

# EAACI NASC teleconference | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/21/2015 3:00 PM

Meeting called by	Thomas Werfel (Committee chair person) Nanna Fyhrquist (Secretary)	Attendees NASC representatives EAACI president Antonella Muraro
Type of meeting	NASC Teleconference	

## AGENDA TOPICS

**Agenda topic** *Participation of the NAS in four EAACI activities* | **Presenter** Thomas Werfel

**Discussion.** The expectation is that all NAS join at least one of the activity groups – speciality, guidelines, EU lobbying, or health economics. We have currently received responses from 26 countries, and will continue updating the list.

**Conclusion.** Many of the NAS have responded and nominated national representatives for the EAACI activities. Please send your response if you haven't.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
NAS response forms: Please send the completed forms to <a href="mailto:nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi">nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi</a>	TW, NF	11/30/2015 12:00 AM

**Agenda topic** *Building a European guideline register* | **Presenter** Thomas Werfel

**Discussion.** We propose collecting information from the different countries concerning guideline activities in order to get an overview, learn from these, and possibly publish this information in the form of a register paper. We sent together with the agenda for the recent TC and enclosed again at the end of this memo a list of bullet points on which we would like to receive feedback until the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The list of topics will be revised and circulated among members. If your material is not available in English, please submit titles in English, and later a summary.

**Conclusion.** The registers will be our core work, and by having an overview of the activities, we can learn and disseminate information.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Please provide feedback on the bullet points related to guidelines to <a href="mailto:Werfel.Thomas@mh-hannover.de">Werfel.Thomas@mh-hannover.de</a> and <a href="mailto:nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi">nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi</a>	TW, NF	11/10/2015 12:00 AM

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**Agenda topic** *Building a European register of Allergy Care* | **Presenter** *Thomas Werfel*

**Discussion.** We propose building a register of allergy care in the European countries in order to understand and share best practice and decide how to harmonize it. We suggest screening country specific parameters, with ideas for topics listed in the bullet points. Please send feedback on these. There was some concern about overlapping activities in UEMS and WAO, but in contrast to the aim of the WAO white book, which is to provide a *novel* view of allergy care, the NASC will do something more specific, which is to identify best practices that can be reported and help to define quality criteria for centers of excellence in each country. Some countries have this already, while others will need help. The Netherlands have recently looked into the issue of quality criteria and will send their ideas as a template for us. After we have received feedback from you (deadline 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015) on the bullet points sent to you with the agenda to the recent TC and enclosed again at the end of this memo, we will send a questionnaire based on these topics.

**Conclusion.** We propose building a register of allergy care in the European countries and the response to the initiative was mainly positive.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Please provide feedback on the bullet points related to allergy care to <a href="mailto:Werfel.Thomas@mh-hannover.de">Werfel.Thomas@mh-hannover.de</a> and <a href="mailto:nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi">nanna.fyhrquist@ttl.fi</a>	TW, NF	11/10/2015 12:00 AM

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**Agenda topic** *Building a register of European Allergy Research* | **Presenter** *Thomas Werfel*

**Discussion.** To get an overview of allergy research in Europe, we propose building a register of national and international research projects and networks. The allergy research register may support your research projects by helping to connect with the right organizations and people. Before we go on with this activity, people felt we should define more clearly what kind of projects to include in the register.

**Conclusion.** This activity will start later.

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**Special topic** *EU lobbying activity* | **Presenter** *Antonella Muraro*

**Discussion.** Based on the discussion at the last EU Symposium in Brussels, there is the need that each NAS EU starts to contact the national members at the EU Parliament asking them to join the Interest Group on allergy and asthma at the EU parliament.

**Conclusion.** We need more members of the European countries joining the Allergy and Asthma group at the EU parliament.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Please approach national members of the Parliament to join the Allergy group.	NAS	[Date   time]

**Discussion.** We will organize a public forum at the EAACI conference in Vienna 2016 including presentations with a focus on national activities by three NAS (Austria, Poland, Czech Republic) on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 pm. In addition there will be a closed business meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30 pm.

**Conclusion.** The NAS forum and business meeting will be organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the EAACI conference in Vienna.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
The NASC secretary will send out invitations to give a presentation to the three selected NAS.	NF	11/30/2015 12:00 AM

The next Teleconference will be on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 3 pm CET.

## Special notes

### A European guideline register

- Authors of national societies – how are they selected?
- Topics – how are they selected?
- Which societies feel responsible for allergy guidelines?
- List of published guidelines; if available with links
- English translations available? If available, PDFs
- Which are the current and planned guideline activities?
- Which role play EAACI guidelines and position papers?
- What is the particular value of national guidelines?
- Which is the anticipated benefit of a database of guidelines from different NAS?

### A register of allergy care in European countries

Screening of country specific parameters:

- Number of allergy specialists, subspecialists
- Access of patients for allergy care: directly, via GPs, health centers etc.
- Waiting time for 1<sup>st</sup> consultation (general insurance, private insurance)
- Availability and coverage of costs for diagnosis (history, skin tests, in vitro testing, challenge tests)
- Availability and coverage of costs for therapy (topical, systemic treatment, ASIT, biologicals)
- Special aspect: occupational allergy
- Special aspects: Primary and secondary prevention programs
- Training programs for patients: Availability, coverage of costs
- Presence and role of patients organizations