

PRESIDENT ELECT (ONE CANDIDATE)

Lena Sharp

Qualifications/Credentials: RN, MSc, Specialist in Cancer Care, PhD

Current Position: Head of Department, Regional Cancer Center Stockholm-Gotland, Sweden

Brief Description of Current Role

As Head of Department for one of six Regional Cancer Centers (with approx. 100 employees) in Sweden, I am leading the regional implementation of the Swedish cancer strategy as well as EU's Beating Cancer Plan. This includes the complete cancer trajectory, from cancer prevention to end of life care. A specific task is cancer prevention and early detection of cancer, where I lead teams on national level in Sweden. My role also include research and care quality improvement projects.

Details of Selected and Applicable Positions Held or Awards Gained:

- President of the Swedish Cancer Nursing Society 2009-2011
- Patient safety coordinator, Karolinska University Hospital 2012-2014
- Nurse Director Oncology, Karolinska University Hospital 2009-2014
- President of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) 2017-2019
- EONS Executive Board member 2014-2022
- EONS Advocacy Working Group member 2019-2024
- Project lead, Cancer prevention project; PrEvCan, Cancer prevention Across Europe 2022-2024
- Project lead European Cancer Nursing Index 2019-2024
- Awarded the 1st Health care equality award in Region Stockholm in 2018
- The Robert Tiffany International Award (ISNCC), 2020
- EONS Lifetime achievement award, 2021

Reasons Why the Nominee Is a Good Candidate for the Board of Directors Position:

I have been a cancer nurse since 1985 and have long experience in both clinical cancer nursing, leadership, teaching, supervision, advocacy work and research. My main focus areas in cancer nursing research are patient safety, communication, leadership, inequalities, cancer prevention and cancer care organization. I have a strong commitment in cancer nursing, with more than 10 years' experience of international work. This includes arranging educational events in central and eastern Europe, leading scientific committees for international congresses and also high level advocacy work (mainly impacting recognition, educational opportunities and occupational safety on EU level).