

IANO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Clayton Hotel Cork City

8 October 2022

Minutes



**IRISH ASSOCIATION
FOR NURSES IN
ONCOLOGY**
*Nurses Caring for People
with Cancer*

1 Introduction

Caitriona Duggan opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome. She thanked those present for remaining on to attend the AGM.

2. Matters arising from Minutes AGM 2021

As there were no matters arising the meeting continued. The 2021 minutes were ratified.

3. President's Report

CD reported this year as President she focused on three main areas:

- Education and Research
- Communication
- Membership Communication

She continued there had been an emphasis to increase the social media presence through introduction of Instagram led by Niamh Byrne and Helena McCallig, Our Facebook account managed by Paula O Donovan and Twitter by myself. Since last year our followers have increased by 36%. We have increased our tweets by 50%, this has increased our profile with a 110% increase in the mentions of IANO.

Target:

The target programme was led out by Ms Ada Kinneally as an online event in March this year was a great success with over 120 delegates registered and thanks to the NCCP for their support in rolling this out. Caitriona Duggan was chair on Day 1 and Day 2 was chaired by Ada Kinneally. This year the programme was facilitated by all expert nursing staff. We thank Aileen O Meara, Liz Meade, Catherine O Brien, Janice Richmond, Mary Kelly and Liz Higgins.

Podcasts:

Our first in a series of podcasts was launched to coincide with ECND on 18th May. Since then, we have disseminated a podcast recording each month. Our first series focused on Menopause after cancer. Towards the end of October we will be recording a podcast in relation to Prostate cancer. Sincere thanks to Sheila Broderick and Ada Kinneally from the NEC and all our invited experts who facilitated our first series. The aim of the podcasts was to increase accessibility to education material. We thank everyone today who took the time to fill out our questionnaire around further education ideas.

EONS:

Last month I attended the advisory council meeting of EONS in Paris. We discussed the strategic plan for EONS over the next 5 years. Johan De Munter current president of EONS is stepping down next year and President elect Virpi Sulosaari will take over. EONS are currently looking for nominations from National organizations for anyone who wishes to declare an interest in putting their name forward for President elect. EONS are also looking

for National organization to submit interest in hosting ECND 23. EONS research group are currently carrying out a survey into research priorities across Europe.

The IANO works because everyone works. We are a voluntary organization. We welcome your ideas, engagement commitment and willingness to help strive towards our mission and vision. Should you want to become more involved we welcome your participation. Contact your local network or special interest group, or any member of NEC. Use any of our social media platforms Twitter, Instagram or Facebook or contact our secretariat at info@iano.ie. Submit articles of interest to our newsletter or bursary opportunities. The Newsletter is led by Ms. Niamh Byrne, Ms. Sheilah Broderick, and Ms. Olivia Quigley, who have implemented new ideas within the Newsletter.

4. Secretary Report

PH confirmed her detailed report was on the website. PH mentioned this year there had been a focus on three main areas:

- The IANO Members Survey
- The IANO Newsletter continuation and development
- Vision for research

The IANO Members Survey:

The IANO Members Survey was initiated by the previous President, Ms. Rosemarie Murphy. The Survey Project Team included Ms. Rosemarie Murphy, Ms. Caitriona Duggan, Ms. Yvonne Gahan, Ms. Kathell Geraghty, and Dr Patricia Hunt. The Survey Team spent 4 months developing the survey and applying for ethical approval. The Survey was circulated to all members at the end of 2021 and 20% of members participated. A selection of results were presented by Ms. Yvonne Gahan on behalf of the Survey Team at the European Oncology Nursing Society Conference in Paris in September 2022. The remainder of the results are being prepared as a manuscript for publication. This part of the project will be led by Ms. Rosemarie Murphy. The results of the survey indicate that the IANO need to consider how to further engage young cancer nurses, and how to encourage members to apply for bursaries and educational opportunities that the IANO offer. The NEC will be working on a strategy to address the gaps identified from the survey. It is anticipated that an IANO member survey will be completed every 3 – 5 years.

