

3rd Annual General Report of the European Cystic Fibrosis Society Nurse Special Interest Group (ECFS NSiG),

To be presented at Annual General Meeting Liverpool 5th June 2019

History:

At the ECFS in Basel in 2016 the existing International Nurse Specialist Group (INSG) voted to reform and affiliate to the ECFS as a Nurse Specialist Interest group (ECFS NSiG). This is the third Annual Report from the ECFS NSiG: The current committee comprises

- Chair: Nichola MacDuff, Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist, Wolverhampton, UK
- Secretary: Angela Röst, MScN, APN, Childrens University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland
- Treasurer: Signe Fog Sønderup RN/CNS, Aarhus Denmark
- Committee member: Majda Ostir RN, UKCL, Pediatric clinic, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Committee member: Silvia Rodriguez Torres - CF Centre, Barcelona, Spain
- Committee member: Yulia Gendler RN MSc, CF Nurse specialist, Israel

The aims of the NSiG are as follows

Aims

- To advance education, research and clinical skills for the improvement of cystic fibrosis nursing and care
- To create a meeting place for other CF nurses to share experiences and best practices and develop a community of practice.
- To prepare the nursing pre conference programme at the ECFS

Objectives

- To disseminate evidence- based best practice
- To collaborate on research and audit to promote and evaluate quality CF Care
- To promote, apply and contribute to further development of the standards of care for cystic fibrosis
- To work with other disciplines to further enhance cystic fibrosis care
- To provide educational opportunities for CF nurses to support their continued professional development

2018 conference Belgrade

About 80 nurses attended this meeting which was evaluated as a great success. The venue was excellent with round tables for group discussions and a suitable size to accommodate our group. The day had some interesting workshops followed by small group discussions as well as three national presentations.



ECFS NSIG Belgrade 2018 (from left to right): Angela Röst, Majda Ostir, Yulia Gendler, Ann Raman (outgoing), Nichola MacDuff, Dr. Kath MacDonald (outgoing), Silvia Rodriguez Torres

Presentations and workshops

We heard three national presentations from Spain (S. Rodriguez Torres), Israel (Y. Gendler) and from Croatia.

After these Susan Madge from London spoke about “Advanced care planning”. After her presentation we had time to consider palliative care issues in small groups and after that we fed back to the wider audience.

The afternoon sessions started with the second annual general report of the ECFS NSiG. Additionally, elections for two new committee members took place as Kath MacDonald and Ann Raman stepped down after 3 years on the committee. There were three candidates, two from the UK, one from Switzerland. All introduced themselves in a short presentation and finally Nichola MacDuff and Angela Röst were elected by the participants.

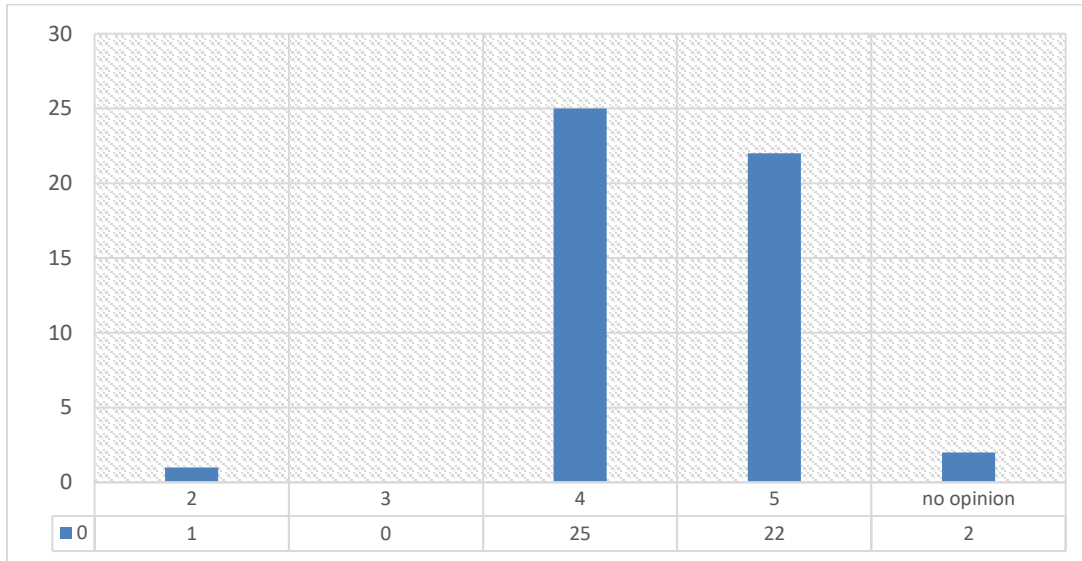
Aileen Mallinson and Amanda McGrath from Edinburgh presented their Learnpro module. After the small group discussions on education needs and how to address them the group decided that it would be very helpful to make the module available to ECFS members. Hopefully it will be translated in more languages so it can be used in different countries.

