

# **POLCRO – EUCROF Meeting**

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Warsaw**

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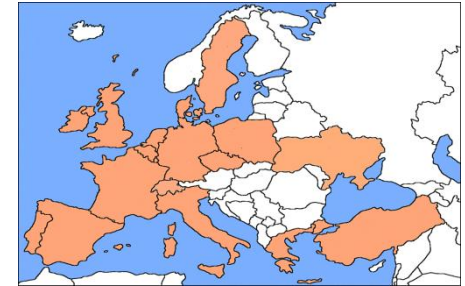
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# EUCROF Members

- EUCROF is a non-profit organisation founded on 2005
- Member are legal entities registered in at least one European Country:
  - Associations of CROs, or
  - Private companies working in Clinical Research Services



National Association	Country	No. CROs
1. ACRO-CZ	Czech Republic	18
2. ACRON	The Netherlands	40
3. AECIC	Spain	30
4. AFCROS	France	48
5. AICRO	Italy	13
6. ASCRO	Sweden	7
7. BeCRO	Belgium	29
8. BVMA	Germany	39
9. CCRA	United Kingdom	36
10.HACRO	Greece	10
11.SAKDER	Turkey	26

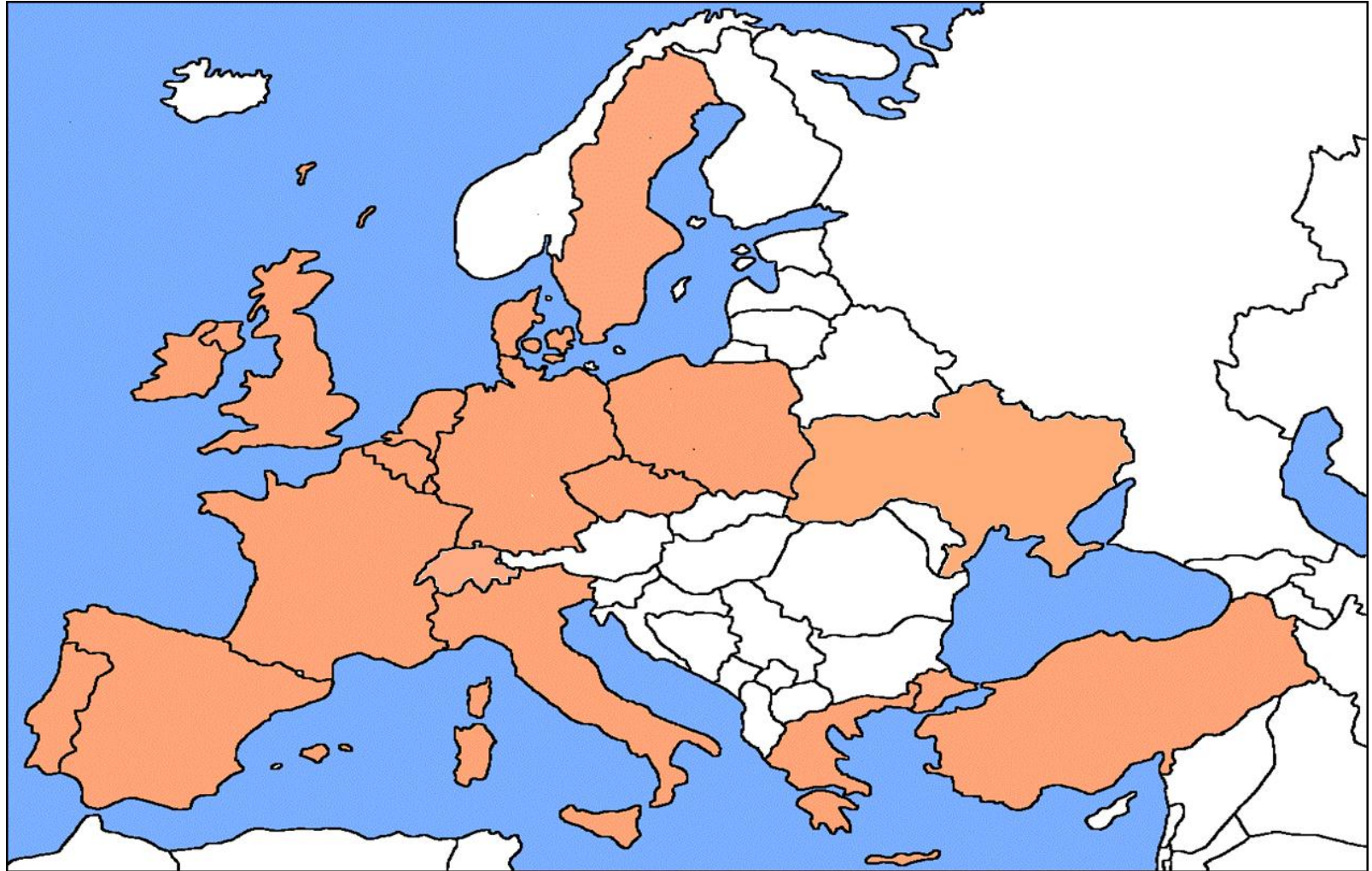
## Local CROs

1. Portugal
2. Poland
3. Ireland
4. Denmark
5. Switzerland
6. Ukraine

**TOTAL: 293 Companies, 17 Countries , over 16.000 employees**

# EUCROF Members

## Geographic Presence May - 2014



# EUCROF Members

## Potential Full Members to Come

- Poland:

