



JBI European Group

**2 year Report**  
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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first report of the Joanna Briggs Collaboration European Group. The group's first European meeting was held in Antwerp in April 2012 following the establishment and early ideas for a regional group that were developed during the Committee of Directors Meeting in Adelaide in October 2011. This group was supported and encouraged through the humble leadership of our colleague, the late Dr Yash Kumarasamy, a Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. Through the initial efforts that 'Yash' made in establishing, promoting and organising the group, the group now drives forward a number of collaborative projects and important European initiatives.

This report has been written to capture the activities and meetings of the group during the last three years as well as to horizon gaze and indicate future priorities and collaborative projects. If you have specific or general queries for us or wish to be involved in some way in evidence synthesis, translation or guideline development, we have provided each centres contact details for you.

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European directors and colleagues in Bucharest May 2014

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The JBI European Group comprises all JBI European Centres. (Collaborating and Affiliate). Its purpose and aims are to strengthen the working relationships between European centres, enhance the production of evidence syntheses and improve our opportunities for applying for EU funding. The specific aims of the group are to:

- Develop a coherent and strong regional presence within the JBI Collaboration;
- Develop peer support and working partnerships among European Centres to support and extend JBI collaborative activity;
- Pool expertise and resources to pursue appropriate research, synthesis and translation activity including funded projects;
- Coordinate regional responses to issues raised by the JBI research centre.

The Group meet face-to-face twice a year, once in Europe (Spring) and once at the Convention/ Colloquium (Autumn) and via SKYPE/ teleconference between face-to-face meetings. Virtual meetings are scheduled as required for specific projects with an expectation that there will be one SKYPE/ teleconference between face-to-face meetings.

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Coordination of the meetings are undertaken on a rotational basis. Two Centre Directors will be nominated at each face-to-face meeting to coordinate and Chair the virtual and face-to-face meetings in the following year. Normally, the role of the chair will be taken by the deputy chair the following year.

The members of the group set the agenda for each meeting. The spring meeting normally provides the opportunity to share experiences, identify collaborative opportunities, undertake working group activity and engage with a range of stakeholders and academic colleagues. In addition, meetings provide the opportunity to discuss issues arising from JBI/University of Adelaide and the Committee of Directors meetings/ teleconferences.

The guiding principles for the group can be found in Appendix I.

## EUROPEAN CENTRES (AFFILIATE & COLLABORATING)

There are currently 14 centres representing 9 countries in Europe. We welcome new centres joining the Joanna Briggs Collaboration to the Group and hope they join us in future collaborations and projects of European and Global significance. The current centres in the Group, their directorships and contact details are shown in Table 1 opposite.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the centres and their specific work, interests and expertise can be found on the Joanna Briggs Collaborating Centres Webpage at: <http://joannabriggs.org/jbc.aspx>