Finally the evaluation of the day took place.

Feedback from the Belgrade da was as follows:

1. What is your overall assessment of the day?

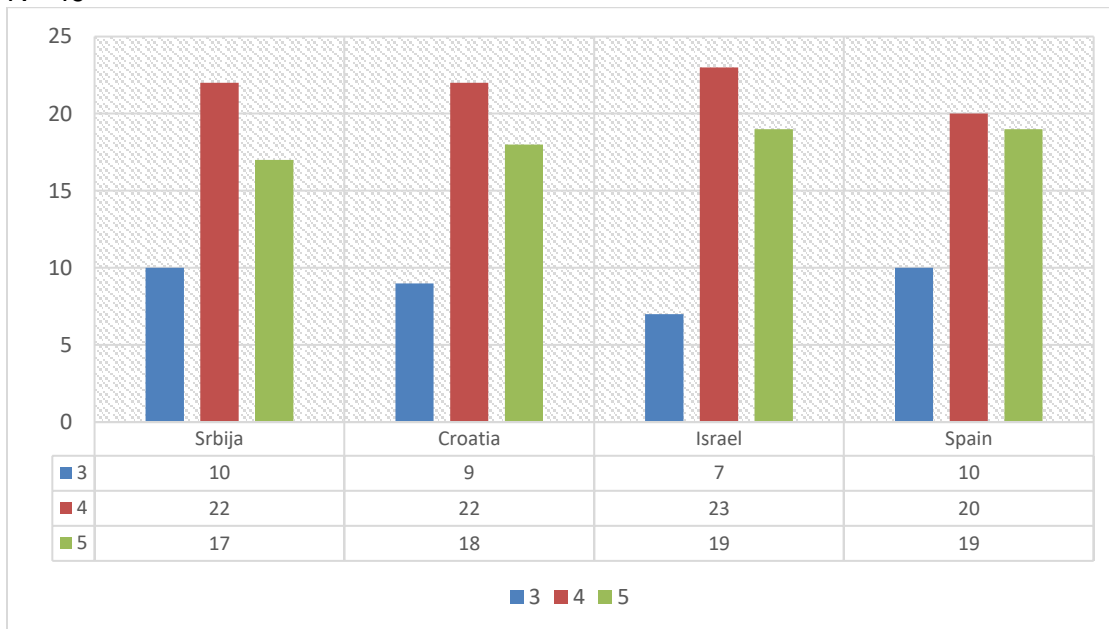
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2. 96% very good and excellent