the Polish

Association has been  
founded in Q3 2012

- **POLCRO**

- Ireland:

the Irish

Association to be founded  
soon

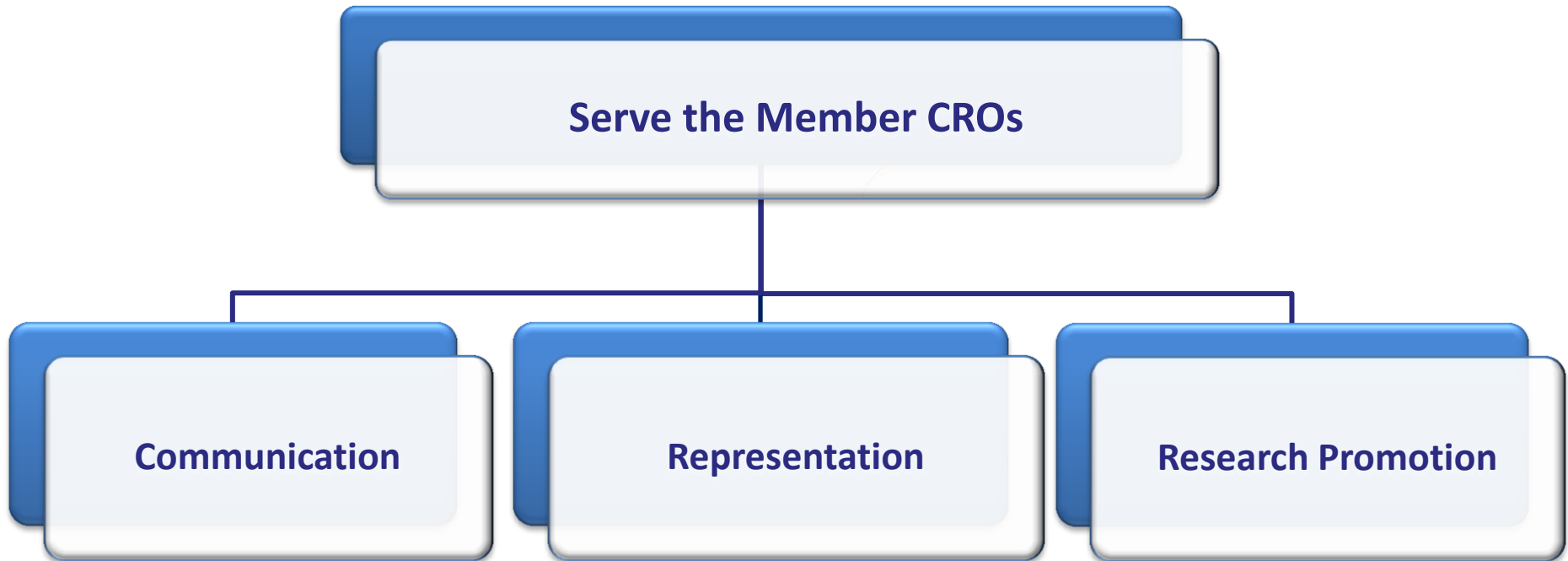
- **CRPI**

# Objectives

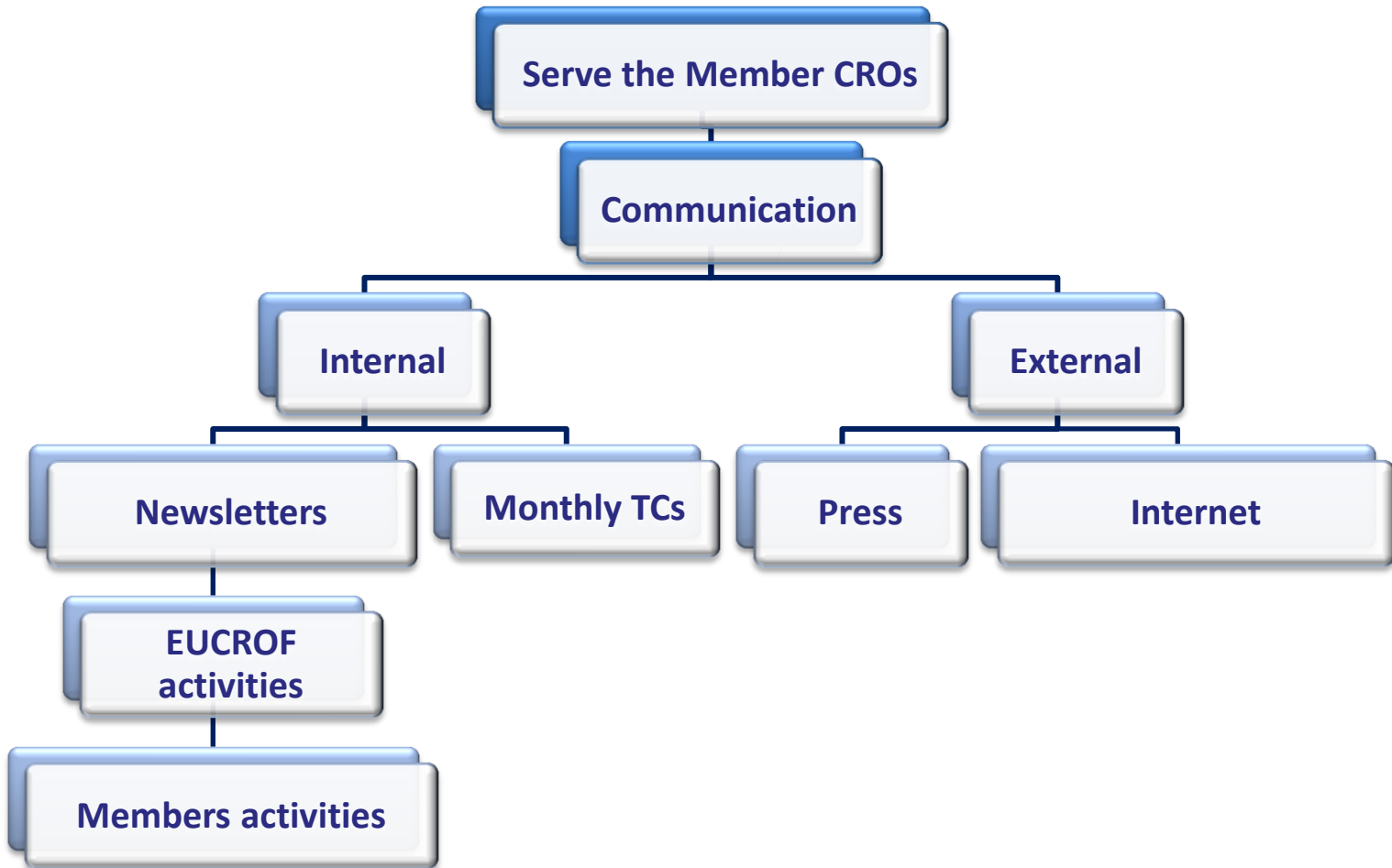
- Promote the **quality of clinical research**;
- **Promote outsourcing to CROs attitude** by improving knowledge, competence/expertise and skills of professionals within CROs in Europe;
