



**Annual report 1.7.2021-30.6.2022**

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## 1. Introduction

The last year has as the years before been revolutionary. When we thought we would start to recover after the last two years of covid-pandemic, we just had to face another challenge - war in Europe. Our Ukrainian midwifery colleagues are really facing hard times, trying to support all the women and children wherever they are in their homes, escaping in their own country or abroad. Also our member organisations of the neighbour countries of Ukraine have faced tough times. We know that the midwives organisations of Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Moldavia have made a lot of efforts to help all the women who cross the borders with their born or unborn children. A great applause to all the heroes that are working for all these women, who desperately need the help. Let's stay together and keep the women safe wherever they come from and wherever they go.

There are additional challenges to deal with. In some European countries midwifery and midwifery education is under threat. Midwifery is in these countries challenged by low staffing levels, inadequate financing, legislative constraints and insurance issues. We observe variations and inequality of care in Europe and not all women in Europe get the compassionate, woman-centred care they all deserve.

EMA is an important catalyst to position midwives and midwifery as central in social health policy in Europe. EMAs role in collaboration among European countries and professional midwifery associations for a stronger midwifery and for an improvement of women's health is now needed more than ever. We will do our utmost to fully support all our members in this disruptive period.

During these years we have been privileged to be members of the Executive Board of the European Midwives Association, which has grown by 20% during the last ten years. We are now, when we already have started the activities for the year 2022-23, 43 member associations from 34 different countries. A great family of common interest in making midwifery more visible and midwives more powerful in their profession.

In this writing moment we feel both happy and sad. Happy because we can after two General Meetings online, meet in real life again. Happy also, because of all those enriching contacts with colleagues from all over Europe during meetings, conferences, and activities of EMA. On the other hand, we both feel sad because time has come for us to say good bye. Anyhow we are so much looking forward to meeting you all in Brussels and welcome you to the General Meeting in real life.

Thank you all for your support we have felt during these years, good luck to EMA, its members and all European midwives in the future. Let's stay connected for ever.

Brussels and Vaasa in August, 2022

Joeri Vermeulen  
Secretary  
Belgium

Eva Matintupa  
Treasurer  
Finland



## 2. Organisation

In 2021-2022, the European Midwives Association consisted of 40 midwifery organisations from 32 European Countries.

EMA has 40 full member organisations

The executive board of EMA currently consists of:

- Agnès Simon                      president                      France
- Melania Tudose                  vice-president                Romania
- Joeri Vermeulen                secretary                      Belgium
- Eva Matintupa                  treasurer                      Finland
- Gergana Nikolova              board member                Bulgaria
- Burçu Yurtsal                  board member                Turkey

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### 3. Members

Country	Member
Austria	Austrian Midwife Association
Belgium	Belgian Midwives Association (BMA)
Bulgaria	Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives
Croatia	Croatian Chamber of Midwives
Cyprus	Cyprus' Nurse and Midwives Association (CyNMA)
Czech Republic	Czech Chamber of Midwives (CKPA)
	Union of Czech Midwives
Denmark	Danish Midwives Association
Estonia	Estonian Midwives Association
Finland	The Federation of Finnish Midwives
France	Conférence Nationale des Enseignants en Maïeutique (CNEMa)
	Collège National des Sages-Femmes de France (CNSF)
Germany	German Association of Midwives
Greece	Hellenic Midwives Association
Iceland	Ljósmaðrafélag Íslands
Ireland	Irish Nurses & Midwives Organisation
Italy	Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini della Professione di Ostetrica (FNOPO)
	Società Italiana di Scienze Ostetrico-Ginecologiche e Neonatali (SYRIO)



Latvia	Latvian Midwives Association
Lithuania	Lithuanian Midwives' Union
Luxembourg	Association Luxembourgeoise des Sages-Femmes (ALSF)
Malta	Malta Midwives Association
	Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses
Republic of Moldova	Moldavian Midwives Association
the Netherlands	Royal Dutch Organisation of Midwives (KNOV)
Norway	The Norwegian Midwife Association
	Midwifeassociation NNO
Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Enfermeiros Obstetras
Romania	Independent Midwives Association (AMI)
Russia	Midwifery network of the Russian Nurses Association
Slovakia	Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives (SKSaPA)
Slovenia	Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia
Spain	Federación de Asociaciones de Matronas de España (FAME)
Sweden	The Swedish Association of Midwives
	The Swedish Association of Health Professionals
Switzerland	Swiss Federation of Midwives
Turkey	Anatolia Midwives Association