3. National presentations

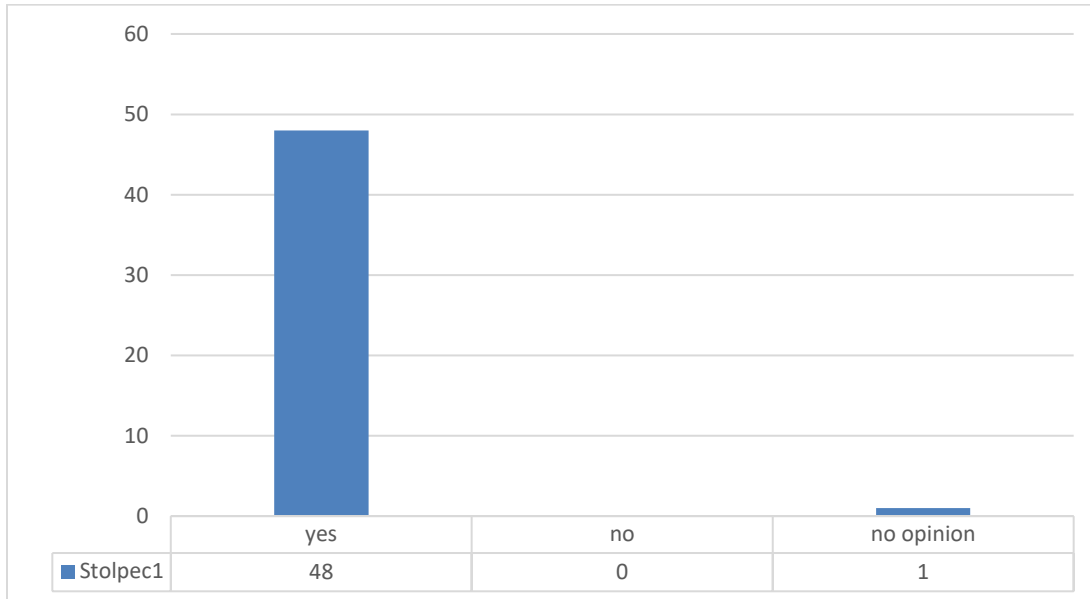
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Comments: excellent sharing of experience, good to hear about various practice, more and shorter presentations

4. Did the workshop Advance life care planning achieve the program objectives?

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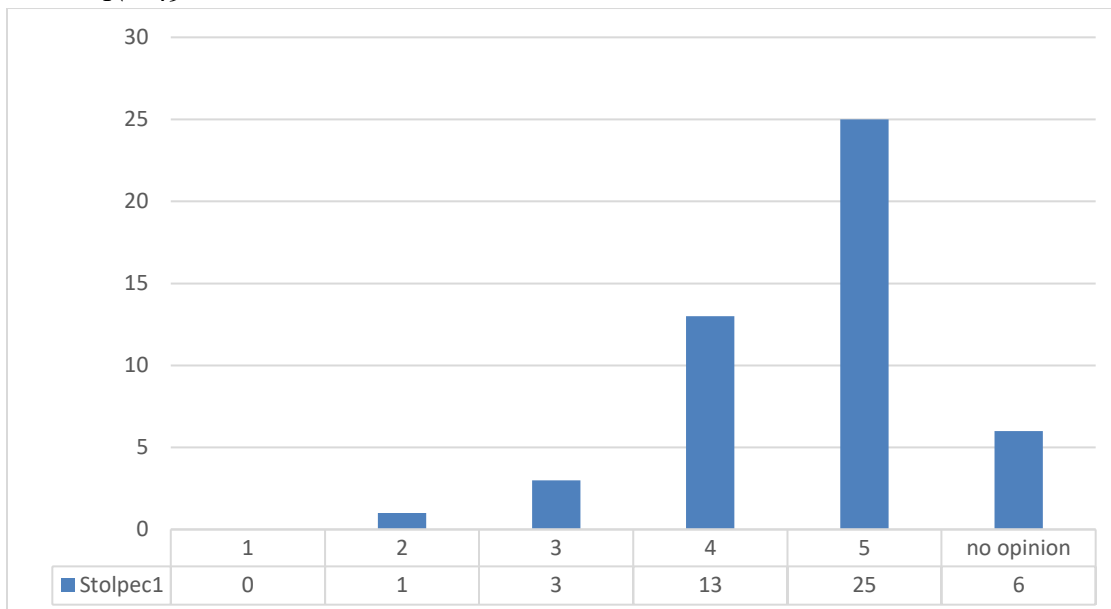


