

EuroCOORD Newsletter

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Updates

As part of the organisational structure of EuroCOORD, the Chairmanship rotates between the 5 partners. Thank you to Charles Boucher who has been the Chairman for 2007 and Kholoud Porter who has been the Secretary.

Carlo Giaquinto will be EuroCOORD Chairman for 2008 and Jens Lundgren will be the Secretary.

EuroCOORD meeting in Madrid

Thank you to everyone who attended the EuroCOORD meeting in Madrid. For those who were unable to attend, below is a brief summary and attached to the newsletter are the slides that were presented.

Summary of the EuroCOORD meeting in Madrid

The EuroCOORD Chairman for 2007, Charles Boucher welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda. He also provided a brief history of EuroCOORD and how and why the collaboration came to be established.

Genevieve Chene provided the group with a short presentation on aims, visions and activities of COHERE which was added as a fifth partner to EuroCOORD.

Carlo Giaquinto presented an update on the current activities of EuroCOORD which included the status of the FP7 Resistance proposal (which is under review at the EC), IWHOD, and ACTIVATE.

Kholoud Porter gave an overview of the EuroCOORD structure and the current status of establishing the collaboration as an independent foundation. Additionally, in order to maintain financial independence and liability, a separate foundation will be established for the cohorts workshop. It has been proposed that Bordeaux will act as the secretariat for the cohorts workshop.

Jens Lundgren outlined the next steps forward for EuroCOORD, emphasising that the group will continue to execute the collaborative actions and milestones while identifying areas where it would be of potential benefit to harmonise. There will be continuous dialogue with governing bodies in each of five partners to identify organisational, governance, and management of deficiencies. He outlined the principles of the application process which will start early in 2008 in preparation for the application in 2009.

Project status

ACTIVATE

The ACTIVATE project is currently gaining speed and many of you have received questionnaires as a component of the assessment of needs. We would be most appreciative if you could complete and return these by the date indicated.

The main objectives within ACTIVATE are to develop training to cover a broad range of relevant topics in HIV/AIDS treatment and management, combining on-site training with online distance learning methods.

The questionnaire has been developed to identify and assess the felt needs in the field. It is not the intention to duplicate training already available, but rather to identify target areas that are not being met.

Cohort Workshop

As many of you know, EuroCOORD will be organizing the IWHOD (International Workshop on HIV Observational Databases) starting in 2009. Planning activities are already underway and the group will keep you updated on the developments.

Important dates

There will be a EuroCOORD meeting in conjunction with CROI in Boston on **Tuesday, February 5th from 6-7 pm**. Details and venue will follow closer to the date. All members of the respective Steering Committees (CASCADE, COHERE, EuroSIDA, EuroHIV Resistance and PENTA) are invited to attend.

Please note that the **COHERE Steering Committee** meeting will immediately follow the EuroCOORD meeting and take place from **7-8 pm**.