



THE COBATRICE COLLABORATION: WHO'S WHO

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INTRODUCTION

The CoBaTrICE Collaboration was formed in 2003 to define outcomes of specialist ICM training and to develop an international training programme in ICM for Europe and other world regions. It comprises project partners, national representatives, advisors, ICM stakeholders and other interested participants. The Collaboration has grown during the course of the project and by the launch of the CoBaTrICE programme in September 2006 benefits from the expertise of over *** collaborators worldwide.

Five partners worked in cooperation to implement the project. They had specific tasks, ranging from the overall management and coordination of the project, scientific research, communication and dissemination, application of information technology, and the inclusion of particular groups in the project, such as the Eastern European countries or the patients and their families. Representatives from each partner formed the Steering Committee.

National Coordinators were appointed in consultation with ESICM national Council members and with the National Societies responsible for intensive care in each of the European countries participating in the project. They actively participated in each phase of the project and promoted the involvement of others within their country by disseminating the aims and results of the project through direct contact, conferences and publications. They were seconded or partnered in most cases by deputies who helped them fulfil their role in the project and ensured national representation.

National / Regional Reporters are our representatives in other countries / regions of the world, where the national society or organisation expressed a desire to participate in the project. Most undertook a similar role to National Coordinators and promoted worldwide participation to the benefit of the project.

The Advisory Board assisted the Steering Committee of the project by providing specific advice and expertise on aspects of the project methodology, dissemination of results, intra- and inter-professional working, international cooperation and information exchange.

ICM Trainees were recruited by their national coordinators and participated in a variety of aspects of the project. Over 50 international trainees expressed an interest during the course of the project and more than half took an active role in the development of CoBaTrICE.

ICU representatives were recruited in eight European countries to facilitate the distribution of surveys to patients and relatives. Many continued to take an active interest in the CoBaTrICE project following this initial contact.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)

This professional society promotes the highest standards of multidisciplinary care of critically ill patients and their families through education, research and professional development. The ESICM coordinated the CoBaTrICE project for all contractual, administrative, communication and financial matters, and facilitated the dissemination of the outcome, the CoBaTrICE programme.

Who's who?

- ◆ The Scientific co-ordinator of the project, Julian Bion, is a past President of the ESICM (2004 - 2006). A respected clinician and reader in intensive care medicine, he previously coordinated the development of the competency-based training programme in ICM for the UK.
- ◆ Suzanne Smitz – De Smet is the Executive Officer of ESICM and had contractual responsibility for the project.
- ◆ Audrey Augier, ESICM Deputy Executive Officer, co-ordinated the project in its administrative, financial and communication aspects.
- ◆ Domino D’Hoir, ESICM assistant, provided administrative support.

University of Birmingham

With a national and international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, the University of Birmingham provided expertise in competency-based training, undergraduate and postgraduate training in acute care and intensive care medicine, medical education and training assessment, and in international law with particular reference to movement of healthcare professionals across national borders. Four departments coordinated their efforts: the Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, the School of Law, the School of Education and the West Midlands Deanery.

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- ◆ Hannah Barrett is a critical care nurse and research fellow. Hannah managed all aspects of the project in liaison with other partners and national representatives, coordinated data collection and analysis and prepared dissemination materials.
- ◆ Dr Alison Bullock, Reader in Medical and Dental Education, provided expertise in the assessment of competence and led phase 3 of the project.
- ◆ Dr Julian Lonbay, Senior lecturer in Law, past Director of the Institute of European Law, and Chairman of the Training Committee of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of the European Union. He supervised the implementation of the project in its legal and harmonisation aspects.
- ◆ Prof. Steven Field, Postgraduate Dean for the West Midlands, has particular expertise in medical education and assessment, and is also responsible for national implementation of new models of training in the UK. He supervised these aspects within the project.
- ◆ Jean Hammersley & Michelle Bowers, Assistant director of finance coordinated local contractual and financial aspects.

Intensium Oy

This international company based in Finland was created by intensivists to provide internet-based ICU quality reporting services. Intensium Oy led the technical aspects of the project, facilitating the online collection and analysis of data and developing the electronic framework which enabled the launch of CoBaTrICE online.

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- ◆ Petteri Mussalo, Technical Director, led the development of online data collection tools and the electronic framework.
- ◆ Jarmo Partanen, IT programmer, realised the CoBaTrICE website and underlying IT management functions.

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Picker Institute Europe

The aim of this research and educational charity based in Oxford, England, is to bring an understanding of the patient's perspective to healthcare provision, development and policy, and thereby to improve treatment and care for users of healthcare services and promote public health for the benefit of the community. The Picker Institute Europe provided expertise on surveying patients' experience of health care and was responsible for the survey of ICM patients and their relatives (part of the development of core competencies).

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