

ESO Education Committee – Annual Report 2015

David Werring, Chair

1. Constitution of the committee

David Werring	(UK) (Chair from May 2015, term 4 years)
Marcel Arnold	(Switzerland)
Aleksandra Pavlovic	(Serbia)
Jaap Kappelle	(The Netherlands)
Jesper Petersson	(Sweden)
Jan Sobesky	(Germany)
Alastair Webb	(UK)
Satu Mustanoja	(Finland)
Emmanuel Touzé	(France)
Laszlo Olah	(Hungary)

For three members (Dr. Marcel Arnold (Switzerland), Dr. Jaap Kappelle (Netherlands), and Dr. Jesper Petersson (Sweden)) their terms of office end at the ESOC 2016. According to the ESO rules, new potential members will be proposed to the ESO Executive by the Educational Committee.

2. Communications

A teleconference was held on 9th February 2016 to discuss progress and ongoing projects. It is planned to have at least one teleconference outside the face to face meetings at ESOC. There will be a meeting on Thursday 12th May at ESOC Barcelona.

3. Stroke Summer School

- The Summer School in Czech Republic, 24-28 August 2015 (hosted by Professor Roman Herzig) was successfully delivered. The local organizing committee members were Prof. Roman Herzig, Prof. David Školoudík and Assoc. Prof. Daniel Šaňák. The event was held in the Educational Center of the Charles University Faculty of Medicine, representing an up-to-date teaching facilities localized within the University Hospital compound. Out of the 90 applications, 44 candidates were selected from 25 European and 3 non-European countries.

- The international faculty consisted of 18 European stroke experts and 5 stroke specialists from the Czech Republic. There were 39 lectures on a range of topics. The whole event received a positive evaluation by the participants (using the scoring system of 1 to 5 with 5 representing “excellent”): scientific program 4.4, case presentations 3.8, interaction with speakers 4.1, catering 4.3, accommodation 3.5, visit to the department of neurology 3.9 and overall organization 4.2.
- The Educational Committee produced a **Guide to Organising a Stroke Summer School** with essential information on planning, which has been approved by the ESO Executive. This emphasises the importance of early planning and seeking sponsorship.
- The Summer School 2016 will be in Madrid, Spain. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) consists of Prof. Dr. Exuperio Díez-Tejedor, MD, PhD, Chair, Dr. Blanca Fuentes, MD, PhD, and Dr. María Alonso de Leciñana, MD, PhD. Preparations are on course but there are challenges with sponsorship. The Educational Committee will continue to support the LOC; a teleconference is to be held with the LOC including members of the ESO Educational Committee in February 2016. Regular updates from the LOC to the ESO Committee are being provided to keep everything on track.
- The Summer School 2017 will be in Larissa, Greece (head of LOC, George Ntaios). Progress has been very good: the venue is identified and the contract between the LOC and ESO has already been signed.
- There is interest from several countries to host the Summer School in 2018. It was agreed that the process needs to be fair and transparent and that the opportunity to bid should be provided to the wider ESO community. DJW will draft a brief paragraph on behalf of the Educational Committee, inviting bids for the 2018 Summer School for the ESO Newsletter. This should be decided at the ESO Executive meeting in July.

4. Stroke winter school

The ESO / ESMINT 2016 Winter School was in February 2016 (Bern, Switzerland). It had very good level of sponsorship, and a large number of applicants. There were 60 participants: 25 interventionist and 35 neurologists. The Educational Committee agreed that after 2017 it might be reasonable to rotate to other centres beyond this, but this should be discussed by the ESO Executive. Specialist facilities are needed for some of the experimental sessions, and are only available in a few centres.

5. Assessing the feasibility of web-based seminars

Jesper Petersson has been leading on this. The idea is for a new web-based way to deliver current educational content. There is a successful Swedish neurology webinar series, which the Educational Committee agreed could be very attractive for ESO. JP is producing an outline proposal, including funding needed, for presentation to the Educational Committee and then the Executive. To include potential costs for archiving content.

5. The Virtual stroke university

The Educational Committee has discussed the ESO document on the VSU strategy (Editorial team: Charlotte Cordonnier, George Ntaios, Else Charlotte Sandset, Yannick Béjot, Alvaro Cervera). The need for updating and a review of the aims and strategy of the VSU was discussed. The challenges of accreditation were reviewed, and this was felt not to be easily to solve. Legal and copyright aspects of posting lecture content were discussed. This is also a challenge. We have recently contacted Charlotte Cordonnier regarding the current status and will further discuss how the Educational Committee can support the aims and strategy for the VSU in Barcelona.