

Európska sieť komplexných onkologických centier a „hlas pacienta“ v komplexnej onkologickej starostlivosti na Slovensku

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European network of comprehensive cancer centers and patient involvement and empowerment in comprehensive cancer care in Slovakia



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Konferenčný jazyk: angličtina/slovenčina

PROGRAM

- 9.00 – 9.10 **Oficiálne otvorenie**
Zuzana Dolinková, Ministerka zdravotníctva Slovenskej republiky
Soňa Čierniková a Mária Rečková, koordinátorky CraNE JA aktivít na Slovensku, Národný onkologický inštitút
- 9.10 – 9.20 **Predstavenie jednotlivých účastníkov okrúhleho stola**
- 9.20 – 11.05 **Blok prednášok**
Predsedajúce: Soňa Čierniková a Mária Rečková
- **Europe's beating cancer plan - a mission for us all**
Penilla Gunther, členka Cancer Mission Board, zakladateľka FOKUS patient
 - **Európska sieť komplexných onkologických centier: zabezpečenie komplexného prístupu a dostupnosti komplexnej onkologickej starostlivosti**
Soňa Čierniková, koordinátorka výskumných a vzdelávacích projektov, Národný onkologický inštitút, Biomedicínske centrum SAV, v.v.i.
 - **Nothing about us without us**
Anita Kienesberger, predsedníčka Childhood Cancer International Europe a Die Allianz – onkologischer Patient Innen Organisationen
 - **Pacientska rada a aktivity pacientov v Masarykovom onkologickom ústave**
Iva Hrnčířiková, vedúca Úseku primárnej prevencie Masarykovho onkologického ústavu a členka Pacientskej rady Masarykovho onkologického ústavu v Brne
 - **Národný onkologický ústav – pacientsky orientovaná nemocnica**
Tomáš Alscher, riaditeľ Národného onkologického ústavu v Bratislave
 - **„Outcome research“ v klinickej onkológii**
Michal Mego, prednosta II. onkologickej kliniky LF UK a NOÚ v Bratislave
- 11.05 – 12.35 **Diskusný panel**
Pod vedením: Mária Rečková a Soňa Čierniková
- Riadená diskusia so zástupcami MZ SR, zahraničnými účastníkmi, zástupcami onkologických centier a pacientskych organizácií
 - Otvorená diskusia zástupcov pacientskych organizácií, ich podnety na MZ SR a odporúčania od zahraničných expertov na problematiku „patient advocacy“
- 12.35 – 12.40 **Zhrnutie a ukončenie podujatia**
- 12.40 – 14.00 **Pracovný obed a „networking“**

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- 9.00 – 9.10 **Official Welcoming**
Zuzana Dolinková, Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic
Soňa Čierniková and Mária Rečková, Coordinators of the CraNE JA activities in the Slovak Republic, National Oncology Institute
- 9.10 – 9.20 **Introduction of roundtable participants**
- 9.20 – 11.05 **Presentations:**
Chairs: Soňa Čierniková and Mária Rečková
- **Europe's beating cancer plan - a mission for us all**
Penilla Gunther, Member of the Cancer Mission Board and Founder of the FOKUS patient
 - **European network of comprehensive cancer centers: reaching comprehensiveness and access to comprehensive cancer care**
Soňa Čierniková, Research and Education Project Coordinator, National Oncology Institute, Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
 - **Nothing about us without us**
Anita Kienesberger, Chair of the Childhood Cancer International Europe and Die Allianz – Oncological Patient Organizations
 - **Patient council and patient activities at Masaryk memorial cancer center**
Iva Hrnčířiková, Head of the Primary Prevention Unit at the Masaryk Memorial Cancer Center and a Member of the Patient Council, Masaryk Memorial Cancer Center in Brno
 - **National Cancer Institute – patient-oriented hospital**
Tomáš Alscher, Director of the National Cancer Institute in Bratislava
 - **Outcome research in clinical oncology**
Michal Mego, Head of the 2nd Oncology Department, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University and the National Cancer Institute in Bratislava
- 11.05 – 12.35 **Discussion panel**
Led by: Mária Rečková and Soňa Čierniková
- Guided discussion with the representatives of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, speakers, representatives of cancer centers and patient organizations
 - Open discussion of patient organization representatives, their suggestions to the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, and recommendations from international experts on patient advocacy
- 12.35 – 12.40 **Concluding Remarks and Closing**
12.40 – 14.00 **Working Lunch, Networking**

PENILLA GUNTHER

Penilla Gunther is a former Member of the Swedish Parliament and Founder of the initiative FOKUS Patient®; a meeting place for healthcare and life science, with a patient perspective. She is involved in several areas and among them can be mentioned patient's rights, CVD, transplantation & organ donation, and cancer. Penilla is President of the European Patient Safety Foundation and has been a member of the Heart Failure Policy Network for many years. She was appointed by the European Commission 2022 as a Member of the Cancer Mission Board for implementing Europe's Beating Cancer Plan together with funding from the Horizon Programme to support research and engagement in cancer. With her overarching knowledge and approach to healthcare and life science, Penilla is often asked to be part of steering committees, advisory boards, as a consultant for policy training or being a speaker at national or international meetings.



SOŇA ČIERNIKOVÁ

Soňa Čierniková is Assoc. Prof. in Biology and serves as Research and Education Project Coordinator at the National Oncology Institute (NOI) and researcher at the Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, focusing mainly on translational cancer research. She collaborates with the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic in initiatives supporting cancer prevention and has been a longtime member of the Board of the Slovak Cancer Research Foundation. At the EU level, she is a member of the Cancer Mission Working Group under the Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee and a member of the Sub-group on Cancer under the Expert Group on Public Health. She participates in projects with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), and the Organization of European Cancer Institutes (OEI) aiming to fulfill the goals of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. She is a co-coordinator of the project CraNE JA in Slovakia, and coordinator of ECHOs and CCI4EU projects in Slovakia.

