

The ERN-LUNG Network Coordination Team would like to thank you all for your friendship, support and collaboration during 2019. We wish you all the best for the holiday season and hope to see many of you soon at the Annual Board Meeting in Frankfurt!

CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE EXISTING ERNs

At the close of the call on 30 November, the European Commission announced that 841 new clinical units in hospitals across Europe had requested to join the existing 24 ERNs. 46 of these applicants are to ERN-LUNG. The full evaluation process will now determine which of the applicants will eventually join the networks. In the meantime, we welcome the new PH Core Supporting Partner Royal Brompton University Hospital, UK and new PCD Core Supporting Partner Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. You may find the list of [Full Members](#), [Supporting Partners](#) and [Affiliated Partners](#) on the website.

YEAR 3 REPORTING TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

In the last quarter of this year, the Network Coordination Team prepared and submitted 4 deliverables to the Commission - Board and Medical Steering Committee meeting reports, Growth report, Clinical Trials Network report and Registry Data Warehouse report.

ERN MONITORING

The ERN Monitoring data collection exercise for 2018 has been completed and closed - you may view the report of ERN-LUNG's performance [here](#) corresponding to the ERN basic set of [core indicators](#). The deadline for the data collection exercise for 2019 is 28 February 2020, so here is a heads up to have the number of new patients for your HCP ready. This does not apply to Affiliated & Supporting Partners.

ERN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY

Any publications, clinical trials or guidelines arising from the collaborative work of ERN-LUNG members (atleast 2 HCPs from atleast 2 Member States) linked to ERN activities, are encouraged to mention ERNs either in the acknowledgement section or in the authors' affiliation using the [definitions](#) proposed by MetabERN and endorsed by DG Sante. You may find a curated list of such publications on our [website](#).

ERN-LUNG WEBSITE UPDATED

Several sections of the network [website](#) have been updated to include more information on the network's activities and functioning for the benefit of clinicians and patients - do take a look! At the moment the website is optimal for viewing on desktop screens but we are working on optimising it for mobile devices as well.

MARC HUMBERT BECOMES ERS PRESIDENT ELECT 2020

We congratulate the [newly elected](#) ERS Vice President for 2019–2020 Professor Marc Humbert, also the Vice-Coordinator of ERN-LUNG, who will successively become ERS President Elect and then ERS President.

PAST WEBINARS AND MEETINGS

Rare 2030 Panel of Experts meeting, Brussels, 7 November 2019

The [meeting](#) was attended by several stakeholders of this initiative to validate the trends and drivers of change that were identified, ranked and prioritised throughout the year in order to define possible future scenarios and recommend policies aimed at lessening the impact of rare diseases.

ERN Research Working Group meeting, Brussels, 13 November 2019

A prior [survey](#) of the ERN Coordinators' Group noted that awareness was low amongst the ERNs of the existing [research infrastructures](#) which could be helpful to them. This meeting was, therefore, an attempt to forge a better understanding of the research infrastructures available. You are encouraged to read the [minutes](#) and view the [presentations](#).

ERN Coordinators Group meeting, Brussels, 14-15 November 2019

The [meeting](#) covered the new call for healthcare providers to join existing ERNs, how the ERNs will complete the internal assessment of the applicants, overlapping disease areas which may be covered by more than one ERN, and gaps in ERN coverage.

ERS Webinars

- Relevant aspects of the new ERS/EACTS/ESTS/ESTRO Plural Mesothelioma Guideline, *15 October 2019*
- Early detection of lung cancer – the NELSON trial results into real-life practice, *19 September 2019*
- Acute exacerbations of IPF: a neglected threat in IPF? *11 July 2019*



SAVE THE DATE

ERS Webinar: Novel therapeutics for cystic fibrosis

9 January 2020, 18-19h CET

ERN-LUNG Annual Board Meeting

Frankfurt, 26-27 February 2020

European IPF Patient Summit

Warsaw, 24-26 April 2020

European Conference on Rare Diseases

Stockholm, 15-16 May 2020