

**Committee Report 2020**  
**ESO Trials Network Committee**

# Report of the ESO Committees - Summary

## Trials Network Committee

- **Peter Kelly, Ireland (Chair)**
- Silke Walter, Germany
- Urs Fischer, Switzerland
- Rustam Al-Shahi Salman, UK
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- Gary Ford, UK
- Blanca Fuentes, Spain
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- Philippe Lyrer, Switzerland

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- 6 Zoom video-conferences in 2020
- Main work programme – development of a European ‘network of networks’ for stroke trials – ***the ESO Trials Alliance (ESOTA)***
- ESOC 2020 Symposium planned but cancelled due to COVID
- Hosted a webinar 21.10.2020: ‘Collaboration on Stroke Trials during COVID-19’. 156 registrations, 76 attendees
- ESOTA 3 new member networks joined since last report – German Stroke Trials Network, TurkStrokeNet, Belgian Stroke Trials Network. This brings the ESOTA membership to 9 European networks
- ESOTA website further developed – addition of searchable tool/map for ongoing stroke trials in ESO countries. Ongoing review of content and presentation with Michele Schaub Jackson [www.eso-trialsalliance.org](http://www.eso-trialsalliance.org)
- Funding received for the first randomised trial under the ESOTA infrastructure – EPICS-Pilot, a feasibility/pilot trial to prepare for a pan-European Phase 3 trial of intensive blood pressure reduction for ischaemic stroke prevention. A second ESOTA-supported trial (TICH-3), to be conducted in ESOTA networks, in funding review currently. A funding application for a third trial (ASPIRING) was not successful.
- 2021 plan – succession planning for Committee/ESOTA Steering Committee leadership and members, further grow ESOTA membership, begin operation on shared trials and related projects, update and improve website, symposium at ESOC 2021, education activities at ESOC and other ESO meetings, consider options for further papers to support stroke trials in Europe