

# Newsletter

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## DoHeCa final Consortium Meeting

In February 2017, the DoHeCa Consortium had their final meeting in Amsterdam. Consortium members, teachers and pilot students met, and were involved in the evaluation of the programme and the pilot. We learned that although not all expectations were met, there is a need for a curriculum in donor health care.

## DoHeCa Pilot Schedule

Personal Development	September 2016 – December 2017
Basic Principles	September 2016 – November 2016
Donor Suitability	December 2016 – March 2017
Quality Management	April 2017 – June 2017
Donations & Complications	July-2017 – Sept 2017
Specifications & Applications	October 2017- December 2017

**The DoHeCa Staff wishes you a sunny Summer!**

## Project progress

The DoHeCa project is currently in it's final phase – finalizing course material, wrapping up and preparing the Final Report. Although the deadline for the delivery of the final report is strict, the pilot of the programme will continue until December 2017.

## Pilot experiences

Arlinke Bokhorst is the chair of the working package that developed the module Basic Principles in Donor Health Care. Here are some of their experiences

*“The last two years I have worked as coordinator of the Module Basic Principles together with a group of international experts to define the learning outcomes, and design content and assessments. Goal has been to offer an overview of all the aspects and backgrounds of Donor Health Care at a post academic level.*

*Currently I am also directly involved as teacher in the Basic Principles, and as such I experience first-hand the kind of the effort that students put in the DoHeCa program. Knowing that all of them do this next to daily jobs in the transplantation or transfusion world.*

*Up to now many high quality assignments have been uploaded in the Black board environment. Now it is my turn as auditor to review the results, which is quite interesting. I also learn a lot. Not only is it quite a task to asses all the results and give serious feed back to the students. It turns out to takes more time then I have imagined as coordinator. But due to the many different backgrounds and nationalities, I also get a nice insight in how the blood, tissue and organ world is organized in other countries for instance Australia or Estonia.*

*Keep up the good work!”*

## The Future of DoHeCa

With the end of the project approaching, it is time to think about the future. In the last months we have discussed future options for the DoHeCa curriculum. Pilot experiences and evaluations both from students and the Consortium, learn that there is definitely a need for a curriculum in donor health care, however, the initial aimed target group (physicians) is different. Registered nurses and nurse specialists are in particular interested. For future exploitation of DoHeCa this would demand adjustment of the programme to better match the entrance level of the students. The curriculum could lead to a master, instead of being a post master programme. The options of offering the programme in an open source eLearning environment is also discussed.

Investigations (we have to find an institution or university who is willing to host the programme) are ongoing. If you think your own local university or institution would be interested, please contact us!

To be continued.....

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