**TABLE 1. EUROPEAN CENTRES**

COUNTRY	CITY	CENTRE
Belgium	Leuven	Belgian Interuniversity Collaboration for Evidence-Based Practice (BICEP), Belgian: an affiliate centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute. Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine – Belgian Cochrane Branch, Leuven, Belgium Director: Bart Gherden Deputy Director: Jef Adrianssens Contact: info@cebam.be
Czech Republic	Olomouc	The Czech Republic (Middle European) Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care: An affiliate centre of The Joanna Briggs Institute, Olomouc, Czech Republic. Director: Dr Miloslav Klugar Deputy Director: Dr Jana Mareckova Contact: mklugar@gmail.com
Denmark	Aalborg	Danish Centre of Systematic Reviews in Nursing, The Centre of Clinical Guidelines – Danish National Clearing House for Nursing: an affiliate centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute, Aalborg, Denmark. Director: Professor Preben U Pedersen
Finland	Helsinki	Finnish Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care, Nursing Research Foundation, Helsinki, Finland. Director: Dr Arja Holopainen Deputy Director: Dr Professor Kaija Saranto Dr Heidi Anttila, Contact: arja.holopainen@hotus.fi
Portugal	Coimbra	Portugal Centre for Evidence-Based Practice, Escuela Superior de Enfermagem de Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal. Director: Professor Manuel Alves Rodriguez Deputy Director: Dr Joao Apostolo Contact: investiga@esenfc.pt
Romania	Bucharest	The Romanian Centre for Evidence-Based Public Health, Publica, Management si Perfectionare in Domeniul Sanitar Bucuresti, Bucharest, Romania. Director: Dr. Silvia Florescu Deputy Director: Dr. Silvia Gabriela Scinte Contact: florescu.silvia@gmail.com
		The Romanian Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery. The Order of General Medical Assistants Midwives and Medical Assistants in Romania, Bucharest, Romania. Director: Carmen Mazilu Deputy Director: Asoc Prof Raluca Sfetcu Contact: carmen@oammr buc.ro
Spain	Madrid	The Spanish Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare: a collaborating centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute, Nursing and Healthcare Research Unit Investén-isciii). Institute of Health Carols III. Madrid, Spain. <a href="http://evidenciaencuidados.es">http://evidenciaencuidados.es</a>
Switzerland	Lausanne	BEST (JBC) The "School of Health Sciences" (HESAV et La Source) at the University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland (HES-SO), Lausanne, Switzerland. Director: To be announced Deputy Director: To be announced Contact: info@best-sante.ch
		Institut et Haute Ecole, De la Saute, La Source, Lausanne. Director Jacqueline Wosinski, Contact: j.wosinski@ecolelasource.ch
United Kingdom	Nottingham	The University of Nottingham Centre for Evidence Based Healthcare, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England Director: Professor Fiona Bath-Hextall Deputy Director: Dr Catrin Evans Contact: SoN-JBI@nottingham.ac.uk
	London	The University of West London Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery, University of West London, London, England. Director: Professor Heather Loveday Deputy Director: Dr Amalia Tsiami Contact: heather.loveday@uwl.ac.uk
	Aberdeen	The Scottish Centre for Evidence-based Multi-professional Practice: a JBI Collaborating Centre, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland Director: Pamela Kirkpatrick Deputy Director: Dr Kay Cooper Contact: p.kirkpatrick@rgu.ac.uk
	Cardiff	The Wales Centre for Evidence-Based Care, Nursing, Health and Social Care Research, Centre, Cardiff, Wales. Director: Prof Dina Gould Deputy Director: Dr Jane Harden Contact: <a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/nursing/research">www.cardiff.ac.uk/nursing/research</a>

# ANNUAL EUROPEAN MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The Inaugural Meeting of the European Centres Group was held in Antwerp on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the University of Antwerp, within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. A total of 16 members from 12 Collaborating and Affiliate Centres and nine countries (Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Spain and Switzerland) participated. During the first meeting the terms of reference were set out and agreements were made to develop the group. Then, a workshop on systematic reviews was held in which several collaborative reviews were set up (illustrated in Table 2). The second day of this inaugural meeting included a JBI affiliated student and clinical fellows poster presentation followed by a public symposium entitled "Shaping the facts: Evidence-based Nursing and Evidence-based Health Care. About 200 participants attended the presentations of Peter Van Bogaert, University of Antwerp; Hans Van Brabandt (KCE-Belgium); Walter Sermeus, Catholic University of Leuven; Ann Van Hecke, University of Ghent; Alan Pearson, JBI & University of Adelaide; and Susan Weeks, Texas Christian University. The meeting in Antwerp was followed by a Train the Trainer course.



Photographs from the first European Group meeting in Antwerp 2012.



The 2nd European Group meeting was organised and hosted by the Portugal Centre for Evidence Based Practice (PCEBP), and took place in Coimbra on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th April 2013. A total of 27 members from ten Collaborating and Affiliate Centres and nine countries (Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Spain and Switzerland) participated. The meeting allowed face-to-face presentation and discussion of some interesting issues for the European Group. A public symposium held on the second day attracted 130 participants, including health and education representatives, researchers, research fellows and health professionals from Portugal. Although Professor Alan Pearson, the Director of JBI could not be present, he sent a video communication about implementation science around the globe and new developments in implementation science. This Symposium was an opportunity for the public to be acquainted with JBI's activities.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Group meeting was held in Bucharest, Romania on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014, and hosted by the The Romanian Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery (CEBNAM), The Order of General Medical Assistants Midwives and Medical Assistants in Romania, Bucharest A total of twenty one representatives from eleven centers participated in the meetings following the theme of "Evidence based nursing in Europe: Assessing the Status Quo and the Prospects for Collaboration". Following the meetings the centre ran a nursing conference entitled "Implementing Challenges and Opportunities for EBP". This conference was attended by more than 600 nurses and a number of European Directors held keynote speeches and workshops.