	Midwives Association of Turkey
United Kingdom	Association of Radical Midwives
	Royal College of Midwives



## **4. Reports from the board members**

### **4.1 EU COMMISSION**

#### **Directorates DG SANTE**

##### **EU Health Policy Forum (EUPHF) Brussels**

ONLINE events including the thematic or other networks, and discussion boards under EUPHF umbrella

##### **EU Antimicrobial Resistance (ARM)**

Antimicrobial Stakeholder Network meeting took place quarterly online attended by EMA (04/11/21, 29/03/22, 07/06/22)

##### **EU Coalition for Vaccination**

Main activity has been around the IMMUNION project in addition to COVID- 19 associated shared webinars.

Coalition for vaccination is a group of European associations of healthcare professionals and student associations in the field of health and vaccination. It supports delivering accurate information to the public and exchanging best practices.

The Coalition formed a Consortium to develop a proposal bid IMMUNION project to strengthen the Coalition during early 2021. Mervi Jokinen continued as past president of EMA to be part of the Scientific Advisory Group. The president of EMA, also attended the webinars. The IMMUNION project is aiming to develop a useful information/training vaccinations focused website for healthcare professionals and help disseminating it to all healthcare professionals working across Europe. A short video about the project and resources is available and useful tools and resources available in 5 different languages online, additional to opportunity to train the trainers courses via website. EMA completed the midterm evaluation in March 2022.

There is an opportunity to join the Expert database;

Linked webinars [www.coalitionforvaccination.com](http://www.coalitionforvaccination.com) re COVID-19 vaccinations took place organised by EU and WHO Euro were attended.

Webinar on Vaccine hesitancy and uptake in the EU Joint Action on Vaccination 14th February 2022

##### **DG Sante & European Medicines Agency**

EMA's president and past-president and EBCOG president were invited to discuss with health commissioner Stella Kyriakides how to clarify, improve the communication for pregnant



women, and professionals on covid 19 vaccination. The commissioner wanted to have our advice before the European Medicines Agency issued a statement on the subject 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Another Meeting with the health commissioner to exchange views on the challenges around COVID-19 vaccination of adolescents and children took place 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the participants were also nurse associations, paediatrician associations etc.

**European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) An agency of the European Union**

EMA continues to collaborate with ECDC in relevant areas of their activities.

**DG Sante : study supporting the final evaluation of the third health programme 2014- 2020 (the Programme)**

The overall aim of this study is to monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation and results of actions undertaken by the Programme.

EMA executive board members were invited to give their insight in June on the relevance, the added value, coherence of the programme's actions.

**European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (EADC) An agency of the European Union**

EMA continues to collaborate with EADC in relevant areas of their activities.

**The Vaccine Hesitancy and Uptake Network**

EMA is a member of this additional Agora Platform Network.

**COVID-19: Mental Health Support Network**

Activity within this network has centred around EMA as a partner in COST\_ACTION RISEUP-PPD separate report

**Nobody Left Outside:** Improving access to healthcare for vulnerable and marginalised groups (NLO), Network

**Migration and Health EMA Network**

Migration and Health: Training for Professionals (Thematic Network) especially the e-learning platform.

**Patient Engagement Open Forum Network**

**Profiling and training the health care workers of the future** (Thematic Network)



## **4.2 Strengthening Midwifery Associations and other stakeholder or partnership activities**

### **EMA Board**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, EMA GM, virtual meeting

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24<sup>th</sup> October 2021, virtual board meeting

15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, virtual board meeting

5<sup>th</sup> March 2022, virtual board meeting

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2022, hybrid board meeting, Helsinki, Finland and online

### **Strengthening Member Associations**

EMA took all the opportunities to discuss, share common visions with midwifery associations

#### ***Romanian Midwives***

EMA sent letters of support for the Romanian' midwives and urged the authorities to not close the penultimate Romanian academic midwifery programme from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest. Also, it requested to sustain the midwifery profession through its reintegration in the mother and child healthcare pathway from institutions and from the primary care.

