

# Committee Report 2021

# ESO Stroke Unit Certification Committee

# Report of the ESO Committees - Summary

Stroke Unit Certification Committee \* = scheduled to leave the committee in '22

- **Diederick Dippel, Netherlands (Chair)**
- Stefan Engelter, Switzerland\*
- Thomas Gattringer, Austria
- Fethiye D. Orken, Turkey\*
- Laurent Derex, France\*
- Apostolos Safouris, Greece
- Tobias Neumann-Haefelin, Germany
- Joaquin Carneado-Ruiz, Spain
- Michael Bar, Czech Republic
- Manuel Capellari (Italy) (first half of 2021)
- Vlad Tiu, Romania (second half of 2021)

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## Meetings

- March 25 2021, zoom meeting
- June 8 2021, zoom meeting
- June 15 2021, zoom meeting
- September 7 2021, zoom meeting
- October 26 2021 , zoom meeting

## Committee composition

- Three members will resign, we are actively looking for new members (Scandinavia, UK, France/Italy and eastern Europe)

## Accomplishments

- Certification of 19 stroke units and 19 stroke centers in 2021
- Two oral presentations, one e-poster on stroke unit certification at ESO-WSO stroke conference 2021

# Outlook for 2022

## Outlook for 2021/22

- New paper on benefits of certification – nearly finished, to be submitted to Eur Stroke Journal
- Further increase in number of certified stroke centres and stroke units in Europe
  - New campaign on benefits of certification setup will be discussed in coming ESO-SUC meeting
  - Intensify collaboration with Angels project – invite diamond angels centers to apply for certification
- Recertification process approved by board and set in motion
- Set up on-site certification visits with local volunteers
- Update criteria for stroke unit/ stroke center (ultra sound/ no of interventions)

# On site visits of centres that (re-)apply for certification

- Why?
  - Sharpens awareness among applicants
  - Improves quality of centre
  - Improves quality of certification system
  - Increases credibility of the certification system
- How?
  - Visit about 10% of all applicants' centers
  - Make use of national volunteers (retired professionals)
  - Reimburse costs of travel, food and lodging
  - Visit will follow standard format according to patient journey
  - Report will be attached to application
- Funds
  - Currently available committee budget suffices, as long as we keep having zoom meetings and meet in person only at ESOC.