The 4<sup>th</sup> European Group meeting will be held in Nottingham. The Centre for Evidence Based Healthcare will be hosting the meeting which will commence with a JBI Train the Trainer's course, followed by the directors meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The second day will be dedicated to a symposium on evidence translation. There will also be an opportunity on the first day for PhD students from Europe to network and undertake some joint workshops.

## TRANSLATION CENTRES

The Romanian Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery (CEBNAM), and the Spanish Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare: a Collaborating Centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute, Institute of Health Carlos III, Centre for Coordination and Development of Nursing Research are translation centres. They translate all JBI COnNECT+ (Clinical Online Group of Evidence for Care and Therapeutics) evidence-based resources, making it easy for Spanish speaking countries to find and use evidence to inform their clinical decision-making.

# COLLABORATIVE WORK

The European Group's ongoing collaborative systematic reviews and their members work with JBI is illustrated in Table 2 below:

**TABLE 2. EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE WORK**

COUNTRIES/TEAMS	DATE	TITLE
<b>PROTOCOLS</b>		
<b>Denmark, England &amp; Scotland</b> Håkonsen S, Pedersen P, Thomsen T, Bath-Hextall F, Kirkpatrick P, Christensen B.	2013 – 2014 JBI8940	Diagnostic accuracy of a validated screening tool for monitoring nutritional status in patients with colorectal cancer: a systematic review protocol.
<b>Portugal &amp; England</b> Apóstolo J, Mendes A, Bath-Hextall F, Rodrigues R, Santos J, Cardoso D.	11: 2013 JBL000749	The use of non-pharmacological nursing interventions on the comfort of cancer patients: A comprehensive systematic review protocol.
<b>Belgium, Switzerland, Finland, England &amp; Romania</b> , Guerden B, Wosninski J, Holopainen A, Loveday H & Sfetcu R.		How do registered nurses perceive and describe their role in supporting the nutritional status of elderly patients admitted to hospital?
<b>England &amp; Denmark</b> Tsiami A, Larssen P & Pedersen P U.	2013 - 2014	Effectiveness of Reduced dietary salt intake in the pharmacological rehabilitation in Heart Failure patients: a review of current literature.
<b>Portugal</b> Apóstolo J, Queirós P Santos E, Cardoso D.	2014	Effectiveness of using tap-water or sterilise saline solution to clean traumatic wounds in order to prevent contamination.
Other projects		
<b>Finland &amp; England</b> Pearson A, Loveday H, Holopainen A.		Critically appraising evidence for healthcare. Synthesis Sciences in Healthcare Series: Book 8. Lippincott & Williams, Australia.
<b>England &amp; Scotland</b> Pearson A, White H, Bath-Hextall F, Apóstolo J, Salmon S, Kirkpatrick P.	2013 – 2014 Mixed Methods Group	Methodology for JBI Mixed Methods Systematic Reviews. The Joanna Briggs Institute Reviewers Manual 2014.
<b>England &amp; Scotland</b> Pearson A, White H, Bath-Hextall F, Apóstolo J, Salmon S, Kirkpatrick P.	2013 Adelaide Mixed methods workshop	Mixed Methods Synthesis: The JBI Method Workshop. The Joanna Briggs Institute International Convention: the 2013 campaign for getting evidence into policy, Adelaide, Australia.

## ONLINE PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATIVE WORK

In order to make the European collaborative work easier the Spanish Collaborating Centre coordinates the creation and maintenance of an online platform: JBI Europe Team. (Now this platform is undergoing some changes to make it more user-friendly).

## EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMS ALIGNED

The European JBC Centres have submitted several European research proposals for promoting evidence-based practice. These are listed below:

### COST RESEARCH NETWORK PROPOSALS:

- European Network of Healthcare Research: New innovative models of care delivery and non-pharmacological interventions.  
Coordination partner: Spain. Collaboration partners: Portugal, Switzerland, Romania, Finland and France.  
Status: Rejected
- ENvIRoN – European Non-pharmacological Intervention & Implementation Research Network.  
Coordination partner: Spain. Collaboration partners: Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Romania, Chezck Republic, United Kingdom  
Status: Rejected
- European Non-Pharmacological Interventions Network for promoting healthy and active aging (NPI4HA2)  
Coordination partner: Spain. Collaboration partners: Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Romania, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Denmark  
Status: Rejected

### FP7PROJECT, RELATED TO FP7-HEALTH-2013-INNOVATION-1:

- Implementation of best practice interventions in Europe promoting healthy ageing and reducing frailty impact.  
Coordination partner: Spain. Collaboration partners: Portugal, Switzerland, Romania, Belgium and United Kingdom  
Status: Rejected

### H2020 PROJECT, RELATED TO PHC-17-2014 COMPARING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING HEALTHCARE INTERVENTIONS IN THE ELDERLY:

- Non-pharmacological evidence based intervention for professional and caregivers to reduce pain and improve quality of life in cognitive impairment elderly people with painful comorbidities.  
Coordination partner: Spain. Collaboration partners: Belgium, Portugal, France, Switzerland, Romania, Czech Republic, United Kingdom.  
Status: Rejected

### SPANISH CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTHCARE HAS ORGANIZED A MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO PREPARE STRATEGY OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROPOSALS:

- European Network of Healthcare Research - Kick off meeting.
  - Date: 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2013
  - Venue: Institute of Health Carlos III Office. Rue du Trône, 62 – 6th floor. Brussels

## OTHER PROJECTS

### BELGIUM

BICEP, the Belgian JBI Affiliated Centre, is negotiating intensively with the Belgian Federal Government about financing a project for the translation of JBI Connect materials into Dutch and French. This project fits in with a nationwide plan to provide up-to-date, evidence based knowledge to every Belgian health care professional. The centre expects to have a formal agreement about this funding late in 2014. The prospects of the negotiations are looking good.

### DENMARK

Professor Preben U Pedersen, Director of the Danish Centre of Systematic Reviews in Nursing, The Centre of Clinical Guidelines – Danish National Clearing House for Denmark is leading on a nationally funded project on evidence transfer. The project translated evidence guidelines to a clinical study which has shown the use of mouthwashes pre-cardiac surgery significantly reduces post-operative infections. This will be completed and published soon. Other centers including Nottingham and Madrid indicated their interest of a wider European opportunity of testing this study in further trials.

### FINLAND

The pathway to evidence translation and interpretation – The Nursing Research Foundation (NRF), which hosts the Finnish Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care (an affiliated centre of JBI) in Finland, is leading a national evidence implementation project. The project aims to disseminate evidence-based consistent practices throughout different kinds of healthcare organizations. It focuses on three main themes: 1) measurement of fidelity reveals gaps in hand hygiene practices, 2) regional collaboration in falls prevention, and 3) pressure ulcer prevention and risk assessment.

All above mentioned themes are essential in healthcare for a variety of reasons, e.g. from the point of cost-effectiveness. Inconsistent practices, for example if staff does not adhere to evidence-based guidelines, are global challenges. Therefore the results of this project could be utilized by other centres of JBI.

### SPAIN

Spanish Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare is leading a national implementation project, involving hospitals and primary healthcare centres to implement nursing/multiprofessional clinical practice guidelines.

### ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMME REVIEW

JBI launched an endorsement program review in early 2013. The Spanish Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare has been involved in its revision, and has made a revision report.

### COCHRANE NURSING CARE FIELD

Spain contributes to CNCF participating in language translation.

## JBI METHODOLOGY GROUPS

JBI launched a new program of methodological development in early 2013 focussing on the synthesis of a diverse range of evidence types including Methodologies for synthesis of Umbrella Reviews and Methodology for Mixed Method Reviews. This year JBI will be further developing a number of other methodologies including prognosis, diagnosis, text and opinion and scoping reviews.. Members of the JBC were invited to participate in these developments and will produce worked examples, a Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Book and a chapter in the Systematic Reviewers Manual. A number of members from the European Group have already been involved in this work (Nottingham & Aberdeen) and further members will participate in the next round of developments.

# APPENDIX I

## EUROPEAN REGION

### – JBI COLLABORATING CENTRE NETWORKGUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### 1. THE NETWORK

The network includes all JBI centres in the European Region with no differentiation being made between the collaborating or affiliate status

#### PURPOSE AND AIMS

- The purpose of the network is to strengthen the working relationships between European Centres. The aims of the network are to:
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#### FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

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#### SPRING MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

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