By invitation of the Erasmushogeschool of Brussels 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Board Member and Romanian delegate presented: "The midwives' caravan" - a project created for facilitating the presence of midwives into the communities, especially in those vulnerable, to be with the pregnant women and to give a chance for childbearing women to receive a prenatal education and some basic services.

EMA participated at the WHO's online event "The future of Midwives in the pandemic present" organized by the World Health Organization Country Office in Romania on 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. The main scope was to raise awareness about the Role of midwives at all levels of healthcare. in Romania and implement solutions that were previously suggested by an WHO analysis a few month before this meeting.

#### ***Bulgarian Midwives***

EMA was asked for support and has been actively involved in supporting the dialogue the Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives had with the Bulgarian Governance. The letter was to support the "Regulation of midwifery practice and professional standards for midwives in Bulgaria" and was addressed to The Health Commission of the National Assembly of Bulgaria. It was acknowledged and mentioned in one of the sessions of the Commission.

#### ***Polish Association of Midwives***

The Polish Association of Midwives has from 2022-23 become a full member of EMA. EMA took the opportunity of the EBCOG congress in Krakow in 2023 to discuss with the President of the importance for the Polish Midwives association to join EMA.



The secretary of EMA met with the President of the Polish Association of Midwives, Polish midwives and representatives of maternity care. He also gave a presentation about “Midwifery collaboration in Europe, the role of EMA” and officially welcomed the Polish association as member of EMA

#### ***Ukrainian midwives association***

EMA is in contact with the Ukrainian Midwives Section of the Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Ukraine (AOGU). It is for them of paramount importance that they join EMA. There were emails exchanges but the request as of June 30<sup>th</sup> is not yet official. The war has disrupted many institutions and associations.

#### ***APEO***

There was an informal meeting with a Portuguese delegate of APEO (Portugal) early July in Faro.

#### ***Moldavian Association of Midwives***

The vice\_president of EMA attended to the online conference "Covid-19 Pandemic, attitudes, controversies and challenges in perinatal care" 2nd of December 2021, organized by the Moldavian' Association of Midwives. Besides the image of the psychological profile of women' during pandemic she presented some aspects of midwives' emotional experiences and some types of coping.

#### ***Serbian Midwives Association***

EMA would like to welcome the newest member the Serbian Midwives Association, member from 2022-23. This is another great opportunity to share experience, knowledge and support within the European midwifery family.

### **4.3 EBCOG**

EMA has attended the online councils and continues to participate as an invited member to EBCOG Council

The collaboration with EBCOG is important and EMA needs to strengthen the links that have been weakened during the pandemic. Having missed the informal opportunities, outside set formal meetings, to discuss challenging topics involving midwives and obstetricians, these have stayed on hold. Topics such as involving users associations, joint approach on maternal health within the national policies and many others are needed.

In 2021-22 the May council was partly on line/face to face. Because of a surge of Covid 19 in southern Europe : the president, the secretary were on line; EMA's president attended on line as well.

They were many exchanges/ discussions with the President of EBCOG especially to prepare the meeting with commissioner Stella Kyriakides.

The new secretariat of EBCOG is very helpful to arrange video meetings and to forward requests to the different EBCOG country delegates.



#### **4.4 European Professional organisations**

Board member supported the Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives in their talks with the Ministry of Health and Workforce in the effort that the midwifery profession is recognised as an independent vocation and the midwifery colleagues are acknowledged and supported with appropriate work structure; guidelines and strategies for the future.

On the 5th May, one of the presentations during the Virtual International Day of the Midwives was presented by the Maternity team of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS UK. Their presentation reflected on “Bringing the passion back to midwifery to provide better care for mothers and babies” and was supported by EMA’s board member

#### **4.5 EU END FGM**

The CHAIN project EU conference, “Linking the prevention on female genital mutilation (FGM) and early and forced marriage (EFM)” was 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 arranged as a hybrid international conference

EMA will continue to participate in the projects of End FGM and disseminate their works

#### **4.6 EU, WHO, European Medicine Agency Stakeholder**

Series of Webinars on COVID-19 hosted by EU and/or WHO, as well as the European Medicine Agency Stakeholder meetings took place throughout the year.

