

NEWSLETTER July 2015

Dear SWEET members, partners, and friends,

There is lots of news and activities, which I would like to inform you about in this sixth edition of the SWEET newsletter: The SWEET meeting in March has been a big success with several research projects kicked off and a publication committee elected. The executive committee was refreshed as well and is now represented by several new members. The SWEET/NHS Peer Review goes in its second round and 10 centers will be certified this year. Furthermore Prof. Holl and Dr. Witsch are working with the data for benchmarking and publications, so please don't forget the Upload deadline of July 31st!

My personal news is that I am pregnant, so there will be Ines Hiller, who replaces me during my maternity leave from July 23rd 2015 to October 2016.

Finally, we specified several action items. Please read them carefully and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Katharina Klee on behalf of the SWEET team from Hannover

Action items

- Upload your data to SWEETBASE for analysis until July 31st!
- Save the dates:
 - SWEET meeting at ISPAD 2015 in Brisbane, Australia: details will follow
 - SWEET Annual meeting in Tolothenaz, Switzerland: April 7th & 8th, 2016

Personnel News

We would like to introduce the interim project coordinator for SWEET e.V., Ines Hiller, who replaces Katharina Klee during her maternity leave from July 23rd 2015 to October 2016. Ines Hiller finished her studies of nutritional science at the University of Applied Science in Hamburg, Germany, where she put her focus on nutrition, health and consultation. During an intern-ship at the Children's Hospital AUF DER BULT in Hannover, Germany, she became familiar with the work of SWEET e.V., as well as the care and education of children and adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes. She is looking forward to supporting the aims of SWEET e.V.



SWEET Meeting in Paris, France: March 19th & 20th, 2015, including Elections



The sixth legal entity meeting of SWEET e.V. was held on March 19th to 20th, 2015, in Paris, France. We would like to thank all participants for coming and contributing to a very fruitful meeting and thank Sanofi for hosting us on their premises! The minutes to the meeting with detailed information to the achievements will be distributed soon.

Main findings at the meeting in Paris:

- New centers from Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Ireland, UK and Austria have been introduced:
- ISPAD and SWEET will continue to keep close ties
- Several scientific projects on the basis of SWEET data analysis have been started (e.g. “Diabetes control in children < 7 years”, “Outcomes and limitations of benchmarking”, ..)
- The SWEET/NHS Peer Review Process has been very successful in 2014 and will certify 10 new centers in 2015
- SWEET will apply to become an accredited European Reference Network
- Individual centers introduced themselves on the basis of their data
- Case presentations from centers inspired the audience to extensive discussion
- Michael Witsch explained, how to achieve meaningful data sets to be a participant in the scientific projects
- Through benchmarking we learn from each other on the basis of our SWEET data
- The SWEET business plan and strategy for 2015 has been drafted
- The Executive Committee and the SWEET Data, Publication and Presentation Committee (DPPC) were elected

Executive Committee:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Thomas Danne	Chairman	Childrens hospital AUF DER BULT, Germany
Peter Gerhardsson	Vice-Chairman	Dexcom, Sweden
Bärbel Aschemeier	Treasurer	Childrens hospital AUF DER BULT, Germany
Ragnar Hanas	Boardmember	ISPAD, Sweden
Catherine Domenger	Boardmember	Sanofi, France
Natalie Papo	Boardmember	Medtronic, Switzerland
Imane Benabbad	Boardmember	Lilly, France
Michael Witsch	Boardmember	Pediatric Clinic CH de Luxembourg

DPPC:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Olga Kordonouri	Childrens hospital AUF DER BULT, Germany
Jannet Svensson	Herlev University Hospital, Denmark
Gun Forsander	Queen Silvia Childrens Hospital, Sweden
Kristina Casteels	University Hospital Leuven, Belgium
Valentino Cherubini	Salesi Hospital, University Hospital, Italy

New SWEET Centers

Additional to the 23 certified centers, 16 new centers are in the process to become certified. Furthermore there are centers from all over the world, who have expressed their interest in joining the SWEET network, such as: Curitiba-Parana, Brazil; Barakaldo-Bilbao, Spain; Clermont-Ferrand, France; Angers, France; Tours, France; Toulouse, France; Bordeaux, France; Athens, Greece; Zagreb, Croatia and Tokyo, Japan.

SWEET shows constantly that the interest in a network approach becomes more and more important for pediatric diabetes centers in order to share expertise in treatment and education, improve the quality of care, participate in benchmarking, and gain political power.

Peer Review

The new peer review process has started. Please recognize that the visits take place at the end of the year, and you are still welcome to register as a volunteer to participate as a reviewer.

The following European centers will be visited: Arhus, Denmark; Riga, Latvia; Porto, Portugal; Warsaw, Poland; Athens, Greece; Barcelona, Spain; Kaunas, Lithuania; Cork, Ireland. The centers in Argentina and Costa Rica will be visited as well, but the organization is still in process.

The peer review process is described on our homepage (www.sweet-project.eu -> Activities).

Activities and Publications

The newly elected Vice-Chairman Peter Gerhardsson immediately took on his responsibility for SWEET and met the Chairman Thomas Danne in Hannover, Germany, in May, where they have been very busy: SWEET's objectives for the year and a strategic plan have been worked out (<http://www.sweet-project.eu/relaunch/index.php/2013-03-21-10-04-09/our-organisation-menu-item>). Furthermore they took the chance of a joint brainstorming and created several ideas to push SWEET forward and to keep being successful now and in the future. SWEET sticks to the vision of equal, high quality care for all children with diabetes and makes further progress in its mission of harmonizing care to optimize outcomes in children and adolescents with diabetes. Therefore a great thank-you to the work of all SWEET members!