100% excellent

Comments: splendid, wery good workshop, excellent, , really interesting

5. Did the workshop Introduction to lernpro modul achieve the program objectives?

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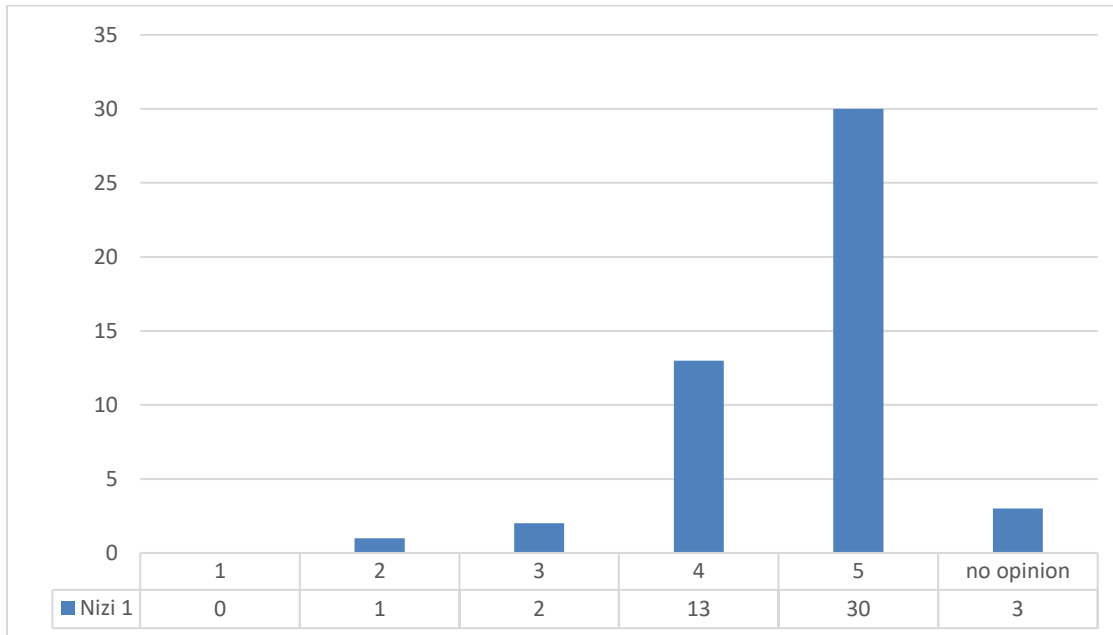


76% very good and excellent

Comments: good discussion afterwards, very ussefull tool, exelent program, great idea about sharing, to fast speaker

6. Please comment on the organisation of the day

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88% very good and excellent

Comments: well organised, good location for work in groups, round tables provide very good communication and contacts, great organisation, native speakers are too fast

Website development and update

All of the presentations from Seville can be found on our updated NSIG web pages on the ECFS website and we would encourage members to access this resource

ECFS Membership and costs

Funds

For the first time nurses attending the ECFS in Liverpool can apply for a travel grant. We are also seeking nominations for the nurse of the year and a poster and innovation award will be awarded. For the innovation award the short-listed nurses will present their projects at the nurses' day and the participants will elect the best project. For the poster award there are criteria for marking the best poster. It will also be announced at the nurses day.

Elections and constitution

In June 2019 we have elections for the committee as our treasurer, Signe Fog Sønderup has completed her term of office. Silvia Rodriguez Torres has stepped down from her position as chair and the new chair will be Nichola MacDuff (UK)

Other activities

The ECFS NSiG committee members have held 7 virtual meetings via skype. Activities included evaluation of the Belgrade meeting, planning for Liverpool and identifying funding for travel bursaries and awards.

Nichola MacDuff has represented the group on the Education Committee and there have been some discussions with the Learnpro module creators to make it available for all ECFS members on the education platform. In addition some of the presentations at the Liverpool meeting will be recorded and made available as CPD learning in the months after the conference. At the NSiG day there will be time set aside to discuss what we as nurses want on the education platform and a chance for all members to get involved in providing modules for the wider group. The committee has also provided representation on the Quality Standards Group and the scientific committee.