##### **Midwifery Unit European Network**

##### **European Medicines Agency (EMA\*)**

EMA is regularly collaborating and has regular communication with the European Medicines Agency. In November 2021 the official application for eligibility was started. To be eligible members, our website needs to meet specific criteria (transparency of funding, budget) and the upgrade, relooking of our website is a work in progress. A board member will be the main contact person with the European Medicines Agency and she had discussions regarding EMA’s application. The required paperwork has been submitted and we hope that the official announcement will follow shortly. The benefit for all EMA members is that most experienced clinicians and colleagues from all European countries will have the opportunity to take part and attend the technical meetings. Once we are approved as an eligible member, a board member will be updating the members in relation to different opportunities and activities. Very exciting time for all of us and our profession to shine and be involved, once again, with collaboration with other European organisations. As written EMA was consulted by DG SANTE before the European Medicines Agency issued a statement on COVID 19 vaccination and pregnancy. EMA Stakeholder meeting was 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

ConcePTION workshop: Moving pregnancy pharmacovigilance into the 21st century 25th January 2022.



## 4.7 Networks

### **European Midwifery Regulators (NEMIR)**

There were two meetings, one in late June and one in mid-October 2021, 10 European midwifery regulators countries and EMA participated. The main topics were, state of Covid 19 vaccination, Annex V.5 related to midwives, comparative study on the midwifery profession, prescriptions of medicines and medical exams in Member states and main developments at EU level regarding health and midwives.

The French Chamber who had the lead did not organise other meetings probably because of the turmoil regarding the midwifery profession in France. EMA published a summary of the open letter of the President of the French chamber in the Health Professionals Crossing Borders (HPCB) Newsletter. EMA's President was interviewed by the communication officer of the French regulators for an article in their newsletter on the role, work and impact of EMA.

<https://www.hpcb.org.uk/en/news/archives-de-nouvelles/midwives-in-france>

### **Patient Access Partnership (PACT)**

PACT enables different health stakeholders to join forces to develop, drive and propose to the EU, EU member states sustainable solutions to ensure equitable patients 'access to quality healthcare.

EMA is an official partner of PACT and actively contribute to the work of PACT. As such EMA agreed on key principles supporting the notion of access: Availability, Adequacy, Accessibility, Affordability, Appropriateness.

EMA attended virtually the hybrid PACT Partners Assembly Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The meeting incorporated the PACT Annual report which also included the work plan for 2022 and the structure of future engagements. EMA's Board Member introduced EMA's purpose and the structure and expressed the wish for closer collaboration and stronger engagement in future projects. As part of the process of prioritisation, the meeting explored different topics including investment in the schools curriculums; the influx of the pandemic and others, with one of the most discussed topic was the digitalisation of the healthcare services. The 3 top priorities will be agreed by the end of September 2022. EMA is nominated for steering committee member. A board member is designated to be EMA's main contact person for PACT is board member .

Starting in 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, EMA discussed with EPF to identify a user's group related to perinatal care. It was also agreed that the EPF Head of Governance working group will send the 'Memorandum of understanding' looking to build better collaboration between different organisations and EPF. The current EPF project 'Young people and sexual health' was discussed with potential engagement between the two organisations. EMA discussed with EPF to identify a user's group related to perinatal care in January.

EMA's President has discussed with a French Users Group to convince them to start working on a perinatal /maternity users group at EU level.

### **European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC)**



The aim of the forum is to promote the health of the population by promoting strong primary care. This is done by advocating for primary care, generating data and evidence on Primary care and very important exchanging information between members.

In November 2021 there was an introduction to EPFC team. President had a very positive introductory meeting with the coordinator of EFPC. EMA's involvement was discussed and collaboration topics as advocacy for midwives as primary care givers in maternal health, adolescent health, mental health were discussed. It was also decided that EMA would apply to be part of the EPFC advisory board.

