



## President and Vice-President Annual Report May 2017

Over the past year, the President and Vice-President have sought to address a number of issues necessary to stabilise EANN as agreed at our board meeting in May 2016. We continue to advocate a participatory culture with board members in order that the Association is one of the members, for the members. At the last board meeting, we agreed to establish working groups and we realise that they will take time to grow in their activities. The Executive Committee have had nine meetings via SKYPE since May 2016.

### Membership

EANN continues to seek new member countries to join. No new members have been identified in the last 12 months. We look forward to having the Italian Association (ANIN) attend in Belfast in 2017; ANIN have been very active in supporting EANN over the past year and have engage neuroscience nurses across Europe in research they have been undertaking. All other EANN member countries have been supporting the research activities of EANN and this is, as always, a positive experience. There are now 297 followers on Facebook, which has been a positive increase in followers over the past year

### Constitution

The new constitution was finalised and agreed at the last board meeting in Malta in May 2016. This has been our active constitution since.

### Congress

The financial situation with the Serbian Nurses Association and the 2015 Congress has been resolved. The Serbian Association has demonstrated commitment and integrity in resolving this issue and we are delighted to have their continued positive engagement with EANN. Planning for the next congress in 2019 is taking shape for Manchester. The Society of British Neurosurgeons (SBNS) have agreed to partner with the British Association of Neuroscience Nurses (BANN) in co-hosting Congress. This is a landmark event whereby the SBNS are actively supporting Neuroscience Nurses in Europe to have the best Congress through maximising the potential for sponsorship, cost reduction and interprofessional learning. We are delighted that this historical union will take place for our EANN Congress in 2019. The venue will be Manchester Central and the dates of Congress are 19 - 22 March 2019. It is essential that we have maximum support from EANN members to attend if we are to make this Congress a success and ensure the future of EANN financially.

### Bank Account

After considerable meetings with the Bank of Ireland and completing significant paperwork, the EANN business bank account was opened in 2016. We thank the Board for their patience and support in this endeavour and we are delighted to have achieved this. We cannot understate the complexity and challenge involved in achieving this; at least six months of our activity was taken up in achieving this. Our current financial situation is stable and our next Congress will have great potential to improve this, pending on support from EANN members to attend.

## Working Groups

The working groups will have been in operation for one year by the time we meet in Belfast in May 2017. Some groups have progressed more visibly than others and we understand this is a new movement in EANN that will take time to establish. At the May meeting in Belfast, we will have present an external facilitator to help us plan how to progress these groups in order that they are active and devolve the progression of the Association to Board members. Jacinta Lynch from Ulster University has significant experience in facilitation and will be present at the board meeting to help support our progression.

The Research Group continue to progress with their current research projects. This group is now analysing data from the survey about assessment of consciousness. They have a good response rate from most participating countries and hope to be ready to show results soon. Furthermore, the paper on European stroke care is very close to submission for publication.

Members of the Education Group are currently collaborating with BANN in conducting a study on painful stimuli in the Glasgow Coma Scale. This is now in the data analysis phase and EANN are grateful for the support of members in promoting the survey. The Education group also have agreed in principle to work with WFNN on their smart device App and have identified two core areas to work on. This will result in having a shared WFNN and EANN app. Additionally, the Education group are working on a Benchmark Statement for Education.

The Clinical Group have initiated some work on benchmarking statements and this work is in the early stages. A report from the Marketing group is pending.

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship for our website from Fieldfisher has enabled us to relaunch the website and fund its maintenance for one year so far. We plan to continue developing the website, particularly to accommodate work from the working groups. We hope to achieve sponsorship for our Belfast Meeting in May 2017; a change in sponsorship regulations in the UK prevented the planned sponsor from being able to make this provision. It is anticipated that the Marketing group will address sponsorship in the future.

Moving forward, we look forward to further developing EANN with the Board and thank you for your ongoing support and engagement,

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**Neal Cook**  
**President**

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**Vice-President**