

MNI activity report
January - March 2019
3 April 2019

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New temporary project: ENFit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support ISO ENFit 20695 standard 	<p>ENFit ISO 20695 standard project</p> <p>The standard ISO 20695 for the design and testing of enteral feeding systems is under review and at risk of being modified. The MNI established a dedicated WG -chaired by Nicolas Andrey (Nestlé Health Science) and co-Chaired by Michel Lombaerts (Nutricia) - with the objective to maintain the current standard.</p> <p>On February 1st MNI addressed a 'call for action' inviting industry representatives registered to vote in national standardisation bodies to support the current standard. National industry groups helped to disseminate the call to relevant organisations at national level.</p> <p>An important victory was reached on 11 March with a majority of countries voting in favor of the current draft standard.</p> <p>MNI is developing a public position paper to support the draft international standard (DIS) and ensure a positive vote for publication, and has invited GEDSA to co-sign.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to ISO process, the draft standard adopted on 11 March, now needs to be voted a second time before publication as an international ISO standard. The voting process should start in the course of the summer.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st half of April: release position paper
ONCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote screening and nutritional care strategies at the national level under the banner “Optimal Nutritional Care for All” (ONCA) 	<p>MNI-ONCA strategy workshop – 5 March</p> <p>Interesting developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank de Man agreed with MNI suggestions to mainstream important topics within the ONCA campaign: education of medical students, patient care pathway (including home nutritional care) and better implementation of guidelines. ONCA will re-connect with the European level and plans to organise a public event in the European Parliament in 2020. The objective is to raise awareness among EU policy makers, by echoing the work done at country level. The annual workshop is confirmed on 28 May in Paris on the theme ‘the power of inclusion’. The French delegation plans to give the workshop a more policy spin and has invited influential voices of the French healthcare community. Draft agenda available: https://onca.heavyweight.nl/paris-spring-meeting-2019/. The 2019 conference is planned on 19-20 November in London. The new BAPEN Chair -Trevor Smith-believes Brexit could help to accelerate the development of nutritional care in the UK and plans to use the ONCA conference to position nutritional care as a ‘must’ that the country cannot afford to neglect, given the Brexit. The BSNA confirmed they are fully supportive and see the conference as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with BAPEN.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussions between BAPEN, BSNA and ENHA on the conference funding. • Worth noting that the initiative to host ONCA in France and England was taken by the PEN society, following suggestion by Frank de Man. <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April: Léa Coulet to liaise with French and UK NIG to understand their objectives with regards to Paris and London events • Sept.: ONCA workshop to define EU outreach strategy • 28 May: ONCA workshop in Paris – France • 19-20 Nov: ONCA conference in London
<p>Cooperation with patient groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage patients voice on nutrition 	<p>EPF action plan on nutrition agenda in 2019</p> <p>In 2019 the main deliverable will be the EPF/ESPEN collaboration on lay version summaries of select ESPEN guidelines. The objective (from MNI perspective) is to educate patients on nutritional care and to empower them to discuss it with their care provider.</p> <p>Other EPF actions include – among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPF advocacy for inclusion of patient nutritional status in electronic health records • Development of information materials on nutrition for EPF members <p><u>Next steps:</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNI will monitor how EPF is involved in the development of summary guidelines and if these 'short guidelines' are a good tool to empower patients. <p>Other patient groups</p> <p>MNI is in discussion with the ECPC (European Cancer Patient Coalition) and EFCCA (European Federation of Crohn's & Ulcerative Colitis Associations) to understand their activities in nutrition and assess if cooperation would be valuable.</p>