- **Represent and support CROs** towards Regulatory Bodies, pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device and other healthcare related industry as well as medical, patients and affiliated research community, within the field of clinical research;
- Exchange relevant information and **networking between Members**;
- **Extend CRO representation** to all European territory.

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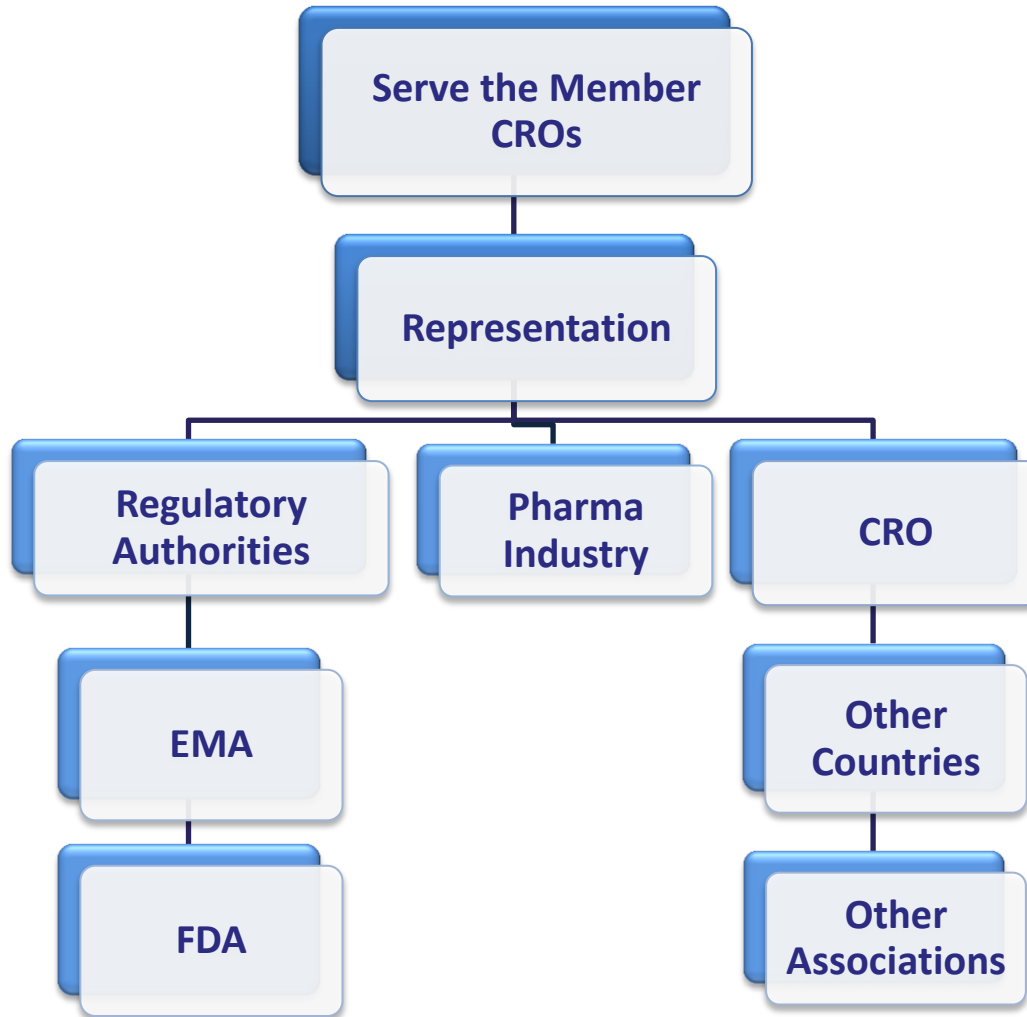


