

ICE today – April 2019

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

Since the beginning of this year, we have documented the small steps in our organization's progress which have slowly led to international recognition. We have followed a sometimes difficult path since our foundation in 2013. With the definition of our goal,

"to describe the benefit of healthcare services from the patient and the societal perspectives"

have obliged ourselves to take the stony predetermined path. Not many have accompanied us, and we are grateful to all who did for their civil courage and perseverance. We wish to thank all who contributed in preparing the publications which have shaped the profile of **ICE Today**.

We will summarize the most important events in bullet points. Whoever desires further details about these points should contact monika.karstens@clinical-economics.com.

January 2019

- In December 2018 we published our essay "**Inclusion and exclusion criteria and the problem of describing homogeneity of study populations in clinical trials**" in the new BMJ-EBM journal. **This paper is available to all ICE members.**
- Invitation of the Coagulation Centre Rhein/Ruhr (GZRR) for a discussion about forming a guideline for the v. Willebrand Syndrome. This discussion will be continued in cooperation with the AWMF/IMWi (Institute for Medical Knowledge Management – Institut für Medizinisches Wissensmanagement) in summer, 2019.
- Contact with the German Network for Healthcare Research concerning a planned contribution at the German Congress for Healthcare Research from 9 - 11 October, 2019, in Berlin. The title of our article is "**Terminology in Clinical Research and Health-Services Research**". Five of the ten authors are ICE members. **The abstract is available to all ICE members.**
- Contact with the University of Bayreuth concerning cooperation between our clinical-economics-oriented group of physicians and traditional health economists from the field of economics. Keyword: Twin Faculty. Continuation of the initial discussions in April, 2019.

February 2019

- Completion of the application to the Innovation Endowment Fund of the Federal Joint Committee (Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss, G-BA) for support of the project "**Healthcare reality in the intensive-care unit: patient burden, lethality and costs**". Project manager: Manfred Weiß (intensive medicine /anaesthesiology), Christel Weiß (medical statistics /biomathematics), Franz Porzsolt (clinical economics). **The summary is available to all ICE members.**
- Contact with Mrs. Claudia Küng (Managing Director of Health Care Bayern e.V.) concerning potential cooperation. Continuation in April, 2019.

March 2019

- Monitor Healthcare Research (M-VF) reports about a new law for the assurance of the pharmaceutical supply (GSAV) and mentions our "Pragmatic Controlled Trial (PCT)" with an illustrated text. Our trial should fulfil the methodologic requirements of the new law i.e., to

show the results of everyday healthcare without distortion. **This report is available to ICE members.**

- We submitted an abstract on the topic "**The Risk of Imprecise Terminology: Incongruent Results of Clinical Trials and Incongruent Recommendations in Clinical Guidelines**" for the upcoming "Evidence Live 2019" Conference from July 15 - 17, 2019, at Oxford University.. **The abstract is available to all ICE members.**
- We submitted our contribution, "**Well Intentioned Is Not Well Done. Why the CONSORT Statement Urgently Needs an Update**" for the next Evidence-Based Healthcare Conference in Taormina/Sicily (5 - 9 November, 2019). **The abstract is available to all ICE members.**

April 2019

- Franz Porzsolt and Manfred Weiß will participate in the working group "Hospital of the Future" of Health Care Bavaria on April 30, 2019.
- Our paper "**Quantified Congruence for Cancer Treatment Recommendations from Various Countries**" was not accepted for publication in the BMJ-EBM even after two extensive supplements (42 attachments). Out of recommendations for 330 different scenarios, only 15 % coincide, 60% are divergent, and 25% give no recommendation at all. This calls for action! **The report is available to ICE members.**

Since our organization depends on the the active involvement of its members, we plan to establish two international clinical-economics working groups.

- The first group will deal with questions concerning ethics on the interface between experimental clinical research and healthcare research. Our aim is to establish the different ethical requirements when measuring efficacy and effectiveness.
- The second group will work on the practical application of the technical progress in telecommunications in our healthcare system. The aim is to make use of this technical progress to enhance awareness when using limited resources.

Please contact us if you are interested in working with us or if you would like to support us.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Franz Porzsolt and Dr. Susanne I. Becker MPH
on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Clinical Economics e.V.