Global FSMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness about malnutrition and value of medical nutrition beyond Europe Link in with local medical nutrition decision-makers and key stakeholders 	<p>ISDI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manfred Ruthsatz – MNI Global FSMP WG Chair- is confirmed as MNI representative in ISDI Governing Board and has been elected Vice-President. Declan O'Brien (BSNA) joins ISDI Board leading for MADN matters (Medical Adult Dietetic Nutrition). ISDI is establishing a cross sectoral workstream on China - tbc. This could be a good platform to continue the exchange with Chinese regulatory authorities on FSMPs. <p>India – <i>update provided by Vivek Srivastav (India WG Chair – Fresenius Kabi)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSMP and FSDU regulation well defined by FSSAI: suggestion from the Indian WG have been accepted by authority and most of the standards are established. Food Safety Authority is working on RDA/DRI values of certain Minerals and Micronutrients.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivek Srivastav (Chair of MNI India WG – Fresenius Kabi) believes more industry coordination is needed to address regulatory matters in India and suggests monthly F2F meetings with MNI companies’ regulatory managers. He reports that the ‘working group’ has not met in the past three 3 years and calls on MNI global to re-initiate the cooperation. <p>China: The EUCCC did not react to MNI proposal to continue the exchange on FSMPs following the December 2018 training to SAMR officials in December 2018.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u> MNI will send summary of discussions with SAMR to the MNI companies GMs in China.</p> <p>Brazil – update provided by the Brazilian WG coordinator The health economic study (meta-analysis) initiated in Q3 2018 is finalised. The study will support discussions on reimbursement with the authorities, supported scientifically by BRASPEN (the Brazilian Society of Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition). Four posters based on the study findings will be presented to ISPOR Congress (May 19 USA) and published in ISPOR journal “Value in Health”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral nutritional supplements reduce mortality and length of stay in malnourished hospitalised patients: a meta-analysis. The impact on clinical outcomes of nutrition therapy to malnourished or at risk of malnutrition medical inpatients.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased access to the public health system through the use of oral nutritional supplements: a Brazilian cost-effectiveness analysis. Low budget impact of oral nutrition supplements medical inpatients at risk of malnourishment or malnourished. <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April: Finalisation of CONITEC dossier (CONITEC is the governmental agency assessing health technologies) Co-signing of the cost-effectiveness model which is part of CONITEC dossier by Dr. Diogo Toledo and Dr. Maria Isabel Correa (representing BRASPEN) June: expected publication of scientific article to <i>The International Journal of Applied and Basic Nutritional Sciences</i>.
Market Access WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winning decision makers and HCPs awareness of nutritional therapies 	<p>Market Access WG (MAWG) workshops in Q1 2019</p> <p>The MNI Market Access Working Group ran successful workshops in Italy (14 February) and in Turkey (18 February). In both countries, MNI and local colleagues agreed to a plan to interact with authorities to win price and reimbursement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Italy discussions focused on securing the law on reimbursement of ONS for oncology patients and engaging with regional authorities who will be implementing the law. In Turkey discussions focused on price decreases (due to exchange rate via reference pricing system; mandatory discounts and implementation of generic brand via therapeutic equivalence) and new provisions limiting reimbursement to certain conditions.

