

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EWGGD's annual general meeting (AGM) was held virtually on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

We would like to thank those of you who made the 2021 AGM, one for history books. Not only was it the first-ever EWGGD AGM to be held over zoom, but we have achieved impressive goals along the way as well.

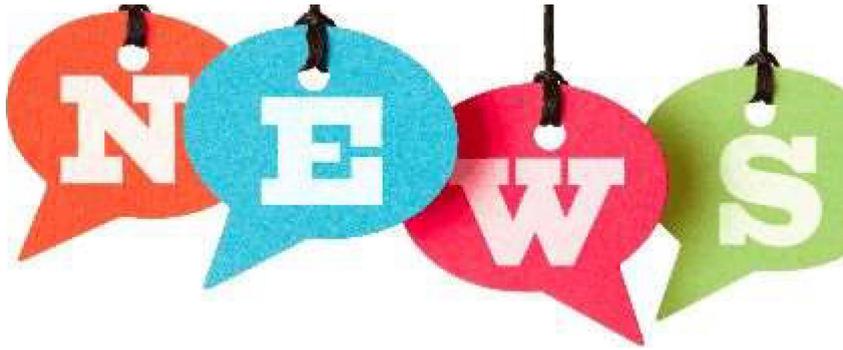
Most importantly, we thank the members of the EWGGD, who continue to work closely with the board members on the working groups' activities.

From the presentations given in the first two hours of the meeting by the current working groups representative ( **Laboratory, Diagnosis, Treatment and monitoring, Additional morbidities, and Supportive care**), we are optimistic that the working groups activities will achieve our society aim of improving the care of patients with GD. The working groups will address type I and neuronopathic GD aspects. You can find more details about the working groups and how you can join on the [website](#).

### Constitution changes

The AGM voted to approve a change to our constitution, to change our name from European Working Group on Gaucher Disease (**EWGGD**) to International Working Group on Gaucher disease (**IWGGD**). While members felt that the EWGGD name was important for our history and philosophy of collaboration, a majority indicated that it was the right time to embrace our- International memberships and objectives - in a name change. The board is committed to retaining all that is special and important about the EWGGD as we move forward in this new phase as the IWGGD.

We will now be working through the relevant procedures to formalize this name change.



- We have the pleasure of announcing that we have a new official board member, Prof. Carla Hollak, who has been co-opted to the board as treasurer for the last two years. Carla will now continue to work as treasurer and as a full board member.
- We initiated two working groups:
  - **Newborn screening working group.**
  - **Gaucher Ethics working group.**A joint working group between the IWGGD's members and the IGA. This working group will address ethical issues relating to research and care of patients with Gaucher disease.

In general, the working groups are open for all members. Please contact us through the website or mail if you are interested in more details.

#### New Memberships and Membership Renewals

It is the time of the year where you get the opportunity to support the IWGGD by renewing your memberships.

The renewal process for the 2021 memberships and new memberships applications can be submitted online using this link: <https://www.ewggd.com/members/>

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