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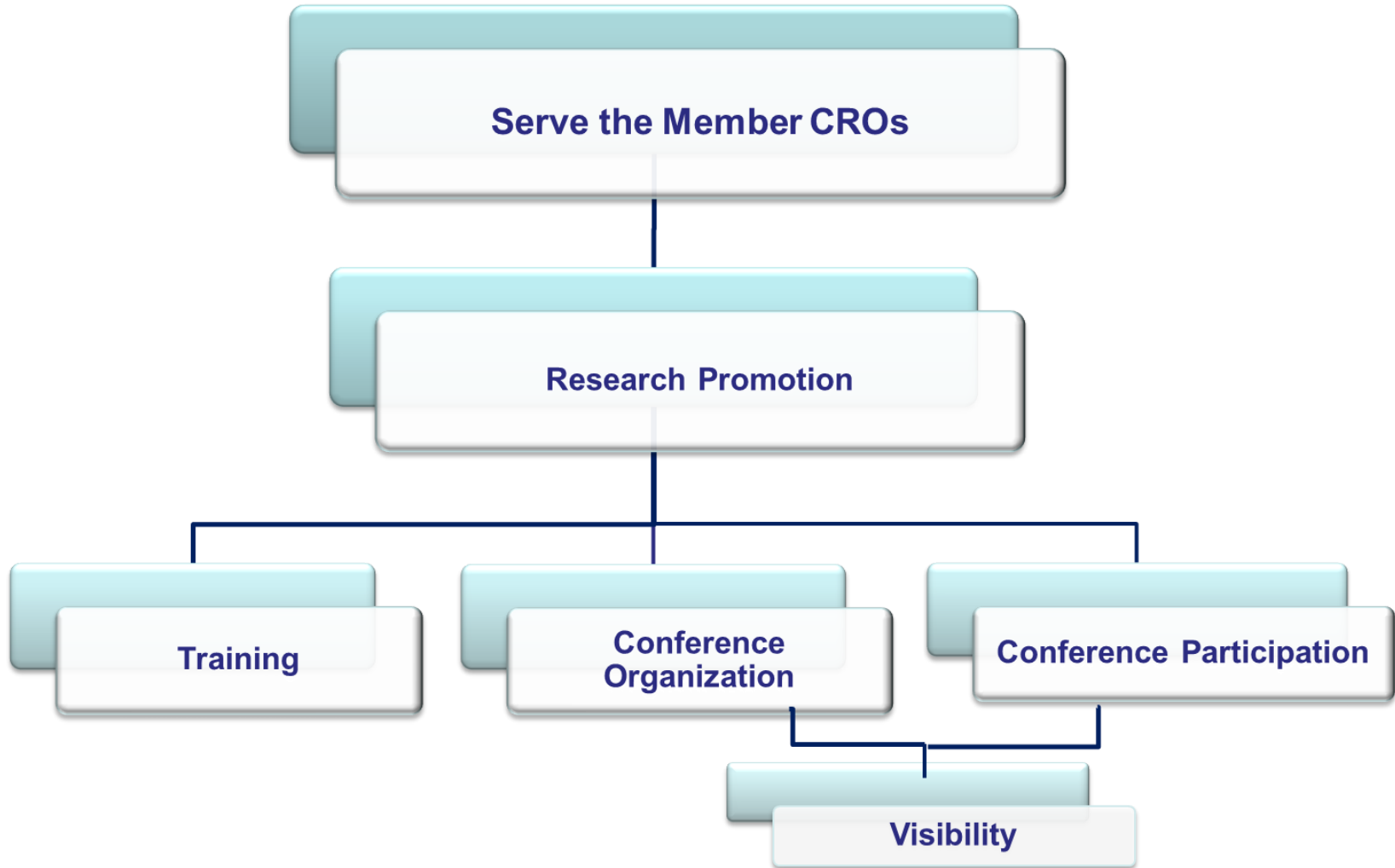




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# Accomplishments: Administrative

- **SOPs made effective on 15 March 2013**
  - Quality Statement
  - Master SOP
  - Establishment, Operation and Termination of EUCROF Working Groups
  - EUCROF Communication and Handling of Presentations and Other Documents
  - EUCROF Publications and Abstracts
- **SOP Index**
- **Glossary**

