Masterclass & Round Table to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the European Pathway Association

Shaping the future of care pathways implementation & research

Lago Orta, Sept. 16-19, 2018

Organised by the European Pathway Association (E-P-A)
Celebrating 10 years of the European Pathway Association

In 2008 the European Pathway Association was officially launched as an international not for profit association to support research and networking on the development, implementation and evaluation of care process and care pathways.

In the past 10 years, E-P-A has supported clinicians, managers, advocacy groups and policy makers in more than 50 countries worldwide. Summer schools and workshops were organized in collaboration with our members. Our research projects were published in peer reviewed journals and presented at different conferences. Clinical and management teams were trained in care pathway (re)design. The association supported Hospital boards and governments in their continuous search for excellence.

After 10 years it is now time to learn from the past and shape the future of our implementation & research projects. If you want to collaborate with us and shape the future, I hope that you will join us at Lago Orta in September 2018.

Prof. Massimiliano Panella
President E-P-A

The European Pathway Association (E-P-A) is an international not for profit association of Clinical/Care Pathway networks, user groups, academic institutions, supporting organisations and individuals who want to support the development, implementation and evaluation of Care Pathways. The association has an international network of more than 1400 clinicians, researchers and managers from more than 50 countries. More information can be found at www.E-P-A.org.
Programme

Day 1: Sunday Sept. 16: 20.00 – 22.00: Networking evening

20.00 – 20.15: Welcome by the president of the E-P-A
20.15 – 21.30: Multidisciplinary & International matchmaking challenge
21.30 – 22.00: Overview of the course

Day 2: Monday Sept. 17: 09.00 - 16.30: Looking back

09.00 – 10.30: Care Pathways: What is the evidence anno 2018? An overview by the experts of the European Pathway Association
10.30 – 11.00: Coffee break and posters
11.00 – 12.00: Looking back to the impact of pathways on processes of care
12.00 – 13.30: Lunch
13.30 – 15.00: Looking back to the impact of pathways on outcomes of care
15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break and posters
15.30 – 16.30: Looking back to the impact of pathways on interdisciplinary teamwork
16.30 – 17.30: Round up of the day
17.30 – 20.00: Social Network Event & Tourist surprise at Lago Orta
20.00 – … : Free time

Day 3: Tuesday Sept. 18: 09.00 - 16.30: Looking forward

09.00 – 10.00: What can we learn from Importance Performance Analyses for the future of care pathways
10.00 – 10.30: Coffee break
11.00 – 12.00: Multidisciplinary group discussion: How do you see the role of clinicians, managers, policy makers and companies in care pathways?
12.00 – 13.30: Lunch
13.30 – 15.00: Presentations of the multidisciplinary groups on the role of the different stakeholders
15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break
15.30 – 16.30: E-P-A’s Framework for the future of implementation and research on care pathways
18.30 – 22.00: E-P-A Gala Dinner

Day 4: Wednesday Sept. 19: 09.00 - 12.30: Shaping the future

09.00 – 10.30: Developing the international charter on the future of care pathways
10.30 – 11.00: Coffee break
11.00 – 12.00: Defining the mission and top priorities for you, your organisation, your country and the E-P-A
12.00 – 12.30: Closing by E-P-A’s president
How to apply for a place?

The number of participants is limited. We aim to select a multidisciplinary and international group of health care professionals. Therefore you will need to apply for a place by downloading the application form from our website (http://www.E-P-A.org). The sooner you apply, the sooner you will know if you are accepted. The final date for submission of the application form is April 30th, 2018.

Practical information

The event will take place at the wonderful San Rocco Hotel, in Orta San Guilio. Lago Orta is a beautiful lake in the north of Italy, 50 minutes from Milano Malpensa Airport. The European Pathway Association organized Summer Schools at this venue in the past and that is why we come back to this inspiring place where good service, nice food, great atmosphere, impressive nature and wonderful memories join together.

