Health Services Research & Outcome at the 30th Congress in Vienna

The 30th Congress was a huge success. In the opening session Hans Flaatten was awarded an Honorary Membership of the HSRO Society for his outstanding contributions throughout many years. The HSRO section had a one hour time slot where we discussed an ethical dilemma “too old for the ICU”. This was well attended with many people standing to hear Bertrand Guidet (France) discuss the ICE-CUB2 study. Unfortunately he couldn’t reveal the results of that study yet. The results were “under embargo” of the JAMA and were presented later during the congress in the Hot Topics session. Hans Flaatten (Norway) presented the international VIP1 study. This is an observational study in elderly patients (>80 years old) and compares outcome(s) across European countries. This study was conceived in 2016 and already one year later the first publication was online. The Clinical Frailty Scale was used to predict 30-day survival in this patient group and appeared to have a very good association with outcome. At the time of this presentation the publication was made available online in Intensive Care Medicine (see link). The third presentation was by the Canadian researcher Sangeeta Metha. She presented results of the REALISTIC 80 studies.

The HSRO was also represented in the “How do I...?” sessions on how to sedate (elderly) patients.

Numerous abstracts were chosen to be presented as “oral presentations” in various sessions. These were well attended and drew an international audience from Africa, Asia, the America’s and, obviously, Europe.

Hans Flaatten, former chair of the HSRO section, was awarded an Honorary Membership at the opening session in Vienna.
Preparing for LIVES 2018

Although the European Congress is only just past we already need to prepare for next year. Which topics are of interest? Which trials and studies need to be presented. Suggestions for subjects and potential speakers are heartedly welcomed! But the time is short and new ideas need to be suggested before the end of October 2017. Please send these suggestions to d.w.delange@umcutrecht.nl (chair of the HSRO).

New chair HSRO

At the HSRO section meeting Hans Flaatten (Bergen, Norway) introduced the new chair of the HSRO section: Dylan de Lange (Utrecht, the Netherlands). Hans was thanked for leading the section for the last couple of years and making it a huge succes. Hans will continue to lead the working group of “outcomes in elderly patients” which had led to the highly successful VIP1 study.

HSRO section meeting

During the section meeting on Tuesday 26th September 2017 various ongoing research projects were discussed: preliminary results from the SEE-III study on intrahospital transport, the VIP1 study, the VIP2 study was briefly introduced, Quality of recovery in the ICU, the SANDMAN study. New studies were proposed: ANoPPs, weekend mortality. More details are provided in the “minutes of the HSRO section” by Michelle Chew.

Two of the working groups within HSRO section had an additional meeting:

- the working group on “Health Economics” presented their future plans for research in the topic of health economics.

- the working group on “Very elderly ICU Patients” (VIP) discussed future publications based on the VIP1 study and introduced the VIP2 study.

- The working group on “Outcomes” has been dormant for the last year, but Paul Zajic (Austria) volunteered to chair this working group.

- The working group on “Quality and Safety” has been chaired by Andreas Valentin. However, he proposes to resign. We are looking for a new chair of this working group. If interested, please contact d.w.delange@umcutrecht.nl

Outcome is a “Hot Topic” at LIVES 2017

Bertrand Guidet (Paris, France) presented the ICECUB2 study in the Hot Topic Session. This study is published in JAMA. Hans Flaatten (Bergen, Norway) presented the award winning VIP1 study. These presentations can be viewed on the ESICM e-LIVES website, where all highlights are posted.
PACT updating needed!

The PACT modules, which are used to train our fellows in intensive care, need updating. The current PACT modules will be replaced by eCourses. The PACT module on “Leadership and Management” has been finished and the module, in cooperation with the POIC section (“Long term outcomes after surgery”) will be released in spring 2018. However, for two other PACT modules we are looking for people who want to author or review the modules on “Clinical Outcomes” and “Quality assurance and cost effectiveness”. Interested? Please email d.w.delange@umcutrecht.nl