# Accomplishments: Administrative

- **Finance**

- **Tax advisor selected**

- **Tax declaration generated for former years**

- **Significant growth of bank movements**



# Accomplishments: Visibility

- **EUCROF Conference, Paris:**  
**02-04 February 2015**
- **Late Phase Research/Real-World Data, Dublin:**  
**22-23 May 2014**
- **DIA Europe, Amsterdam:**  
✓ **EUCROF General Assembly 04 – 06 March 2013**
- **3rd Conference of Clinical Research, Paris:**  
**31 January 2014**

# Accomplishments: Visibility

- **EUCROF / RIPPS / EMA Conference:**  
**18 April 2013**  
**Methodological Approaches to overcome the challenges of Drug Evaluation in Children**
- **EUCROF Conference in Brussels:**  
**7 – 9 October 2013**
- **Publications: “Collaborations with Patients Organizations” (Stefano ) Nordic Life Science, review 02 2013, pag. 38**

# Accomplishments: Visibility - Summary

- **02/03-12-2013** EMA meeting on “risk based quality management in clinical trials with interested parties “, London
- **07/09 -10-2013** EUCROF Conference, Brussels
- **30/06 - 06/07 2013** Biopharmaceutical R&D and CRO Conference
- **27/28-06-2013**, 6° Forum Scientifique de Pharmaco-épidémiologie, Paris
- **27-06-2013**, Enpr-EMA meeting, London
- **18-04-2013** Pediatric WG Symposium, London (EUCROF Pediatric WG and EMA)
- **06/08-03-2013** Late Phase Research/Real-World Data, Amsterdam (EUCROF Late Phase Chair Giovanni Fiori)
- **04/06-03-2013** DIA Europe, Amsterdam, Presentation Pediatric WG

EUCROF/RIPPS/EMA Conference

Methodological Approaches to Overcome the Challenges of Drug Evaluation in Children

London - 18 April 2013

The EU paediatric regulation entered into force in 2007 in order to facilitate the development of medicinal products in children and to limit the extent of off-label prescriptions.

There is an apparent paradox in evaluating medicinal products in children. Clearly, clinical studies in children need to be performed in order to be able to prescribe evidence-based safe and effective medicines, however for ethical reasons, children must be protected as much as possible from the invasiveness of individual procedures and from the risks of exposure of the patients involved to investigational medicinal products.

As a consequence, an ongoing consideration of these issues focuses on rendering such paediatric studies more feasible while looking for ways to circumvent the difficulties and at the same time, respecting ethical requirements. Among these different ways, innovative methodologies for study designs are of growing importance importance e.g. PK and PK/PD studies using a population approach, modeling, simulation and extrapolation, adaptive dose-finding and phase III studies, use of sound and appropriate methodology for observational studies.

The aim of this conference is to establish the current level of use and PDCO recommendations for the use of innovative methodologies in the evaluation of medicinal products in children, to delineate their potential benefit and to define the conditions of their validity.

This one-day conference is aimed at professionals involved in the evaluation and development of medicinal products in children such as manufacturers, regulators, modellers, biostatisticians, investigators, co-investigators, physicians, study nurses, coordinators, regulatory affairs and clinical operations personnel.

Faculty

- Ampero Alamyri Proustou - Paediatric Working Group European CRO Federation (EUCROF) & ITI, Spain
Martín Cruz-Lucas, MD, PhD - Paediatrics, Hospital Infantil Reina Sofía University, Madrid, Spain
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Lutz O Hamlich, MD - Global Pharmacovigilance, Global Research & Development, UK
Elihuynas Marek, PharmD, MSc - Scientific Advice, European Medicines Agency (EMA), UK
Dimitro Michintz, PhD - Paediatric Working Group European CRO Federation (EUCROF) & Merck Serono Scientific Advice Services Ltd, UK
Gérard Nguyen Duc Long, ICSA Systems Europe, France
Frank Polivy, Biostatistician, European Medicines Agency (EMA), UK
Gérard Pons, MD, PhD - Pharmacology, Paediatrics, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology - University Paris Descartes, Head Clinical Pharmacology, Inserm UMI 644, CEA, France - Paediatric Committee, EMA, UK, ICHWP - ARIM, Paediatric RPPS, France
Agnes Saint-Raymond, MD - Head of Sector Human Medicines Special Area, European Medicines Agency (EMA), UK
Pierluigi Tassi, PhD - Biostatistic, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, USA
John W Whitehead, PhD - Head Department Mathematics and Biostatistics, Lancaster University, UK



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## The future of Europe in the worldwide scene of Clinical Research

The European Federation of CROs is pleased to invite you to the forthcoming European Pharmaceutical Pre-Conference and Conference that will be held in Brussels.

This event will provide a unique opportunity to listen to worldwide expert speakers from Regional and National Authorities, Pharmaceutical Industry and global CROs and will be of interest to all actors engaged in clinical research, with a primary focus on the European region.

The aim of the Pre-Conference "Clinical Outsourcing: Converting Promise to Delivery" on 7 October 2013 is to provide a balanced interactive forum for representative "stakeholders" working in clinical research and development from pharmaceutical companies and outsourcing service providers. In 3 sessions, we will share information and insight from outsourcing practices and provide direction to strategic thinking on outsourcing for the future.

The main Conference on 8-9 October 2013 will address multiple facets of this highly evolving environment, considering how clinical research is responding to the global landscape, stressing the specific challenges and strengths which characterise the three main regions being the Americas, Europe and Asia.

