

Strengthening Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan Countries (HEPMP)

Kick-off Meeting, December 01 – 02, 2017

MEETING REPORT

Attendees:

From the Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade: Prof. Dr. Predrag Stevanović – Project Coordinator, Academician Prof. Dr. Dragan Micić, Academician Prof. Dr. Djordje Radak, Dr Jelena Šantrić, Prof. Dr. Dejan Nešić, Prof. Dr. Nebojša Ladjević, Prof. Dr. Vesna Plešinac Karapandžić, Slavica Petričević, Dr Sandra Radenković, Dr Nikola Ilić and Ivana Tošković;

Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac: Prof. Dr. Jasna Jevdjić – Team Coordinator and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Jurišić;

University Clinical Hospital Centar Dr Dragiša Mišović-Dedinje: Prof. Dr. Radisav Šćepanović – Team Coordinator, Prof. Dr. Radoslav Perunović and Dr. Zoran Vlahović;

Faculty of Medicine University of Montenegro: Prof. Dr. Danko Živković – Team Coordinator and Assist. Dr. Nena Milačić;

Faculty of Medicine University of Tuzla: Prof. Dr. Jasmina Smajić – Team Coordinator and Assist. Prof. Dr. Samir Husić;

Faculty of Medicine University of Banja Luka: Prof. Dr. Darko Golić – Team Coordinator and Dr. Vladimir Mrdja;

Faculty of Medicine University of Florence: Dr. Gianluca Villa;

Faculty of Medicine University of Ljubljana: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maja Sostarić – Team Coordinator;

Faculty of Medicine University of Rijeka: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Željko Župan – Team Coordinator and Assist. Prof. Dr. Vlatka Sotošek Tokmadžić.

Thanks to:

Rector of the University of Belgrade - Academician Prof. Dr. Vladimir Bumbasirevic; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade - Academician Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Lalic; and the Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popovic who attended and welcomed the participants and opened the kick-off meeting. Also, Darko Milogorić from the National Erasmus+ Office in Serbia, for his support and detailed explanations about the Erasmus+ rules.

Meeting minutes and the associated PowerPoint presentations will be available on the following website in the group password protected area:

Official website of the Project: www.hepmp.med.bg.ac.rs

Official e-mail of the Project: hepmperasmus.ka2@med.bg.ac.rs

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Objectives of the meeting:

This was the first, kick-off meeting of the project entitled: Strengthening Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan Countries (HEPMP).

The main objective beyond the partner institution presentations was to summarize the first activities of the Project, according to the plan stated in the Project application.

The second objective planned was to form the Management Board consisting of members from all the Project partners and consisted out of Project Team Coordinators.

The third objective planned was that all delegations go through suggested members and form the Quality Control Board as a way of internal evaluation of the Project.

DAY 1: Friday, December 01, 2017

After the Registration, numerous esteemed members of the University of Belgrade welcomed the participants and opened the kick-off meeting, as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade - Academician Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Lalic. Prof. Dr. Predrag Stevanovic - Project Coordinator, introduced the attendees with the Project Team from the University of Belgrade and welcomed the introduction of other partner institutions and their Teams. Each partner institution presented an outline of their University, together with their roles in the Project. All the PowerPoint presentations are available on the official website of the Project: University of Kragujevac, University of Banja Luka, University of Tuzla, University of Podgorica, UHC “Dr. Dragisa Misovic - Dedinje”. Next, the partner institutions from EU gave their outlines and roles in HEPMP: University of Florence, Italy; University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; and University of Rijeka, Croatia.

HEPMP Project Official Website was presented by Dr Nikola Ilic from the University of Belgrade: www.hepmp.med.bg.ac.rs and its Telecommunication Systems, as well as the official e-mail: hepmp@erasmus.ka2@med.bg.ac.rs. The website will increase the Project’s visibility and facilitate communication channels through standard forms such as: contact mail, newsletter list; Educational Teleconferencing (that will allow the sustainability of the Project in specific) etc.

Prof. Dr. Predrag Stevanovic as the Coordinator presented the overview of the HEPMP project’s goals and project implementation (including the intended policy, impact, structure, work plan, time table, and task distribution) and talked about the richness of the program that lies in its interdisciplinary nature. As one of the main outcomes of the project, Prof. Dr. Predrag Stevanovic pointed out the improvement of the curriculum. The importance of the topic is recognized through the National Palliative Care Strategy (2008), as well as by the WHO Strategy for 2020. The main aim of HEMP project is to increase quality of education in Pain Medicine, in order to contribute to the improvement of public health care services in partner countries.

Prof. Dr. Dejan Nestic and Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Ladjevic from the University of Belgrade, with Prof. Dr. Jasna Jevdjic, from the University of Kragujevac, gave presentations of WP1 and WP2 that included the detailed analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Serbia. The analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Bosnia and Herzegovina was presented by Prof. Dr. Jasmina Smajic from the University of Tuzla and Prof. Dr. Darko Golic from the University of Banja Luka. Next, the analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Montenegro was done by Prof. Dr. Danko Zivkovic from the University of Podgorica.

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There were also presentations of WP1 and WP2 by WP leaders from the University of Florence, Italy, represented by Dr. Gianluca Villa, who talked about the analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Italy. Dr. Villa introduced us with their School of Medicine, Postgraduate School in Pain Medicine and Master in Pain Therapy. Prof. Dr. Maja Sostaric explained the situation and the analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Slovenia, and with the analysis of higher education offer of Pain medicine in Croatia we were introduced by Prof. Dr. Zeljko Zupan from the University of Rijeka.

DAY 2: Saturday, December 02, 2017

On Project management, reporting and financial monitoring in the Erasmus+ Project, Darko Milogoric from the Erasmus+ Office in Belgrade, Serbia, gave detailed advices regarding the awareness of the Erasmus+ rules for all the partners in the Project; how important is good planning of costs and obligations; clear division/delegation of tasks and responsibilities; transparent decision-making procedures; etc. All relevant documentation can be found at: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/beneficiaries-space_en. Upon the advice of the Erasmus+ Office in Belgrade, the official website of the Project would be one, mutual, operated from Belgrade.

In-depth presentation of WP1, WP2 and WP3 (putting an emphasis on 1st year) was made by Dr. Sandra Radenkovic, University of Belgrade, who emphasized the need to modernize a curriculum of Pain Medicine and presented work packages defined in the Project in detail.

Project Management Board, consisting of members from all Project partners has been established, as well as the Quality Control Board, as a way of internal evaluation. Upon the advice of the Erasmus+ Office in Belgrade, Project Management Board voted and decided that the official website of the Project would be one, mutual, operated from Belgrade, and to allocate the funds from all Partner Universities for that purpose, from the budget intended for Subcontracting costs (2.500€ per Partner University, with the total budget of 12.500€). It was decided that the next meeting would be in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in March 2018. The detailed date and agenda will be defined in time. It was also decided that the next meeting of the Project Management Board will be held during the stay in Ljubljana.

The meeting was closed with the final discussions and planning of the future activities and scheduling meetings. It is planned to have the next meeting in Slovenia, Ljubljana. At the same time, a meeting of the Management Board and training (1 week per group) for two groups from partner. The meeting should be planned in the timeframe February 15- March 15, 2017.

Prof. Dr. Predrag Stevanovic thanked everyone for participating and helping this kick-off meeting to be successfully achieving all the listed objectives.

*PDF files of the PowerPoint Presentations of participants are available on the official website of the Project: www.hepmp.med.bg.ac.rs