

CERS Minutes – 9 September 2024 (Vienna, Austria)

Meeting chairs: Monika Gappa (President), Judith Garcia Aymerich (Secretary General)

Speakers: Nicolas Roche (Science Chair), Hilary Pinnock (Education Chair), Sheila Ramjug (ERS Respiratory Channel Editor), Barbara Hoffmann (Advocacy Chair), D. Kontopidis (ELF Chair), Georgia Hardavella (EBAP Secretary)

Agenda item	Speaker	Minutes: general discussion, decision
1. ERS Update	J. Garcia-Aymerich	A report was given on the composition of ERS membership.
2. Science	N. Roche	<p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awards call opens in December 2024 and closes February 2025. - Lifetime Achievement (Assembly 3; Assembly 4; Assembly 8; Assembly 11; Assembly 12) - Mid-Career Gold Medal (Assembly 1; Assembly 2; Assembly 5; Assembly 6; Assembly 13; Assembly 14) - Scientifically Developing Country Mid-Career Gold Medal (open to specific countries) <p>Fellowships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short term fellowship call closing 2 Oct 2024. - Long term research fellowship call to open in 2025 and close in Spring/Summer 2025. <p>Guidelines, statements and technical standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information can be found online. - Next deadline for proposal submissions is 1 Feb 2025. - Dissemination content now on the ERS Respiratory Channel - Possibility to have an editorial in your society's journal - Possibility to translate the document in your own language <p>CRCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently 25 CRCs: CRC application deadline 15 Oct 2024. <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All events can be found on ERS events calendar. - 18 Feb 2025: LDCT LCS, Pulmonary Nodule Management and Early-stage NSCLC – linking the ERS CRC PERSPECTIVE with the three EU-funded Consortia IDERHA, OPTIMA and SOLACE - 27 – 28 May 2025: Obstructive sleep apnea in infants and children: current insights and research priorities - 6 – 7 Nov 2025: Regenerating the lung– a multidisciplinary approach to combat COPD? <p>Research Seminar</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications deadline 15 October 2024 <p>Lung Science Conference 2025: Repairing the lung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 – 23 March Estoril Portugal, registration now open - Abstract deadline 30 October 2025
3. Education	H. Pinnock	<p>Programme & courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 20 online, onsite and hybrid courses open for registration; new courses added weekly; bursaries available for participants under 40 years old. - Thoracic ultrasound (3 part programme); Endobronchial ultrasound (3 part programme); Respiratory sleep <p>Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Webinars and webinar series can be found online and are always being updated. There are over 50 webinars throughout the year. <p>Upcoming conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sleep and Breathing will take place on 10 - 12 April 2025. - Respiratory Failure and Mechanical Ventilation is planned for February 2026. <p>Learning resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HERMES adult and paediatric examinations continue to be held online and are now available in Spanish and French. - Submission for courses, webinars or other events can be made via application form. <p>External event endorsement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Societies can have their main event endorsed. More information can be found online.
4. Respiratory Channel	S. Ramjug	<p>The idea of the channel is to give up to date information in a format that is easily digestible to deliver regular reviews of relevant topics in a peer-to-peer manner for respiratory professionals. There is a focus on accessibility and equity as the Channel is open for everyone to use.</p> <p>There are different formats such as the Institute, Coffee Talk, Curbside Consult that are designed to have insights in a conversational setting. Guidelines and the associated content are to have a more in-depth lens through the Task Force.</p> <p>There is room to offer programmes that allow for interaction between societies as well as other medical fields.</p>
5. Advocacy	B. Hoffmann	<p>Advocacy very much relies on cooperation with societies to work within their national structures. There have been new initiatives such as recently joining the World Rehabilitation Alliance through advocacy activities, cooperation with WHO Europe on 'Chronic Respiratory Disease in European Region: towards equity in 2050' and an advocacy focused podcast on the ERS Respiratory Channel.</p> <p>Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Position statement can be found online. We encourage the translation of the statement to be disseminated on the national level. <p>Air pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambient Air Quality Directive hopefully closing soon with much lower limit values. Next air pollution legislation is so-called NEC Directive, preparations have started. <p>Tobacco Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated ERS position statement. ERS cannot recommend novel products to reduce smoking uptake or aid quitting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERS to produce a statement on tobacco endgame - Upcoming events: ECTC in October 2024 in Athens and Tobacco Control side event in October as well.
6. ELF	D. Kontopidis	<p>There are now 14 Patient Advisory groups.</p> <p>HLfL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focused on the importance of good lung health and the need for early intervention in childhood. Webpage with all activities. - HLfL in schools that is tailored with content for school aged elementary children to give more awareness to lung health. - HLfL Vienna: Wednesday session and Take the Active Option run. - 10 grants awarded this year <p>LungHealth4Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LungHealth4Life: lung function testing, health promotion and disease prevention in schools with the end goal of implementation of lung function testing and lung health awareness across life span. - Open to expanding the project into new countries. <p>Upcoming events: Cough patient conference on 26 October, Alpha 1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) patient conference on 5 November, and Bronchiectasis patient conference in March 2025.</p>
7. IRC update	M. Gappa	There are 16 countries with signed MoUs and recent grant funding going towards projects in the Netherlands, Greece, France and Ukraine. Lung Facts updated in 2024, with country updates with 2021 GBD data and include new paediatric, country and disease additions.
8. Strategy update	M. Gappa	There was an update on the ERS Strategy that illustrated the areas of work: Digital, ELF, Global Reach, Prevention, Relations with industry, and Sustainability.
9. EBAP	G. Hardavella	The EBAP board was presented, including those for their 2 nd term. There were 51 applications for accreditation for various types of events