A series of regulations and guidances will shortly reshape the clinical research landscape in Europe. Expert speakers will provide insight in the essential features of these new frameworks. We will review how the future Clinical Trial Regulation will transform access to Clinical Trials in Europe, also hearing from National Agencies and Ethic Committees preparing for this ambitious change. Riskbased Quality Management will also be a point of focus, balancing expectations from the regulators and the perspective of Pharmaceutical Companies facing challenges on the implementation pathway.

We will critically assess how the fast changing digital technologies may offer opportunities for innovative ways of delivering Clinical Trials, considering inherent risks and challenges associated with them.

The Patient Associations will join this conference to highlight the most significant barriers to a prosperous clinical research.

### Organisers



- ✓ Stefano Marini, President (Italy)
- ✓ Dagmar Chase, Vice-president (Germany)
- ✓ Amparo Alamyra, Treasurer (Spain)
- ✓ Darina Hrdlickova, Secretary (Czech Republic)
- ✓ Christophe Goleniaux, Member (Belgium)



- ✓ Philippe Van der Hofstadt, President
- ✓ Michèle Garot, Vice President
- ✓ Julie De Wever, Secretary
- ✓ Sven Deferme, Training & Events

### Programme Committee

- ✓ Dagmar Chase (BVMA, Germany)
- ✓ Martine DeHinger-Kremer (BVMA, Germany)
- ✓ Izak den Daas (ACRON, The Netherlands)
- ✓ Michèle Garot - Chair (BeCRO, Belgium)
- ✓ Darina Hrdlickova (ACRO-Cz, Czech Republic)
- ✓ Carmen Martínez (AECC, Spain)
- ✓ Philippe Van der Hofstadt - Chair (BeCRO, Belgium)



With the contribution of Greet Musch and Kees van Bonnarens  
Federal Agency for Medicines  
and Health Products. FAMHP

Michèle Garot & Philippe Van der Hofstadt  
Chairs of the EUCROF Conference 2013

# Accomplishments: Education

- Three free Webinars:

Medical Devices WG: **Susanne Gerbl-Rieger** CROMSOURCE

Requirements for Clinical Investigations with Medical Devices -  
Clarity about the actual regulatory framework - basis to understand the future

**Participants: 85**

Germany: 37

Belgium: 2

Spain: 23

CZ: 3

Italy: 4

France: 11

Sweden: 1

Switzerland: 2

Ukraine: 1

Ireland: 1

# Accomplishments: Education

- Three free Webinars:

Medical Devices WG: **Judith Koehnen** Theorem Clinical

**EN ISO 14155:2011 - Good Clinical Practice for Medical Device  
Clinical Investigations**

**Participants: 97**

Germany: 32

Belgium: 11

Spain: 22

Slovakia: 3

France: 4

Italy: 10

Turkey: 5

NL: 1

Greece: 5

Poland: 1

UK: 3

# Accomplishments: Education

- Three free Webinars:

Medical Devices WG: **Jochen Wegerer** UL MDT

## Safety Reporting in Clinical Investigations with Medical Devices

<b>Participants:</b>	<b>91</b>		
Germany:	35		
Belgium:	3		
Spain:	19	Italy:	5
Czech Republic:	16	Switzerland:	3
France:	14	NL:	7
		UK:	3

# Accomplishments: Communication internal

- **Monthly TCs Executive Board (EB)**
- **Monthly TCs extended EB**
- **EUCROF Newsletter**



# Accomplishments:

## Communication internal

- **Face-to-Face Meetings**
  - **DIA Vienna: 25 March 2014**
  - **Executive Board Meeting in Rome: 25 June 2014**
  - **Annual Meeting: 1 - 2 December 2014 in Istanbul together with SAKDER**



# Accomplishments:

## Communication external

- Article for JCROA 20th anniversary (president):  
“EUCROF perspective on the present and future of CRO world development”
- Meeting with ACRO und JCROA in Brussels: **7 October 2013**



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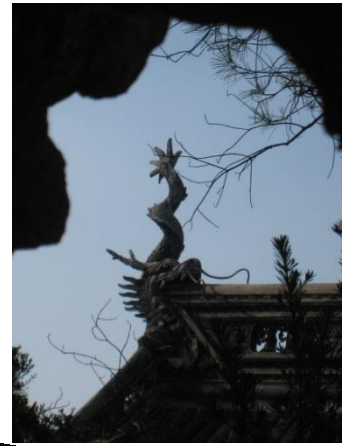
## Communication external

- **Visit to China (president) in 2013:**
  - **Jinghai International Biopharma and BPO Investment Promotion Summit – Opening Speech – July 1st**
  - **China Sourcing Summit in Hagzhou, “Clinical Trials and Outsourcing: General Trend Moving Toward East” - July 4**
  - **International Biopharmaceutical CRO and CMO Forum in Suzhou – July 5**
  - **China (Suzhou) Service Outsourcing Development and Investing – July 6**

