



European Respiratory Society

## International Collaborative Effusion (ICE) Database

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# Greetings from the new ICE Chairs

Looking to the future of the ICE Database

Dear colleagues

Greetings from the new chairs of the ICE Database project: **Uffe Bødtger** (Denmark), **Federico Mei** (Italy), **Steven Walker** (UK), and **Jane Shaw** (South Africa). Brief biosketches are included at the end of the newsletter.

Our first task as ICE chairs is to thank Rahul, Nick and Julius. We are honoured to take the reigns from these giants of pleural disease. Under their leadership, ICE has achieved the Phase 1 project goals. Manuscripts on the first four main topics are in advanced stages of drafting, and data are being collected on the fifth topic, Suspected Drug Induced Effusions.

We must now think about the future of ICE.

We are in the process of ensuring that the project retains its ERS badging, and intend to use this platform to boost the global visibility of ICE. Our aim is to expand the membership of ICE, in particular to include more LMICs.

Soon we will circulate a members poll on new topics for the database. Amongst the first questions we will ask is if the membership would support an expansion of the database to **topics other than effusions**. For example, there has been considerable interest in pleural procedures and variability in practice between geographic regions.

We will invite some of our senior members to act as a scientific advisory committee, which we will consult before embarking on a new topic.

Lastly, we will look for new funding opportunities.

Thanks to the hard work of the previous chairs, our collaboration now has a firm foundation on which to build. As the new ICE chairs, we will be ambitious but practical. We will work together to make a real contribution to the sphere of pleural disease, and thereby the wellbeing of all our patients.

## WATCH THIS SPACE!

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