

Structure and development

The Board met twice in 2017:
24-26 February
08-10 September.

Nigel Barrett, who had been our Treasurer, handed over the accounts to Gero Bressel and the finance report to Nina Kiventidou. Gero and Gesa Bressel travelled to Stafford in March to meet Nigel for a smooth handover of all needed financial data.

We spoke about the next conference, drafted a concept program and decided on the topics. We also chose the speakers.

During the board meeting in September, the official election of Board members took place. Gesa Bressel is now President, Cindy de Klerk is Vice President, Bettina Lehmann is Secretary, Nina is supporting board member and responsible for tax reports and funding from German health insurance companies, and Rick is supporting Board member and the contact person for researchers.

Caroline van Heesewijk offered her services to the board and takes care of the Networks PR work. She will attend the annual Eurodis Gala and will provide us with a written report of this event. Caroline is also the administrator of the Facebook page and Facebook group as of now.

At the last conference, Simona, our translator, offered her help by

handing out the welcome packets and coordinating everything needed for translation at the next conference.

Homepage

Work on our homepage continues. The construction of the page and our webhost is in hands of the family Bressel (in Germany). The translation in other languages is still in progress. Our Facebook page proves to be a very useful communication aid between all the European members and also with the American 11q Network. New research results about immunology as well as the risk of a stroke have been put on the website.

Our Scientific Advisors

All researchers are still committed to the Network. They continue with their research on different topics. Some results are already published on the website and on Facebook.

Finances

We are very busy in exploring ways to raise funds from different organizations, Europe wide.

Cindy has found several Dutch projects that can be used in Holland only. Nina is responsible for the tax exemption on the long run.

We are completing the data with the right set of papers to apply for donations and gifts for

“Aktion Mensch”, German health insurance companies and Eurodis.

We are all aware of the fact that money must be applied for to make a next conference happen.

The Board:

Gesa Bressel, President
Cindy de Klerk, Vice President
Bettina Lehmann,
Nina Kiventidou,
Rick Pasman

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