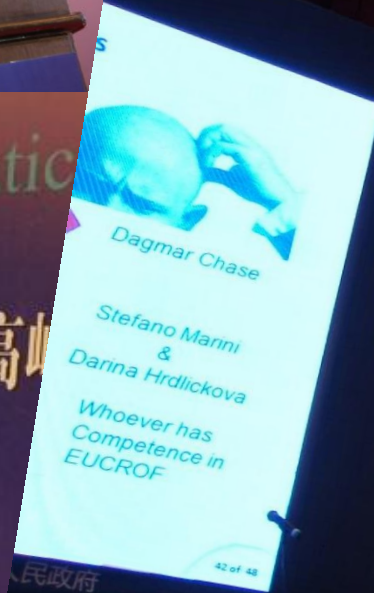


# 2013 中国 (苏州) 创新发展投资

China (Suzhou) Service Outsourcing Innovation Development



International Biopharmaceutical  
CRO and CMO Forum  
国际生物医药研发外包与协同生产高峰论坛  
2013 中国·苏州



人民政府  
苏州市商务局  
中心

COIP  
中国·苏州 Suzhou China  
2013 中国 (苏州)  
创新发展投资  
China (Suzhou) Service Outsourcing Innovation Development



# International Relations

## Europe:

- Finland
- Norway
- Slovakia
- Russia
- Bulgaria
- Romania



## MENA:

in progress

## USA:

ACRO

## ASIA:

CHINA (CROU)  
Japan (JCROA)

## AUSTRALIA: SOUTH AMERICA:

in progress

Brazil (ABRACRO)  
Argentina

# Accomplishments: Communication internal and external

- EUCROF Website
- EUCROF Brochure
- EUCROF WG leaflets



# EUCROF

European CRO Federation

The European CRO Federation,  
one voice towards clinical research



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Our mission is to promote Clinical Research by improving knowledge, competence, expertise and skills of Contract Research Organisations (CROs) in Europe.

## Member Associations

### Highlights

- Consists of members and associated members from 17 European countries.
- Stands for 300 member CROs and over 15,000 employees.
- Represents and supports their interest towards the healthcare-related industry within the field of Clinical Research, as well as the medical and affiliated research community.
- Recognized by Regulatory Authorities as the representative for European based CROs, regularly approached to contribute to the continuous debate on the improvement of rules and regulations.

### Benefits of EUCROF

- We strive to improve the collaboration and interaction amongst all stakeholders in the field of Clinical Research in Europe.
- We seek to support participation to international congresses and meetings to further underline the significant role of CROs in Clinical Research in Europe.
- We disseminate pertinent information to members.
- We organise and support training and educational programs.

### How?

EUCROF's actions are carried out by Working Groups formed at the initiative of its members to develop domain-specific programmes and address corresponding issues.

- Clinical Research in Europe
- Clinical Trials Legislation
- Communication
- Early Phase Clinical Study
- Education and Training
- How to start a study in Europe
- Late Phase
- Medical Devices
- Paediatric



**Belgium**  
Belgian Association of CROs (BeCRO)  
29 members



**France**  
Association Française des CROs (AFORO)  
60 members



**Italy**  
Italian Association of CROs (AICRO)  
13 members



**Sweden**  
Association of CROs active in Sweden (ASCRO)  
7 members



**Turkey**  
Sözleşmeli Arastirma Kuruluslari Dernegi (SAKDER)  
25 members



**Czech Republic**  
Association of CROs Czech Republic (ACRO-Cz)  
15 members



**Germany**  
Bundesverband Medizinischer Auftragsinstitute e.V. (BVMA)  
40 members



**Spain**  
Asociación Española de Compañías de Investigación Clínica (AECIC)  
32 members



**The Netherlands**  
Associatie van Clinical Research Organisations in Nederland (ACRON)  
40 members



**United Kingdom**  
Clinical Contract Research Association (CCRA)  
36 members

Associated members in Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland and Ukraine

EUCROF aims to enforce its structuring role in the EU by encouraging and favouring the creation of national associations wherever they do not already exist.

# Working Groups

1. **Clinical Research in Europe -**  
*Amparo Alemany*
2. **CROs Associations in Europe -**  
*Stefano Marini*
3. **How to start a Clinical Trial in Europe -**  
*Dagmar Chase*
4. **Clinical Research in Paediatrics -**  
*Martine Dehlinger-Kremer*
5. **Clinical Trials Legislation -**  
*Dagmar Chase*
6. **Late Phase Research -**  
*Giovanni Fiori*
7. **Education and Training –**  
*Antoinette Van Dijk*
8. **Early Phase Research -**  
*Philippe Van der Hofstadt*
9. **Medical Devices –**  
*Susanne Gerbl-Rieger*
7. **Communication -**  
*Christophe Golenvaux*
8. **New Technologies –**  
*Yoani Matsakis*