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		<p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MAWG can support one additional workshop in 2019 (UK tbc) and can support other countries – upon request- via email, teleconference, webinars. • MNI Secretariat will remind NIGs of the opportunity
Communication WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise MNI profile • Position malnutrition as a public health issue • Educate on the role of medical nutrition in disease management 	<p>Infographics (based on key messages extracted from the MNI dossier) Initial plan to develop infographics addressed to patients in 4 disease areas (oncology, neurology, frailty and COPD) is being revisited. During the 18 March MNI Workshop other ideas emerged – such as giving the budget to patient groups, so they can develop the appropriate communication tools with potentially higher impact/credibility.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u> Conclude on best approach to address patients.</p> <p>MNI communication strategic workshop MNI plans to organise a workshop in May-June gathering MNI companies' experts in various fields (communications, media relations, communications, digital media, public affairs) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess impact of past/current MNI communication 2. Develop a communication strategy to raise awareness and assess resources needed <p><u>Next steps:</u></p>

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		MNI Executive Committee Members to confirm experts to attend the workshop.
Relationship with ESPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish trust & ensure a good and sustainable relationship with ESPEN Strengthen MNI's influence on ESPEN priority setting and activities 	<p>Nutrition Education of Medical students:</p> <p>The article is published in Clinical Nutrition with the title '<i>Nutrition Education of Medical Students (NEMS) – an ESPEN position paper</i>'. This is the outcome of the unrestricted grant of 20K€ provided by MNI in 2018. https://www.clinicalnutritionjournal.com/article/S0261-5614(19)30050-0/pdf</p> <p>MNI reviewed ESPEN project proposal for phase 2 and invited ESPEN to make the project more action-oriented and more measurable. Among others MNI conditioned financial support to the active involvement of more university deans (in 2019) and running an audit in participating universities to check the teaching content on nutrition against the recommendations of the ESPEN position paper (in 2020+).</p> <p>ESPEN guidelines:</p> <p><u>MNI contribution to ESPEN guidelines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNI colleagues reviewed and submitted comments to the Pancreatic and Home Parenteral Nutrition guidelines in March. Consensus meeting planned on 29 April. Meike Engfer (MNI ESPEN WG Chair) will represent the MNI. <p><u>Dissemination / implementation of ESPEN guidelines:</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESPEN guidelines committee is developing summary versions of the guidelines and plans to develop digital tools to facilitate their use in clinical practice. ESPEN is also involving the EPF to develop lay versions of select guidelines (see chapter on EPF). Frank de Man agreed to MNI suggestion to address guidelines dissemination and implementation within ONCA. <p>Joint session: First discussion with Frank de Man on 5 March. Discussion with ESPEN still pending.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 May: MNI-ESPE Presidents meeting to discuss “meaningful cooperation” (NEMS project, guidelines, how to ‘raise more awareness’ and integrate nutritional care in patient care pathway). MNI to assess impact of ESPEN ‘communication’ efforts on guidelines.
PN WG	Raise patient awareness on benefits of parenteral nutrition in the ambulatory sector	<p>Home Parenteral Nutrition awareness initiative</p> <p><u>Ongoing work to be finalised in Q2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website under development. Delivery postponed to April. Development of 3 video patient testimonials for the HPN website. Development of animated video explaining how HPN works in a user-friendly way.

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		<p><u>The WG is also discussing further cooperation with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EONS (European Oncology society) to develop an educational programme on nutritional care for oncology nurses • ECPC (European Cancer Patient Coalition) to develop informative materials for cancer patients on nutritional care (possibly in collaboration with ONCA and EONS – tbc) • ONCA: cooperation with ONCA was discussed during the MNI-ONCA workshop on 5 March: Frank de Man agreed to cover the HPN topic through the broader angle of patient care pathway within the ONCA campaign. <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 2019: launch of HPN website & finalisation of patients’ testimonials
<p>National Industry groups / GROW project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow the medical nutrition market in Europe 	<p>GROW 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 proposals received for GROW 3: Brazil and Slovakia. • Preparation of annual MNI-NIGs meeting in preparation. <p><u>Next steps:</u> Teleconference with GROW steering committee to review proposals & progress on the MNI-NIGs annual meeting programme.</p>
<p>ESSD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define MNI position on ESSD proposal • Promote a single and practical classification 	<p>MNI-ESSD cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress since the update to MNI Executive Committee on 25 February.

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	system that secures patient safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESSD reacted positively to MNI letter but has not confirmed flexibility on ranges vs fixe values, trial needs, and user-friendly labelling. • Phone conversation to assess 'flexibility' could not take place due to limited availability on MNI side. <p><u>Next step:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd half of April: phone conversation with Pere Clavé to assess ESSD flexibility
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a code of conduct to strengthen MNI reputation and credibility toward stakeholders 	<p>No progress since the update to MNI Executive Committee on 25 February.</p> <p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC WG Chair to draft briefing for anti-trust lawyers. • Delivery of the code postponed to Q2.
News from the MNI secretariat		<p>Léa Coulet relocated to the UK for personal reasons and is now physically based in London, where she keeps supporting the MNI. She can be reached during working days at (not available on Wednesday afternoons and Fridays): 00 44 20 82 48 75 44 (landline) 00 44 78 26 24 33 51 (mobile) 00 32 2 320 25 42 (MNI secretariat in Brussels)</p> <p>The MNI secretariat remains based in Brussels, supported by Marie Mahieux for overall administration/coordination/CoC and ENFit and by Elena Miceli for communication/HPN.</p>

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		<p>Important dates in 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 May: European Parliament elections • 28 May: ONCA workshop - Paris • 2 July: Executive Committee meeting – Frankfurt (tbc) • 2 Sept: MNI-ESPEN-ONCA Joint Session and award of MNI Grant - Krakow • 2 Sept: MNI-NIGs annual meeting & award of GROW – Krakow • 3 Sept: Executive Committee meeting – Krakow • 1 Oct: MNI WG workshop – Brussels • 19-20 Nov: ONCA conference in London • 29 Nov: Executive Committee meeting – Maidenhead