The IANO Newsletter:

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The IANO Secretary and President are drafting a Vision for Research Support of members. This is to align research support from the IANO with the IANO mission and

vision, which is to promote and develop excellence in the care of the patient with cancer, and to provide support and education for nurses involved in caring for patients with cancer. The document will outline the specific supports that the IANO can provide to members in developing confidence in research, presenting and publication skills. This will include a range of supports that combine to provide a comprehensive package designed to develop members' research skills.

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5. Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report is available on the member's section of the website and YG informed those present that the full financial accounts of the IANO are available, if anyone would like to review the accounts they could contact YG directly.

YG thanked the Irish Cancer Society for their generous support they give to the IANO throughout the year. I wish to acknowledge the donation of €7,000, which enables us to employ a Secretariat to undertake the day to day running of the organisation.

I would like to thank Ms. Louise Nolan, our Secretariat, for all her hard work over the past year. I would also like to thank my colleagues on the NEC for their on-going support.

Current Assets held by the IANO on 31/12/2021

Balance on the main account €36,665.00

Balance on second account €4,062.00

Total Assets of IANO: €40,727.00

6. Network & SIG Reports

All the Network and SIG reports are available on the member's section of the website. As no questions were raised the meeting continued.

7. Young Cancer Nurse Report

Helena McCallig spoke from the notes which are available on the website. This is a synopsis.

EONS 15 at ESMO

Once again EONS was a huge success in Paris this year with lots of new and exciting research being presented. Our very own Patricia Hunt and Yvonne Gahan presented the IANO survey data highlighting the importance of national societies and fostering the engagement of YCN's.

PrEvCan Campaign- EONS together with ESMO launched the groundbreaking Europe wide "Cancer Prevention Across Europe" (PrEvCan) Campaign. It is based on the European Code Against Cancer which sets out 12 recommendations ranging from physical activity and dietary guidelines all the way to tobacco use and second- hand use. Over a period of 12 months starting in October each month will be dedicated to promoting one of these recommendations and highlighting the scientific evidence supporting it. The objective is to increase awareness of how to prevent cancer among the public and of providing healthcare professionals with a more comprehensive toolkit for communicating the importance of cancer prevention effectively.

European College of Cancer Nursing 2023

An exciting initiative from the education working group within the European Oncology Nursing Society and a great opportunity for YCN's across Europe. 20 nurses from across Europe are currently taking part in the pilot program. The aim of the college is to offer an exciting and innovated structure nursing educational pathway which spans from early nursing careers through to taking on strong leadership and research responsibilities. Helena has put herself forward as a mentor for same.

YCN Twitter

This year's twitter chat has taken place and focused on sexuality intimacy and cancer a growing area which nurses are educating themselves more on to facilitate open discussions with patients.

YCN Podcasts

Following in the IANO's footsteps the plan is to create 3 podcasts after meeting with ESO. Ideas for topics include sexual health issues of cancer patients, CAR-T Cell Therapy, Survivorship Care. If any YCN's have any ideas for other topics please feel free to contact Helena or Kathell with same.

YCN Blog

Set up last year this has been a great success and a wide range of topics from life as a novice oncology nurse to self -care and wellbeing have been covered. Both Helena and Kathell have written blogs for this series and continue to do so. Any suggestions for topics may be forwarded to either Helena and Kathell and same can be discussed with the EONS YCN.

More information about the above work can be found on the EONS national website www.cancernurse.eu and the IANO national website www.iano.ie

8. Election of Officers/Committee

The committee will remain in place for the next 12 months. The following officers will continue in their role.

President: Caitriona Duggan

Secretary: Trish Hunt

Treasurer: Yvonne Gahan

Cork Network: Paula O'Donovan

South-East Network: Ada Kinneally

Limerick Network: Maureen O'Grady

West Network: Caitriona Duggan

Dublin Network: Niamh Byrne

IBCNG: Niamh Byrne

ILCNG: Yvonne Gahan

IGONG: Sheilah Broderick

ONG: Maureen O'Grady

CRCNG: Emma McNamara

YCN: Helena McCallig

Academic Representative: Patricia Hunt

Paediatric Representative: Olivia Quigley

Service Provider: Donna Spillane

9. Motions for Debate

There were no motions for the debate, so the meeting continued.

10. Any Other Business

No other topics were raised. The meeting concluded.