There was an another, informal, face to face meeting in April in Utrecht, strong collaboration was discussed.

A board member will be the focal point, the nomination for Advisory Board member was approved in June by EFPC Executive Board. At General Assembly in Ghent 26<sup>th</sup> September EMA's board member will give an "elevator pitch" speaking during the EFPC annual council and will hopefully be selected to a new advisory board member of EFPC

Two EMA's board members were interviewed for a thesis on Interprofessional collaboration supervised by EFPC.

EMA will attend the EFPC 2022 Conference in Ghent 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **Health Professionals Crossing Borders (HPCB)**

HPCB is an informal partnership of professional healthcare regulators. The purpose is to support patient safety in Europe through effective regulation across Europe.

EMA has been collaborating with HPCB, thanks to the active implication of former president in regulators network NEMIR and EMA's work on Annex 5.

EMA contributed to the HPCB Update (newsletter) in autumn 2021

<https://www.hpcb.org.uk/en/news/archives-de-nouvelles/midwives-in-france> and in spring 2022 <https://www.hpcb.org.uk/en/news/archives-de-nouvelles/midwives-providing-companionate-safe-care-for-mothers-and-babies>

### **European Foundation for the Care of the New-born Infant (EFCNI)**

EFCNI is a pan European organisation and network to represent the interests of preterm infant and their families. They bring together parents, health workers, scientists with the common goal of improving the long term health of pre-term and new born infants and their families.

EMA supported EFCNI at the "world prematurity Day 2021"

### **European Institute of Women Health (EIWH)**

EIWH is a nongovernmental organisation (NGO) that promotes gender equity in public health, research and policies across Europe.



EMA participated in reviewing the report of EIWH comprehensive, detailed study on the State of play on Maternal Health.

EMA participated virtually in the launch of the report on the 26 of January. Past President of EMA was invited to write a foreword to the report. The launch of the report has been severely delayed and may be available by the end of the summer 2022.

The plan of EIWH is to put an expert panel group together to ensure that the recommendations reach the responsible and relevant policy makers.

### **Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) and Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM)**

Past president of EMA will continue to work on some ongoing projects, but most of the activities are passed to the next president.

In January 2022, the president of EMA attended a FEAM workshop in Paris: “How Europe should prepare and respond to cross-border health threats”

EMA and CPME have been collaborating on mental Health. In March there was a webinar “The health work force – in need of booster for mental protection and violence prevention.”

EMA also collaborates with CPME in EU Health Policy Networks, recognition and support for health care professionals arriving in EU member states from Ukraine.

## **4.8 Executive Board Projects**

### **EMA and ICM**

Early April, there was a meeting in The Hague between the president of the International confederation of midwives and EMA. It was an informal and cheerful meeting. The main point was how to best cooperate in the European Region. All need to be complementary and to have a clear field of actions and missions to have a stronger voice.

ICM is undergoing important governance changes. It will impact the regions and especially the European region. EMA shall be able to work closely with the European region office and it will be clearer for both members of ICM and EMA who is in charge of what.

### **Supporting women rights to safe abortion**

EMA is a co-signatory of the statement issued by FIGO on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. As the US Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade, global health care organisations call on all governments to defend access to safe and quality abortion care. <https://www.figo.org/us-supreme-court-overturns-roe-v-wade-global-organisations-defend-abortion>

### **Initiating a User’s Group in perinatal, maternal care**

There is no users group in maternal, perinatal care at EU level. EMA advocates for the organisation of an umbrella organisation at EU level.



In many EU countries, users groups are invited in perinatal, women health policy making, they often participate in the scientific committees of medical guidelines and recommendation and sometimes congresses. The ongoing activity is the very early steps.

#### **COST-ACTION RISE UP- PPD**

Web meetings with the Group 6 continued throughout the year and utilizing social media re the project and EMA support. The main COST-Action meetings took place online 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November and in person on 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 in Malta. Unfortunately unable to attend in person but joined working group presentations online. EMA attended 2 training webinars in addition to reviewing research papers. Recent activity within WG6 EMA is member of has been organizing an international online conference which is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The past president of EMA is presenting behalf of EMA on the first day.