# Outlook 2014 / 2015

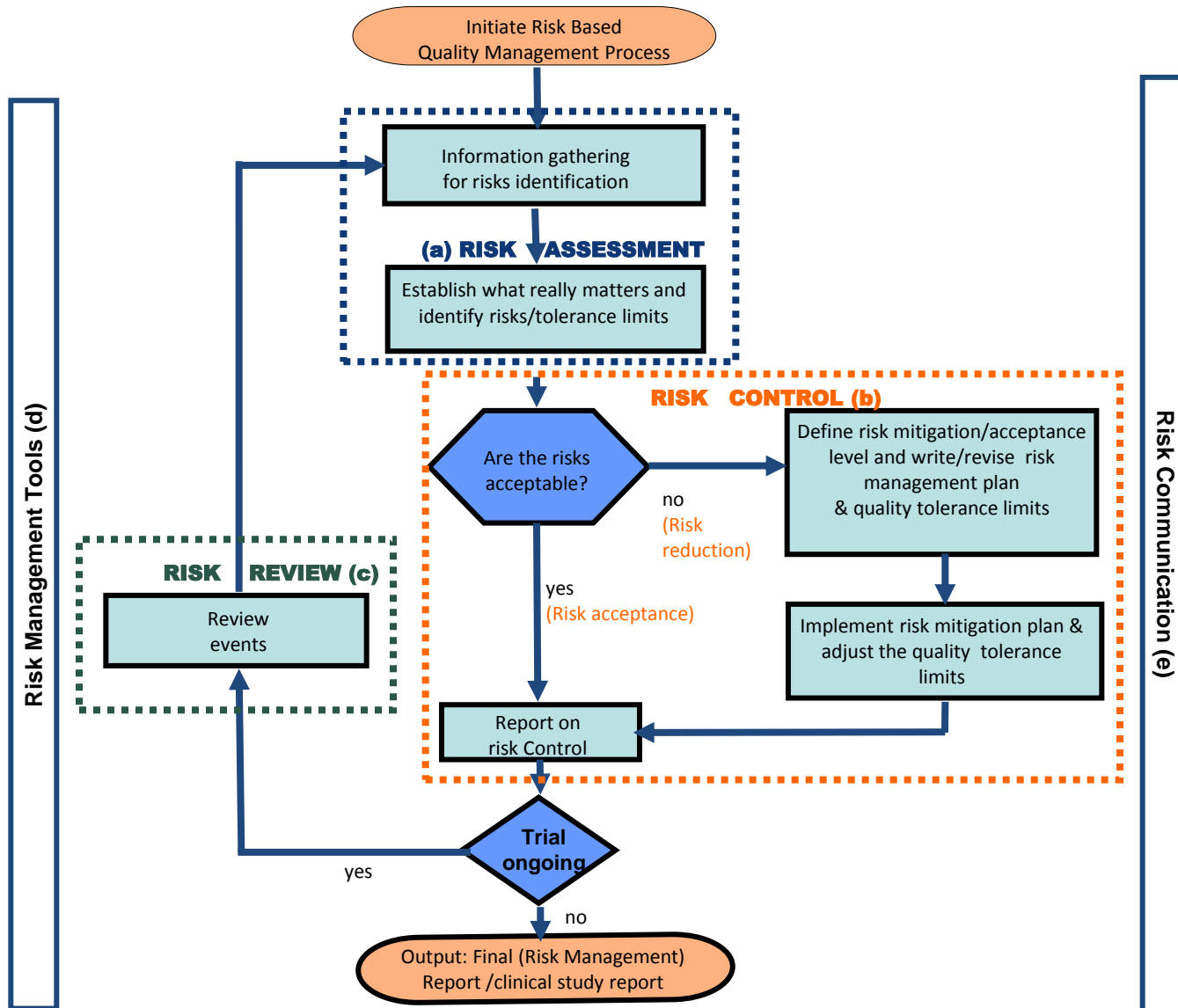
- Various Webinars to be organised during 2014, open to the public? Paying fees?
- Meeting in San Diego with ACRO and JCROA
- Face-to-Face Meeting EB in Rome
- EUCROF Annual Meeting in Istanbul
- **January 2015: 2nd EUCROF Conference in Paris celebrating EUCROF's 10th Anniversary**

# WG: Clinical Trials Legislation

- Detailed Guidance CT-1 (Submission to Competent Authorities, 2009)
- Detailed Guidance CT-3 (Collection, verification and presentation of Adverse Events/Adverse Reactions 2010)
- Technical Guidance - List of fields for result-related information to be submitted to the 'EudraCT' clinical trials database (2010)
- Harmonised requirements for non-investigational medicinal products in CTA submissions (2010)
- Reflection paper on ethical and GCP aspects of clinical trials of medicinal products for human use conducted outside of the EU/EEA (2010)
- Revision of the EU Clinical Trials Directive (2009, 2011)
- FDA Guidance: A Risk-based Approach to Monitoring (2011)
- Reflection Paper: Risk-based Quality Management (2012)
- Reflection Paper: Use of IVR/IWR Systems in Clinical Trials (2012)
- Delegated Act on Post-Authorisation Efficacy Studies (2013)
- Reflection paper on GCP compliance in relation to trial master files (paper and/or electronic) (2013)
- Declaration of Helsinki (2013)



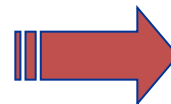
# GCP IWG Reflection Paper On RBQM



# Permanent Services



- How to start a clinical trial in the EU/EEA



*Dagmar Chase*

- Support to new Associations/Members/  
Associate members for their Start up



*Stefano Marini  
&  
Darina Hrdlickova*

- Regulatory Bodies Representation



*Whoever has  
Competence in  
EUCROF*

**Thank you  
Very Much  
for your attention  
Dziękuję bardzo za  
uwagę  
Stefano Marini**