ANITA KIENESBERGER

Anita Kienesberger is the Chair of the Childhood Cancer International (CCI) Europe Committee. As a pediatric oncology nurse and the Head Nurse of the Oncology ICU at the St. Anna Children's Hospital in Vienna, Austria, she became a fierce advocate for the children's with cancer rights and wellbeing. Anita has served as a Board Member of Childhood Cancer International (2003 – 2014) and as the CEO of the Austrian Childhood Cancer Organisation (2001 – 2021). Her many hats helped develop a multi-disciplinary approach to childhood cancer care. Her unique perspective has brought her to the position of the Chair of the Austrian oncological patient organization Die Allianz and the European Cancer Patient Organisations Network (WECAN), both of which she is currently leading. Her goal in any position she is involved in is to use her experience to advocate for initiatives and solutions that will make the life of children with cancer better, during and after treatment.



IVA HRNČÍŘÍKOVÁ

Iva Hrnčíříková is the Head of the Preventive Counseling Department at the Prevention Center at Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute, Coordinator of the Patient Council of the Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute, Vice-Chair of the Section for Preventive Oncology of the Czech Oncological Society, and University Lecturer. She is also a Coordinator of the ONKOFIT project – an exercise program for cancer patients and patients after treatment and a Member of the Patient Council at the Ministry of Health. Formerly, she was the Head of the Information and Education Center at the Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute and served as a Chair of the League Against Cancer Brno. Her professional focus is on primary prevention; she leads the Smoking Cessation Counseling at Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute and provides counseling in primary prevention, particularly in nutrition, physical activity, and smoking cessation. Iva coordinates collaboration between Masaryk Memorial Cancer Institute and patient organizations and organizes conferences, seminars, and sections for patients at Brno Oncology Days.

TOMÁŠ ALSCHER

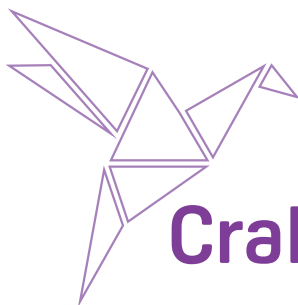
Tomáš Alscher graduated from the Faculty of International Relations of the University of Economics in Bratislava. In 2016 he graduated from the Faculty of Public Health of the Slovak University of Health Sciences in Bratislava. Between 2006 and 2016 he held the position of managing director in several private companies engaged in various activities, which enabled him to acquire managerial skills in the field of management, financial management, marketing, HR and communication. Since 1 July 2012, he has served as Deputy Director for Economics and Economic and Technical Activities, and later as Economic Director at the National Cancer Institute. From 2014 to 2018, as a member of the Local Council of the Municipality of Bratislava - Ružinov, he was involved in the Public Administration and Finance Agenda. On 15 July 2018, he was appointed to the position of a member of the statutory body - Director General at the National Cancer Institute. Since 1 October 2022, he has served as a member of the statutory body - Director.



MICHAL MEGO

Michal Mego is a Professor of Oncology and a Chief Expert of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic for Clinical Oncology. He is a member of the Slovak Learned Society, Head of the 2nd Oncology Department, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University and the National Cancer Institute since 2017, and Head of the Translational Research Unit since 2010. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava in 2001 and was board-certified in Clinical Oncology at the Slovak Medical University in Bratislava in 2006. Prof. Mego studied at the Vienna School of Clinical Research and the Vienna Medical University (2004 – 2007). In 2014, he was a Visiting Associate Professor and in 2008 – 2009 visiting Research Scholar at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston. His main research areas are testicular germ cell tumors, circulating tumor cells, and probiotics. In 2020, he received a D.Sc. (Doctor of Science) and serves as the author of two patents on novel methods for detecting circulating tumor cells in the blood.





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About CraNE JA

National Cancer Institute and National Oncology Institute are part of the prestigious European project CraNE Joint Action – JA (complete project name: Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres-Preparatory activities on creation of National Comprehensive Cancer Centres and EU Networking). This project responds to Flagship Number 5 of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, which defines that the European Commission will establish by 2025, an EU Network linking recognized National Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCCs) in every Member State. The Europe's Beating Cancer Plan aims to ensure that 90% of eligible patients have access to such centres by 2030.

The main aim of the CraNE JA is to create an EU network of the already existing and newly established CCCs, to support the implementation of quality-assured early detection, screening, diagnosis, treatment, support to cancer survivors, research and training of the cancer workforce. CraNE JA is preparing the necessary preconditions, administrative, professional, and those related to high-quality performance.

The kick-off meeting of CraNE JA was held on November 3, 2022 at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia in Brussels. The project officially started on October 1, 2022. CraNE JA brings together 25 Competent Authorities and 21 Affiliated Entities from 25 different countries, marking 46 partners in total. CraNE JA partners are uniquely placed to implement the network of CCCs in Europe. The target group of CraNE JA are the main actors who will be concerned in the future development of the network of CCCs: representatives of member states, networks of CCCs, European organizations, and experts. Patient advocates and representatives are included in the work of work packages and represented in the Stakeholder Forum.

The CraNE JA project, which will last two years received funding from the European Union through the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) within the framework of the EU Health Program (EU4Health) 2021-2027.

<https://crane4health.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/CraNE-JA-The-newest-European-Project-in-the-field-of-Cancer.pdf>