

ESO Stroke Unit Committee (SUC) – Annual Report 2016

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1. **Members of the SUC:** Diederik Dippel (The Netherlands), Stefan Engelter (Switzerland), Damian Jenkinson (United Kingdom), Darius Nabavi (Germany), Fethiye Dilek Orken (Turkey), Ondrej Skoda (Czech Republic), Ivan Staikov (Bulgaria), Andrea Zini (Italy), Ulrike Waje-Andreassen (Norway). José Egido (Spain) resigned from the committee in November. He is by date not replaced.
Juan Arenillas and Philippe Lyrer (former chair) have observer functions.

2. Activities

The SUC held two face-to-face meetings during 2016, the first one, chaired by Philippe Lyrer at the ESOC in Barcelona on 10th of May, the second one chaired by UW-A in Basel in October from 27th to 28th. The main goals for 2016 were to recruit national auditors for certification processes and to evaluate first applications as ESO Stroke Centre or ESO Stroke Unit after the ESO-SUC had announced the possibility of application at the ESOC in Barcelona in May.

The SUC distributed by the ESO Head-office a call for certification in December. Several applications seems to be “in pipeline” since summer 2016, but the year ended with only one single application that was reviewed by a national auditor and by U W-A, and thoroughly discussed at the SUC-meeting in Basel in October due to the feed-back to the colleagues of the applying hospital, and due to learning effects for our guiding information of our SUC questionnaires. The application from a country without a national audit or national certification processes showed that there were quite huge misunderstandings that make revision of the questionnaires necessary, in order to give more detailed information about the working process for an application. The review-process was therefore twice extended for the actual hospital, and work to improve the guiding for the questionnaires for the Stroke Centre or Stroke Unit is ongoing. A call for ESO Stroke Unit or Stroke Centre Certification was sent in December to all members of the ESO.

At the meeting in Basel in October, the SUC got approval from the ESO EC and the ESOC Programme Committee to arrange a workshop on Monday 15th May 2017 from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. First preparation work for submission of an abstract for a poster and for the workshop started in November/ December.

Ongoing work with the questionnaires and further preparation work for the workshop at the ESOC Praha in May, will serve as basic work for a planned publication about the SUC guidelines for application and audit work.

The next face-to-face meeting will be held at the ESOC 2017 in Praha.