

Nursing Special Interest Group Newsletter Winter 2023/2024



Dear Members,

I hope you all have had good holidays. The NSiG Committee wishes you a very healthy and good 2024.

While the world is focused on a lot of violence and sadness, we will focus again on the care of our precious CF patients.

The Commitee is preparing the next pre-conference nursing day the 5th of June in Glasgow. We hope to see you all there. We have carefully read last year's evaluations and have chosen topics accordingly.

We are very happy to announce that the committee has grown to 6 members. So we are now at full strength. That means we can organize a proper election in Glasgow. Three of us should step down because we have reached the maximum the end of our three year mandate (Esperie, Tina and I). Anyone who is interested can run for a committee seat in 2024! Please don't hesitate to contact us at <u>ECFSNSiG@ecfs.eu</u> or via one of us, see the boxes below.

I would also like to encourage everyone to become a member of the ECFS. If you do so now, in January, you will have the full benefit for the whole year. Please see below how to become member.

Best wishes to all Dorien Holtslag

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<u>https://www.ecfs.eu/projects/insg-cf/intro</u>

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Elections in 2024

As mentioned above, anyone who is interested in joining the committee is more than welcome! We meet online several times throughout the year. You can participate in some or all meetings as a member and contribute your voice to the planning of next year's preconference day. There is no obligation to do a presentation at the pre-conference yourself, so don't hesitate to join us, even though you think your English is not good enough. We will be renewing three seats in 2024 (chair, secretary and treasurer). The last election was held in 2019 and it is time for a new one! Please let us know if you are interested.



ECFS membership

The ECFS is asking that every member of a Special interest Group should be an ECFS member. The ECFS conference is partly funded through membership fees, which are essential for maintaining independence. You may have already received an email from the ECFS about this.

ECFS membership is valid for a calendar year, from January to December. For nurses and allied health professionals, the fee is $50 \in$ (instead of $120 \in$). Benefits include reduced registration costs for next year's conference, full access to educational materials, and "members only" information on "MyECFS". Members also receive periodic newsletters and have voting rights.

For more information visit <u>https://www.ecfs.eu/membership-subscription</u>.

Become a Member Membership



Each year a number of awards are available (see details below). This year we will be running the Travel award and the Innovation award.

Travel Award (2024)

You must be from a country with less financial means, (Eastern Europe, Middle East), have no access to other funds, and have several years of experience in the CF field. A motivational letter is required.

Please go to <u>https://www.ecfs.eu/glasgow2024/NSIG-travel-grants</u> to apply.

Innovation and research award (2024)

We will have a session during the next nursing day where the winner will be invited to give a 15 minute presentation on their project or idea for improving patient care in the field of CF. The winner will receive a \in 500 grant.

Please click here to participate: <u>https://www.ecfs.eu/glasgow2024/NSIG-travel-</u>

<u>grants</u> before 21st April 2024. The deadline submission is April 21st. The NSiG committee will review all proposals and reach out to you in early May.

Your proposal should include the following information:

- What is the innovation? *eg: change in the care pathway during pediatric to adult transition; nurse follow-up after Trikafta introduction; developing mental health support...*
- \circ What is its goal of your project?
- \circ What steps have you taken or plan to take, and how will you implement your idea?
- \circ How has patient care improved?
- \circ What challenges have you encountered and how have you addressed them?



NSiG pre-conference meeting - 5th June 2024

The Nursing Special Interest Group is looking forward to welcoming you to the 47th ECFS conference in Glasgow next year. We will do our best to provide a programme that is interesting and relevant, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions for topics you would like to hear about!

