ENTOG Newsletter: Spring 2019/2020



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1. Cancellation of the ENTOG Exchange 2020 in Norway

The annual ENTOG Exchange was planned to take place on 11th - 13th of May 2020 in Norway. Unfortunately, due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, it is with great regret that ENTOG Executive and the Norwegian Local Organising Committee have decided to cancel the ENTOG Exchange and Scientific Meeting. Naturally, all trainees will receive full reimbursement from the Local Organising Committee.



2. Cancellation of the EBCOG Congress 2020 in Norway

The EBCOG Congress 2020 was planned to take place in Bergen on 14th-16th of May. Unfortunately due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the Norwegian Government has upheld the decision to forbid all public gatherings until at least June 15th. This, together with the international travelling ban and quarantine rules, gave EBCOG no alternative but to postpone the congress scheduled for May 14-16th. All trainees who registered for the Congress will be contacted by the Congress Organisers on an individual basis.

EBCOG is now considering postponing the Congress with identical structure until 2021, possibly in southern Europe. We will keep you updated and sincerely hope that you will join us at the congress.

3. Online ENTOG Council 2020

The ENTOG Council will take place online on Zoom on 30th of May 2020 (Saturday) at 10:00 am CET. All national representatives are expected to join the online Council meeting. There will be voting for the countries who would like to be new ENTOG members, for the election of the treasurer and for the country to host ENTOG Exchange 2022. If any national representative will not be able to join the online meeting in person, they are expected to indicate another representative from their country or to make sure they give a by proxy vote to a delegate from a different country or a member of the current ENTOG Executive. The details on how to participate in the online meeting will be circulated to the national representatives.

4. Elections for the Treasurer

We would like to open a call for the post of the ENTOG Treasurer. Candidates for the post are kindly asked to send their CV and motivation letter (maximum 1 page each) to <u>executive@entog.eu</u> until 23rd of May. The candidatures will be shared before the Council with the country representatives. It will also be possible to present your candidature during the Council without prior notice. Each candidate will have 2-3 minutes during the Council to present themselves. The candidates are welcome to contact the current ENTOG Treasurer, Martine Favero, via executive@entog.eu to ask what the work involves.

5. ENTOG Exchange 2022

We would like to open a call for the country who would like to host the ENTOG Exchange 2022. Traditionally, the ENTOG Exchange in even years follows the EBCOG Congress. In 2022, the EBCOG Congress will take place in Poland where ENTOG already had its Exchange in 2019. Therefore, during the Council it will be voted if to have the Exchange elsewhere. Countries who would like to host the ENTOG Exchange 2022 are welcome to notify the ENTOG Executive at executive@entog.eu. If we receive your candidature before 23rd of May, it will be officially communicated to all country representatives and you will have the possibility to share some materials. However, it will also be possible to candidate during the Council. Representatives from all candidating countries will have 5-7 minutes during the Council to present their country.

6. Survey on training during SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

As the ENTOG Executive, we have come to notice that in some hospitals our training was affected by the pandemic. To have a better understanding of if and to come up with a plan for the future, we have made a questionnaire for you to fill in. Please fill in this form via http://tiny.cc/entogsurvey and share it with all your colleagues in your hospital and in your country. Once again, we would like to congratulate all our hard working colleagues. We are strong together. Stay safe.

On Behalf of ENTOG Executive,

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