To facilitate networking, learning and knowledge sharing, all events will be organized at the same venue. From Sunday evening until Wednesday noon, the following is included: 3 nights bed & breakfast, 2 lunches (Mon/Tue), one evening matchmaking event (Sunday), a tourist surprise, one EPA-gastronomic gala dinner (Tue) and 5 Italian style coffee breaks.

Next to the food & hotel stay, the European Pathway Association will share all background information, reports, publications and slides with the delegates. Five experienced E-P-A teachers are available to book one-to-one session to discuss your challenges and projects.

The all-in formula to join us in Orta, will cost 1575€. If you want to join us, please send us your motivational letter and convince us that you are one of the 20 people we invite! Priority will be on healthcare professionals, managers and policy makers. Representatives of commercial companies are welcome, but priority will be given to companies who support E-P-A and/or fund an extra place for a scholarship.

When your application is accepted, you will receive an invoice. You are only an official delegate after your payment is received by the E-P-A.

NOTICE: The language of this course is ENGLISH. There is no simultaneous translation.

If you have further questions on this course, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Ellen Coeckelberghs (Ellen.Coeckelberghs@kuleuven.be).
The international teaching team

Massimiliano Panella (MD, PhD) is professor in Public Health at the Amedeo Avogadro University in Piemont, Italy and he is the president of the E-P-A. He has experience in management of hospitals and primary care and has more than 18 years of experience in Pathway development and research. Massimiliano has experience in hospital management and primary care pathways.

Walter Sermeus (RN, PhD) is professor of healthcare management, Leuven Institute for Health Policy, KULeuven, Belgium. He is an expert in health services research and biostatistics. He is involved in several international research collaborations and was coordinator of the EU-FP7 RN4CAST-project. Walter is leading the Belgian Dutch Clinical Pathway Network, a network with more than 80 organizations working on pathways with in total more than 1000 projects.

Kris Vanhaecht (RN, PhD) is professor in Quality Management at KULeuven, Belgium and is part time member of the quality management team of the University Hospitals Leuven. He has more than 18 years of experience in Pathways and performed a PhD study on the impact of care pathways. Kris is the Secretary General of the E-P-A and leads the international multicenter studies on Care Pathways for COPD, Hip Fracture, multidisciplinary teamwork, ST-elevated MI and colorectal cancer.

Ruben van Zelm (RN, MSc) is Senior Advisor for Q-consult and senior lecturer at the University of Applied Science Utrecht in the Netherlands and has 15 years of experience in Care Pathways. Ruben is mainly interested in the relation with Evidence-Based Medicine and the use of clinical guidelines in Pathways. He is the E-P-A expert in Lean Management and is performing a PhD on pathway implementation challenges. Ruben is the E-P-A Secretary.

Ellen Coeckelberghs (MSc, PhD) is a postdoctoral research fellow at Leuven University, Belgium. She is leading national and international breakthrough improvement collaboratives on care pathways for colorectal cancer. Within the European Pathway Association she is the Membership Manager and coordinates this Masterclass & Round Table.
Feedback from previous Summer Schools & Courses by the E-P-A

During the previous Summer Schools and E-P-A courses since 2007, people from over 20 nations have participated. Here is some of their feedback:

Even though I didn’t get all solutions to all the practical questions I had at the beginning of the School, I got ideas how should we continue with our care pathways. I will recommend the course to my colleagues. (Anne Korhonen, Finland)

The more you learn, the more you realise you know nothing at all! That is what I realized in Orta. (Svin Deneckere, Belgium)

The Summer School was truly international and demonstrated the universal desire for good patient care. (Jo Hoeflok & Joan Park, Canada)

The Summer School was like a pathway itself. Leading the delegates from the inception of Pathways through the methodology for development, multidisciplinary and patient involvement, supporting evidence and evaluation of effectiveness. This is a fantastic achievement but even more so when one considers that the Summer School was conducted in English despite the fact that only 5 delegates and 2 instructors were native English speakers. (Camille Staunton, Ireland)

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