

Training for clinical trial coordinators in health care facilities

(8 – 9 November 2021)

The Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, through the Institute of Research and Development/BioHub, organized a certified training for clinical trial coordinators in health care facilities, investigators, nurses and pharmacists. The training was aimed at providing information on Good Clinical Practice in Clinical Trials as well as practical aspects of conducting clinical trials in health care facilities. SLOVACRIN gave a presentation on academic clinical trials, introduced the cooperation with ECRIN and presented the collaborating hospitals and its projects.

Slovak International Clinical Trials Day 2019 (Slovak ICTD 2019)

(31 May 2019)



The Slovak International Clinical Trials Day ICTD 2019 took place on May 30th 2019 in Bratislava with the participation of ECRIN Director General Jacques Demotes and leaders of national infrastructures within V4 countries, i.e. CZECRIN which based at the Masaryk University in Brno, HECRIN at the University of Pécs in Hungary and representatives from Poland. Slovakia was represented by the CEO of SLOVACRIN and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of P. J. Šafárik University in Kosice prof. Daniel Pella.

The conference was opened by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic Stanislav Špánik.

The direction of Slovakia in the area of support for academic clinical trials and biomedicine was presented by representatives of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic and the State Institute for Drug Control. Several Slovak doctors and researchers presented the benefits of selected academic clinical trials, and in particular cases suggested possible forms of cooperation with SLOVACRIN. At the same time, they expressed their gratitude to the representatives of the Faculty of Medicine for such an initiative.



Press release:

<https://www.health.gov.sk/Clanok?ecrin-konferencia-clinical-days>

International Clinical Trials Day in Prague

(15 May 2019)

The SLOVACRIN infrastructure was introduced at the International Clinical Trials Day in Prague. **The International Clinical Trials Day 2019 took place on Tuesday the 14th of May, 2019 at the Senate of the Czech Republic, where the SLOVACRIN infrastructure**

established under the Medical Faculty of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice was also presented.

“As part of this prestigious event, representatives of the Czech Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education agreed on the significant benefits of clinical trials for the availability of innovative treatments for patients. At the same time, they highlighted the contribution of large international infrastructures such as the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN), which brings together scientific partners and clinical research networks in Europe” says Medical Director Beata Čecetkova, MD., PhD., according to whom the participants of the event emphasized the need to strengthen further competitiveness and systematic funding of such activities.

Training for Coordinators and Heads of Clinical Trials Departments in Medical Facilities

(27 April 2019)

On April 25 – 26th 2019, the “Training for Coordinators and Heads of Clinical Trials Departments in Medical Facilities” took place in Bratislava, attended by almost 80 participants, mainly from hospitals under the authority of the Ministry of Health, as well as other health care providers, representatives of research institutions and universities.

The two-day event was moderated by the Medical Director of Infrastructure SLOVACRIN, covered by the Faculty of Medicine of P. J. Šafárik University in Košice Beata Čecetková, MD., PhD. and the representatives of SLOVACRIN also presented presentations about pharmacovigilance and other aspects of clinical trials. The training was implemented in accordance with the order of the Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic Andrea Kalavská, according to which all hospitals conducting biomedical research and clinical trials have established a department of biomedical research since January 2019 and these new areas of expertise required training.



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<http://www.health.gov.sk/Clanok?skolenie-klinicke-skusanie>

The 1st national meeting SLOVACRIN

(23 March 2019)



The Faculty of Medicine of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice organized the first national meeting SLOVACRIN. This meeting was held on the occasion of the establishment of the Slovak academic research infrastructure, the part of European research infrastructure ECRIN-ERIC, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Kosice on Friday 22nd March 2019.

The event was organized by the Faculty of Medicine, the national scientific partner of that pan-European organization focused on various forms of academic clinical research and

international biomedical scientific projects. The Faculty of Medicine is going to coordinate all activities of this research infrastructure implemented in the Slovak Republic under the auspices of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic.

“ECRIN (European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network) is a non-profit association which connects scientific partners and networks across the Europe. The Slovak Republic became a part of this pan-European organization focused on all forms of clinical research last year, while the foundations of the establishment of the Slovak Clinical Research Infrastructure Network – SLOVACRIN have been carefully prepared since 2017. Slovakia was introduced as a candidate country and subsequently admitted as an observer country after demanding negotiations at the ECRIN Assembly of Members in May 2018. The national foundations of the future network were laid at a meeting at the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic on September 11th 2018,” explains the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice and the CEO of SLOVACRIN prof. Daniel Pella, M.D., PhD.

The current members of ECRIN are France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the Czech Republic. The Slovak Republic, like Switzerland, has an observer status so far, which means that they have only an advisory vote, but have gained full access to the full range of the ECRIN services. The observer status also allows us the full access to the ECRIN support and enables us the full involvement in the international space of academic clinical trials.

A great advantage of the cooperation of Slovakia with this European research infrastructure is the possibility of involving Slovak doctors and researchers in the pre-clinical and clinical research and cooperation with similarly oriented European workplaces, that represent the absolute top in the field.

Press release:

[https://www.upjs.sk/public/media/12133/2019-03-22%20%20TS LF %20UPJS 1.%20narodne %20stretnutie %20SLOVACRIN u.pdf](https://www.upjs.sk/public/media/12133/2019-03-22%20%20TS%20LF%20UPJS%201.%20narodne%20stretnutie%20SLOVACRIN%20u.pdf)

SLOVACRIN introductory meeting

(12 September 2018)



SLOVACRIN introductory meeting took place on September the 11th 2018 in Bratislava at the Ministry of Health where the Slovak Republic has become part of the international research infrastructure ECRIN, which brings and supports clinical trials, preclinical research as well as the development of innovative diagnostics and therapy. The infrastructure of SLOVACRIN was established as part of this international pan-European organization. Slovakia is currently in the ECRIN research infrastructure as an observer with the potential to participate in academic clinical trials in the future and to bring innovative treatment to patients.



Press release:

<http://www.health.gov.sk/Clanok?slovensko-sa-stalo-sucastou-europskej-vyskumnej-spicky>

Slovakia Becomes an Observer

(17 June 2018)

Slovakia is ECRIN's newest Observer country, having joined in July 2018. ECRIN's Slovak national scientific partner is 'SLOVACRIN' – Slovak Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, headquartered at the Faculty of Medicine of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. The main aim was to involve Slovak scientists, physicians and researchers in clinical

research, cooperation with top European research partners, to improve the access of Slovak patients to innovative treatment of serious diseases through clinical trials and to increase the number and quality of academically initiated clinical trials in Slovakia using available capacities and expertise, knowledge, research and development in the field of medical sciences.

Assembly of Members, Budapest

(11 May 2018)



Prof. Daniel Pella presented Slovakia and the future national scientific partner, the Faculty of Medicine of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, at the ECRIN Assembly of Members meeting in Budapest in May 2018. Representatives of individual member countries heard a detailed presentation of SLOVACRIN vision and agreed on the full acceptance of the Faculty of Medicine as an adequate partner to other European scientific and academic institutions representing their countries within ECRIN (European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network).