

# WEO Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Deborah Bush MNZM, QSM

The global activity during March has been extraordinary. There have been high teas and concerts, auctions and seminars, media interviews and stories in high profile magazines and newspapers, and gatherings around the world to raise awareness of endometriosis putting the patient perspective and the cause to the fore. What has been exceptional is the level of support WEO members have from research and clinical colleagues and health decision-makers and that doesn't just happen. You make it happen through your professionalism and passion to make a difference. Congratulations to all.

## WELCOME TO NEW WEO ORGANISATION

Endometriose Fællesskabet (The Danish Endometriosis Community).

Julie Sjølin Kiil is the Chairperson and is joined by Anne-Mette Rerup (board member) and Karina Ejgaard Hansen (Vice-Chair).

Please connect with them via their [website](#) and social media pages.

- Facebook: [Endometriose Fællesskabet](#)
- Instagram: [endometriosefællesskabet](#)
- LinkedIn: [Endometriose Faelllesskabet](#)



ENDO.DK

Their logo is outstanding. The Danish Organisation was co-founded by Lone Hummelshoj so it feels most appropriate to warmly welcome them to WEO.

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## WEO SEMINAR SERIES: DO NOT MISS THIS!

We are fortunate and excited to have Ulrik Bak Kirk, the FEMaLe Coordinator & Program Manager, as key note speaker at our next zoom seminar coordinated by Endometriosis UK.

Many of you will have heard about the FEMaLe Project or The Finding Endometriosis using Machine Learning project (FEMaLe), but may not be sure what this is about. It's about all of us and is a seminar not to be missed.

Details: April 19th, 2023 11:00AM London

**Register in advance** for this meeting using the link [herein](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

You may wish to share this WEO webinar with your members and health professionals you work with. If so, each person must register individually.



**WCE2023 in Edinburgh:** We are looking forward to meeting all WEO members at Congress. *There will be a space on the Endometriosis UK stand for you to display flyers about your organization.*

For those not attending, there will be regular tweets and updates from WES and our members for you to stay connected.

### **WEO member-only meeting:**

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 3-5pm. Please register by sending an email to Megan Butterworth, [meganbutterworth@endometriosis-uk.org](mailto:meganbutterworth@endometriosis-uk.org). We will send you the meeting room details in a separate email.

Our meeting will allow time to meet and greet. We will present the WEO survey findings followed by discussions.

**The WEO Symposium** will be on Saturday 6th May 2023 during the morning NETWORKING BREAK which all delegates can attend. Presented by Deborah Bush MNZM, QSM

## **WEO SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:**

WORLD ENDOMETRIOSIS ORGANISATIONS (WEO): THE GLOBAL NETWORK

The World Endometriosis Organisations (WEO) was established at the WCE2017 in Vancouver and now has 39 member organisations from every continent of the world.

This not to be missed networking meeting provides insights into WEO, and how collective collaboration and advocacy contribute to advancing the cause worldwide. The presentation will include an overview from Dr. Matilda Shaked (Professor Sebastian Kwiatkowski, supervisor), from the Pomeranian University in Szczecin, who will demonstrate how WEO helped to recruit patients for their vital [research](#).

*She states, "the large global cohort of our study demonstrates how those with endometriosis, research teams and clinicians can collaborate to expand knowledge and insights to advance understanding of endometriosis and its serious human impact. The impact of Covid-19 on those with endometriosis has world-wide relevance in all settings. The success of our research, would not be possible without the support, guidance and academic expertise from WEO and its members."*



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# AN OFFER FROM LA VOCE DI UNA È LA VOCE DI TUTTE ODV - ITALY

The project of our association “Let's Sit on Yellow Endopank ®” (registered trademark), which to date has more than 170 yellow benches throughout the country, will be exported abroad, thanks to the collaboration with EndoFrance. The Endopank ® project involves a yellow bench on which a plaque is affixed, bearing a QR code, which can be scanned and will trigger an explanatory video on endometriosis. This project in just under two years is leading us to color the whole of Italy yellow, and to break the silence about the disease. We believe it can be a beginning to extend the project to other WEO members as well, so that together we can pursue our common goal! We would love to collaborate. Please contact [vicepresidentealessia@lavocedellendometriosi.it](mailto:vicepresidentealessia@lavocedellendometriosi.it) if you want to know more.



The Endometriosis Foundation of Kenya #EndometriosisAwareness Event in Nairobi, Kenya in collaboration with the EndoCare team at The Aga Khan University Hospital

## UNSTOPPABLE - SRI LANKA

I was excited to send a video clip to the ESAF function UNSTOPPABLE in Sri Lanka – the very last March Awareness activity for 2023. Please send one or two of your favourite MARCH Awareness 2023 photos for a collage to present at the World Congress.

Deborah Bush



Remember to share the your articles, research, photos with captions with a max of 100 words for the upcoming issues sent to Elsie Wandera on [info@endofoundke.org](mailto:info@endofoundke.org).