More information on RISEUP-PPD website

#### **Transforming Transnational Intercultural Sensitivity for Midwifery Students through an Inclusive Mobility Model (TOTEMM)**

The project has continued via online activities but first face to face meeting for the students took place in May. There are planned webinars Newsletters available [here](#)

#### **4.9 Articles by Board and national members**

Midwives in France - extinction & rebellion

<https://www.hpcb.org.uk/en/news/archives-de-nouvelles/midwives-in-france>

Midwives: providing companionate safe care for mothers and babies. Healthcare Professionals crossing borders newsletter-March 2022

<https://www.hpcb.org.uk/en/news/archives-de-nouvelles/midwives-providing-companionate-safe-care-for-mothers-and-babies>

Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on midwifery-led service provision in the UK in 2020-21: findings of three national surveys (2022). .

Open access <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0266613822001425?via%3Dihub>

Strengthening global midwifery education to improve quality maternity care: Co-designing the World Health Organization Midwifery Assessment Tool for Education (MATE), (2022)

Billie Hunter, Grace Thomas, Radka Wilhelmová, Petya Trendafilova, Aurelija Blaževičienė, Lynn Lynch, Mervi Jokinen, Nurse Education in Practice

Open access <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1471595322000907?via%3Dihub>

Defining midwifery autonomy in Belgium: Consensus of a modified Delphi study (2022) Journal of Advanced Nursing

doi: 10.1111/jan.15209 <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jan.15209>

French-speaking Africa and translation: From midwifery to maïeutique? (2022). European Journal of Midwifery

doi: 10.18332/ejm/146546 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35633752/>



#### **4.10 Other stakeholder or partnership activities**

##### **Precon Net**

EMA was a supporting partner in the [Precon Net](#)-project and made in November 2021 a statement regarding the results of the project. The expert opinion from European Midwives association is that the approach used throughout the model and handbook really draws the reader into the world of the real-life and decision-making process. It is a great tool for students, junior colleagues, and women as the different chapters not just explain all aspects of modern life and the reproductive health of every family, but link and 'shake' almost all risk factors we choose/or not to introduce to our lives. EMA did through its members spread the results of the project. The project results were also distributed to EMA partners such as the European Forum of Primary Care (EFPC) and Network of European Midwifery Regulator (NEMIR) and a link is also found at EMA website

<https://webpages.tuni.fi/preco/>

##### **WHO, WHO CC and European Forum for National Nursing and Midwifery Associations (EFNNMA)**

EMA continues to collaborate with WHOCC Cardiff Midwifery through EMA's Past President on the Advisory Board. An article, see 4.9, was published re work undertaken under auspices of EMA. The work with EFNNMA also links with EMA agenda regarding influencing and promoting midwifery. Building better together roadmap to guide implementation of the global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery in the WHO European Region was launched January 2022. Some case studies from midwifery have been included on the website and we continue to search for more. Webinar linked to the Roadmap have started organized by EFNNMA. 2nd webinar is to take place on 29th September 2022 on data as the topic. SoWMy report will be part of the programme

#### **4.11 Conferences/Congresses**

##### **European Healthcare Fraud and corruption network (EHFCN)**

The congress was 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Past President participated and provided a video statement intervention.

##### **International conference, St Petersburg, Russia**

EMA was invited and represented by a board member to the conference where the motto was 'Important aspects in midwifery practice: the importance of 15 minutes in midwifery practice'.

##### **EIWH Maternity**

A webinar was held 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, EMA's Past President was a panel member.



**6th Biennial Conference – Beyond the call of duty –ICON 2022-Indus Hospital Health Network- Karachi –Pakistan-January 2022 (on line)**

EMA's president had a presentation "A midwife in the 18<sup>th</sup> century started simulation training for midwives- The impact today"

**Royal Society of Medicine forum In London (England)**

The aim of the conference was to highlight the success stories of global medical colleagues, in providing innovative practices, using an inter-professional approach to deliver care in the community and general practice. EMA presented "Models of maternity care in Europe: environment; barriers and attributes of interprofessional collaboration with midwives".

