-learning units.

All this will again be published by the old and new Press officer Eda (TR) in a sustainable way.

Alain (FR) and Klaus (DE) will jointly manage the business as Presidents as in the past and actively support the change processes.