

IRENE COST Action Core Group Meeting Minutes

Vienna, January 12-13, 2020

Location: Vienna - Courtyard by Marriott Wien Messe

Chair: Prof Robert Mikulik, MD, PhD, FESO

Attendees: *N. Bornstein, R. Mikulik, F. Pezzella, V. Svobodova, M. Vosko, C. Tiu, S. Groppa
T. Fischer, A. Kohlmetz, V. Caso.*

Administrative support: *J. Thomsen, L. Balmer*

Apologized: *D. Bereczki, S. Andonova, A. Grecu, M. Karlinski, A. Arsovska*

Meeting Minutes Day 1 – Sunday, January 12 2020. 6 pm – 9 pm

1. Update on meeting Action goals in the first grant period.
2. **A plan of involvement of Turkey, Cyprus, Latvia and Belarus in quality monitoring program** was discussed. New members were suggested to be involved in the IRENE COST Action:
 - *Belarus: Dr. Liydmyla Anatskaia, Chief Neurologist of the Republic of Belarus suggested by T. Fischer – Dr Antaskaia will be invited to the WG2.*
 - *Latvia: Prof. Evija Miglāne, Angels country coordinator in Latvia, Head of Neurology at the P. Stradins CUH Neurology Department, Riga Stradins University – Prof. Miglāne will be invited to the WG2.*
3. **IRENE COST Short term Study Missions**
 - Plan for encouraging participants to apply was discussed.
 - *M. Vosko has offered to host someone for a 3-month stay in Kepler University, Austria. He will send Jennifer a summary of his offer and Jennifer will distribute this offer to the IRENE COST Action Participants.*
4. **IRENE COST ITC Conference Grants**

It is reported that J. Thomsen sent participants from Inclusiveness target countries a reminder in which they were encouraged to submit abstracts to world-leading stroke conferences and to apply for ITC grant from the IRENE COST Action in case their abstract is accepted.
5. **Venue and program of the next IRENE COST Management Committee Meeting and IRENE general meeting 2020.** The Core Group prefers the meeting should be held in Inclusiveness target country to help the country make stroke issues more visible. No IRENE COST Action participant has applied for organization of the next meeting so far.

Core Group Suggestions: *Bulgaria, Cyprus.*

 - *Prof. Mikulik (CZE) and Dr Vosko (Austria) will communicate this issue with representatives of countries.*

Meeting Minutes Day 2 – Monday, January 13 2020. 8 am – 5 pm

1. **The Stroke leadership** in involved countries was discussed. A group dedicated also to European Stroke Action Plan is doing the survey on leadership.
2. **Steps for stroke care quality data collection in involved countries were pointed out.**

- Cooperation with national professional societies and governments, definition of stroke hospitals, achieving representativeness of the quality data, increasing number of centers measuring quality.
- 3. Stroke Care Quality data brochures for governments and other stakeholders**
 - Content, distribution of tasks, how to present data to stakeholders
 - First countries that should develop the brochures: CZE, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria
 - 4. Scientific and publication plan**
 - Setting a publication plan, distributing roles of supervisors (cooperation of scientific leaders with representatives of Eastern countries)
 - Prospective study designing in progress
 - 5. RES-Q – platform on stroke care quality monitoring and improvement**
 - All data on progress is online. Available at www.qualityregistry.eu at Live Metrics.
 - Example of the Czech Republic: Door-to-needle time is not anonymous so the national society can communicate with each center.
 - S. Groppa (Moldova) suggests 2 months per year as a better term to collect data. Once a month is very short and many centers don't have a large number of patients.
 - If they don't have enough patients, they should enroll for a second month.
 - RES-Q data ownership information is available on the RES-Q website.
 - Stroke care quality monitoring guidelines compliance was introduced by R. Mikulik.
 - 6. IRENE COST Action results presentation in international meetings in 2020 (ESO-WSO).**

The Core Group will ask IRENE COST Action Participants to inform the IRENE Chair who will present stroke care quality data (whose abstracts were accepted). The Core Group members will present IRENE COST Action and stroke care quality activities and data at a pre-conference workshop.
 - 7. Stroke Action Plan for Europe (SAP-E) – cooperation and synergies**

The Stroke Action Plan for Europe will be sent to IRENE COST Participants. They will be asked to work on at least some domains of the document as this could help to improve stroke care quality in Europe. The document is recommended by ESO and SAFE to be followed by all European countries. The SAP-E Representatives will be involved.
 - 8. IRENE COST budget proposals for the following grant period**

V. Svobodova has presented the current status of the IRENE budget for the first grant period and an estimate of spending until the end of the 1st grant period. She pointed out the funding will be lost if the budget is not spent during the 1st grant period (end of April).
 - 9. F. R. Pezzella and A. Arsovska are offered to represent IRENE COST Action** via a lecture in Bulgarian Stroke Meeting in June 2020. Supporting them from the IRENE COST Action budget will be considered in the Work and Budget Plan draft for 2nd grant period, which will be submitted to IRENE COST Action Management Committee for approval.
 - 10. Dissemination tasks within IRENE COST Action**
 - WG 4 Group Leader M. Vosko reported the Communication and Dissemination plan is in progress.
 - IRENE COST Action logo was approved; based on that social media channels will be established soon
 - The basic IRENE COST Action website is done and works.

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Approved by: R. Mikulik, IRENE COST Action Chair