**"First in Midwifery Symposium", Atatürk University Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Midwifery, online March 11<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Turkish delegate and board Member held a presentation titled "International Organisation in Midwifery" as an invited speaker

**10th Jubilee Academy for midwives in Bulgaria, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Long postponed by the pandemic, the conference arranged by the Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives took place in Plovdiv. The motto was "The Future for midwives and Midwifery Practice" and was attended by approximately 200 midwives. More than 20 multidisciplinary and multiagency national and international lectures took place to presented innovation; new projects and achievements. The Academy was acknowledged by members of the Governance and National Organisations. EMA's Vice-President and Board Member together with the president of the Alliance opened the Congress in the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. EMA's presentations were based on the current challenges for our profession and the impact for the future. EMA's Vice-President presented the "Psychological profile of women who gave birth in Covid 19 Pandemic" including many examples of the influxes of the Pandemic and the rest of the challenges in Europe. EMA's board member presented the "Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025 which was discussed during the 9th Triad meeting: WHO, ICN, ICM". The Global Strategy and briefing of the meeting were then presented to the Bulgarian Ministry of Health

**World Midwives Day Events Department of Midwifery, Faculty of Health Sciences, Çankırı University, online 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Turkish delegate and EMA's Board member was an invited speaker on the subject of "International Organisation in Midwifery and ICM 100 Years of Progress"

**Nordic Midwifery Congress, Helsinki, May 2022**

EMA's Secretary attended the Nordic Midwifery Congress in Helsinki, organised by the Finnish Federation of Midwives. He presented a study on "Midwifery professionalisation".

**International Midwifery Symposium, Ege University Health Sciences Faculty Midwifery Department and Mongolia University Midwifery Department, online 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.**

Turkish Delegate and board member was invited as a speaker on the subject "ICM 100 Years Progress"



**International Symposium, Ege University, online 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Turkish Delegate and board member was invited as chairperson of the session titled "History of Organisation and Scientific Development in Midwifery".

**8th International 12th National Congress of Midwifery Students(Ankara, Turkey) online, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

5 EMA's executive board members were representing EMA at a whole session presented Midwifery Collaboration in Europe, Towards a Consensus Definition of Midwifery Autonomy in Belgium, Midwives Attitude and Experience in Women's Care during Pandemic and War Times, Midwifery, Leadership and Motherhood, Mobile Application in Midwifery: Transform New Technology To Midwifery

**2nd International Anatolian Midwives Association Congress, 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

EMA was an invited speaker at the "One-Century Development of Midwifery" session with the subject "European Midwives Association (EMA) Board of Directors Activities and Future Vision".

**6th European Congress on Intrapartum Care (ECIC 2023)**

EMA is part of the organising committee of ECIC 2023 (European congress on intrapartum care). EMA's Past President is co-president of the congress, 3 members of the executive board of EMA are members of the scientific committee.

The congress will be held in Belgrade, Serbia 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**EBCOG 2023 Congress in Krakow, Poland**

It took some time before EMA was involved in the planning. The collaboration between Polish midwives and Polish obstetricians seemed complex. EMA really wanted the Polish midwives to participate to the EBCOG congress in Krakow.

The sponsors are reluctant to have midwives as participants.

It was challenging but thanks to the Polish Delegate of EBCOG and to the president of the Polish Association of Midwives . The Polish Midwives will have key speakers

**FIGO**

EMA is part of FIGO PARIS 2023, International federation of obstetricians and gynaecologists world congress

EMA's President is part of the organisation committee

**4.12 Website and social media**

EMA is now on the most common social media platforms, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. Follow us on all of them

EMA's website is being relooked and updated thanks to the expertise of the Slovenian delegate and her team.



Video, with the contribution of midwifery colleagues across Europe, for which EMA's board is really grateful, was produced and disseminated to celebrate Winter festive season and Christmas 2021

A short video, to celebrate The International Day of the Midwife, was produced and uploaded on EMA's Facebook page. The video was produced and directed entirely by midwifery colleague's children from Romania, Finland, Turkey, Greece, England and Bulgaria.