

EUCROF PRESS RELEASE

EUCROF, the European CRO (Contract Research Organisation) Federation (www.eucrof.eu), held elections for the renewal of their Executive Board during the General Assembly Meeting in London on December 7th, 2012.

The new Executive Board is represented by:

Stefano Marini MD (Italy), President
Dagmar Chase (Germany), Vice-President
Amparo Alemany (Spain), Treasurer
Darina Hrdlickova (Czech Republic), Secretary
Christophe Golenvaux (Belgium), Board Member

EUCROF is a non-profit Federation of Associations representing CROs in Europe. It was founded in 2005, with its headquarters in The Netherlands, and its operating office in Italy (Rome).

At present, EUCROF represents around 280 CROs distributed across Europe employing more than 15.000 professionals in clinical research. The following CRO Associations are Members:

ACRO-CZ	Czech Republic
ACRON	The Netherlands
AECIC	Spain
AFCROs	France
AICRO	Italy
BeCRO	Belgium
BVMA	Germany
CCRA	United Kingdom
ASCRO	Sweden
SAKDER	Turkey

During the last 2 years, individual CROs from Denmark, Greece, Poland, Ireland, Portugal and Switzerland, have contributed to EUCROF, thus representing a wide part of Europe.

EUCROF has encouraged the forming of new associations and in 2012, Greece, Poland, and Sweden have formed their national Associations. The Irish Association will be founded in Q1 2013, and respective activities have started in Ukraine.

EUCROF has established solid relationships with the EMA, contributing as a stakeholder to the discussion of new legislation regulating clinical trials. The Paediatric Working Group is involved in discussions, symposia and events with the EMA team on paediatric clinical research. Working Groups have been activated on Late Phase and Early Phase trials, Medical Devices, Communication, Education and Training, and How to Start a Clinical Trial in Europe. The Working Group members actively participate as speakers in conferences and publish articles on the outcome of their work.

During 2013, EUCROF is organising two conferences, the first being a symposium entitled "Methodological Approaches to Overcome the Challenges of Drug Evaluation in Children" to be held in London on April 18th; the second one will take place in Brussels on October 8-9 under the title "The future of Europe in the worldwide scene of Clinical Research"

President Stefano Marini affirms that "the enthusiasm and dedication of volunteer work of many colleagues in different countries have created a dynamic and ambitious federation, recognised by national and international regulatory bodies and other stakeholder associations as an entity with which it is essential to talk, interact and collaborate, thus embracing the common goal to improve the general conditions to conduct clinical research in Europe".