UEG National Societies LINK Award Programme

Recipient 2014:
Harmonizing diagnosis and therapy of Eosinophilic Oesophagitis (EoE) across Europe (HaEoE-EU)

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Eosinophilic Oesophagitis (EoE) is a chronic disease with persistent symptoms and inflammation over years. Clinical research has shown that long-standing, untreated eosinophilic inflammation leads to esophageal fibrosis. This “remodelling” induces a structural (e.g. stricture formation) and functional (e.g. food impaction) damage of the esophagus. Harmonizing diagnosis and therapy of EoE across Europe is the strategy Europe needs, to better understand the importance of EoE in our environment, define our resources and coordinate efforts in research and clinical practice to provide EoE patients with the most appropriate management.

Therefore the aims of the HaEoE-EU project are:

[1] To build a European Network to harmonize diagnosis and therapy in EoE by gathering allergists, paediatric and adult gastroenterologists, pathologists and ear-nose-throat specialists from multiple settings across Europe.


[3] To establish a European Registry of EoE patients to improve our knowledge on epidemiology, its evolving trends, and on its burden to the health systems across Europe, and as a base for implementation of further prospective collaborative studies.

[4] To design and build a multilingual Web Platform to spread knowledge on EoE, as a reference resource to provide patients, caregivers and physicians with information regarding the disease.

The expected benefits of this project include:

- A large international platform LINK will provide a broad view and collection of accumulated knowledge, beyond the borders of nations or societies. Harmonizing diagnostic criteria will enable NS to work in collaborative networks and obtain common guidelines for best clinical practice, providing equal conditions for all European patients.

- A Web Platform focused on EoE will be a meeting point for education (endorsed by NS and UEG), embracing multidisciplinary management of EoE. UEG will be the prime reference for any other Society interested in EoE.

- Better communication and cooperation throughout Europe will facilitate NS's to participate in upcoming studies and clinical trials.

- The LINK database will allow epidemiological comparison and trends in EoE across European countries, adjusting resources and implementing measures according to detected needs.