

Dear EURAG members,

the first EURAG zoom meeting on May 28th was very successful despite the fact that with Razi, Rosemarie and Rita the technique failed. Some new members arrived at the last minute such as Tiina and Rikela. Pavel Kalvach was able to listen to the recording only but was very impressed by its content. We all enjoyed being virtually together and being able to share our feelings, observations, facts and opinions about the prospective COVID 19 situation in our countries. The question that we dealt with was:

According to you, what are the negative and the positive consequences of this health crisis for older persons in your country?

Attached you will find the press release, as a reflection of our meeting on May 28th, issued by The EURAG presidium which you are encouraged to distribute through media in your own country and add some lines of local importance. You have already got invitation from Monique Epstein from e-seniors from Paris to our next zoom meeting on June 22nd. Please, think about what we can learn from the present pandemics which we will discuss on June 22nd. Below is the list of participants from May 28th, please apply to Monique for June 22nd and put me in a copy.

I have a request from Vandana Vyas, a student from India, presently working on her Ph.D. at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, who attended our zoom meeting as an observer:

First of all, thank you so much for making me part of this, it was a pleasure being in the meeting. For me, it was an enriching experience. The questions raised on COVID 19 are crucial today. I am interested in interacting more on COVID situation and the impact on older adults. Therefore, I would like to make a request, if possible, I would like to have detailed interactions with the participants of the group (one on one), only if they agree. Please, agree and get in touch with Vandana on vandana.vyas5188@gmail.com

The second request and an invitation comes from Carmen Stadelhofer:

Save the Date: Friday July 10/ Saturday July 11, 2020

Virtual Conference and partner meeting of the Danube-Networkers

"Share and care - New ways for care, communication and cooperation of elderly people along the Danube and in Europe in times of COVID-19".

I will send you more about this conference in my next e-mail.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing you again on June 22nd.

Warm regards

Dana Steinova

EURAG Secretary General