

## RES-Q+ Newsletter - February, March 2024

## Dear RES-Q+ partners, colleagues, supporters, and friends,

We are pleased to present the latest issue of the RES-Q+ Newsletter, detailing our activities throughout February and March. Within this edition, you will find essential administrative updates and forthcoming meeting schedules. Additionally, discover insightful profiles of our RES-Q+ project clinical partners: Noelia Rodriguez from VHIR and Bogdan Casaru from UHB.

With the upcoming spring, we also wish you a happy Easter and a relaxing time spent with your families and loved ones.

Thank you for your great work and cooperation.

Your Project Management Team

Today we will continue with other clinical partners of RES-Q+, please meet a globetrotter Noelia from VHIR and a sportsman Bogdan from UHB. Thank you both for your time!

Noelia, you recently started working on the RES-Q+ project, how did you come by it and how do you like it?

Nowadays, I am working in Vall d'Hebron Institute of Research in Carlos Molina's team and he offered me to be involved in this interesting project because of my interest in this field of knowledge. I believe that RES-Q+ is a unique opportunity to deepen our knowledge about stroke and their treatment, and to automatize some processes that are time-consuming.

You've been working in VHIR for 9 years now, what do you do there beside the RES-Q+ project? At my work I combine my clinical activity with clinical research, especially focused on strokes due to atherosclerotic etiology. Moreover, I developed my PhD thesis about hyperacute endovascular treatment of tandem occlusions.

### What are your hobbies, how do you relieve stress?

I love reading, it is something that I always do before going to sleep. Besides, I love playing board games with my family. On weekends, I love going out with my family and friends, visiting new places and performing new activities. But what I like the most is traveling around the world.

Where do you come from and what do you like most about the Spanish culture? I was born in Sabadell, a town next to Barcelona. I think Spain is incredibly rich in terms of culture as a result of the many civilizations from which we have been nurtured. Therefore, Spanish culture is amazing, not only for the gastronomy (which it is known worldwide) but also for the literature, architecture and painting, for example.



Bogdan, you work with the ESO EAST delegate professor Cristina Tiu, who brought you to the RES-Q+ project. How did you become a part of it and what do you like it?

It all started during my first years of residency as a fresh neurologist in training in University Hospital Bucharest, when I've discovered my passion for the cerebrovascular pathology. I've always wanted to improve the level of

care, not just for my patients, but for all the patients from Romania who had suffered a stroke, and that's when I first came across the RES-Q project. I've learned that if you want to develop a better functional health system, the first step is to collect data in order to get a better picture of the situation, and RES-Q did just that. Naturally, when I found out from my coordinator, Prof. Dr. Cristina Tiu, that there is a new project on the Horizon which aims at optimising the data entry intro RES-Q, I said "yes, please". This is what I like most about RES-Q+, it is a project that will improve the level of care we offer our patients through data and the good use of technology.

## What other things do you work on?

Apart from the RES-Q+ project, my day-to-day work is focused on the Stroke Unit of the University Hospital Bucharest. Together with my team we are trying to establish new standard of care protocols for our clinic in order to improve the patient flow and to make it more efficient. One other aspect that I am keen on is the collaboration with the Angels Initiative which offers me the opportunity to share the knowledge I've gathered and to exchange ideas with other colleagues from other hospitals in the country.

### You are very keen on sports, how would you perfect day look like?

My perfect day would be waking up in a cozy lodge in the mountains, with fresh snow on the ski slopes, I would take my snowboard for a couple of runs down the mountain and then just have a nice dinner with friends or family. Outside the hospital I spend my time mostly doing some sort of sport: basketball and tennis are my favourite ones and cycling comes in a close third place. Travelling has also been a hobby of mine, and whenever I discover a new city, I just enjoy walking around the streets, observe the people and the scenery, taste the local food so that in the end I can identify the particularity of that place.



# Where are you from, what do you like most about the Romanian culture?

I was born in Braila, Romania, a city-port by the Danube (almost at the end of it) and I moved to Bucharest after high school to study medicine. Since then, I've built myself a life here, and although I am not a big fan of capital cities, it is a vibrant city which gives me the energy to try to accomplish more. Romania has a special vibe to it and I think that comes from the fact that we managed to conserve a little bit from all the cultures that had an impact on our country throughout history, and the best example is our language. If you will hear someone speaking in Romanian, you will never be able to tell if he is from a Latin country (mostly we are confused with Italians) or from some far Eastern European country with Slavic roots, and I find that amazing.

Prepared by Eliska Navratilova, ICRC

## Administrative information

### **Publications**

Based on our project proposal, we are obliged to publish certain publications as an output of our communication strategy. The goal is to have at least two publications per year with our research oriented towards communities outside the medical field such as IT, Legal, and Data, and three publications in medical field per year. All papers should be in high-impact journals. We encourage your active participation! Please, contribute to the project publication plan here.

## In-person meeting in Aalborg

The next in-person meeting will take place <u>from 2 PM 24 April to 11 AM 26 April</u> in Aalborg, Denmark. Please book these dates and also accommodation for attending the meeting. More practical information you can find <u>here</u>. WP leaders please add your topics to the <u>agenda</u>.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that the upcoming meeting will be attended in person by two members of the Ethics Committee, Joan McLeod and Radek Halouzka. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss any pertinent points with them.

## RES-Q+ Review and rehearsal meeting

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming RES-Q+ Project Review Meeting with the Project Officer from the European Commission and external reviewers (Anca Ioana Daniela BUCUR - Philips Research and Vítor Pedro TEDIM Ramos CRUZ - Hospital Pedro Hispano, Local Health Unit of Matosinhos) scheduled for <u>July 18</u>. The meeting will be held online and is anticipated to span the entire day. Participation of all partners is mandatory. Additionally, a rehearsal meeting is planned for <u>July 15</u> online. We ask for at least one representative from each

partner and the attendance of all work package leaders. Your cooperation and active participation are greatly appreciated as we prepare for the official review meeting.

#### Clinical input meetings

Join us for our monthly meeting with clinical partners, scheduled for every second Wednesday of the month from 3 PM to 3:45 PM CET. Our first meeting will be held on April 10. We invite all partners seeking feedback from clinicians to participate.

#### Joint controller agreement

The latest version of the Joint controller agreement has been prepared and shared by Timelex. We kindly request partners feedback and comments on this document by April 3. Your input is invaluable in finalizing this agreement, ensuring it aligns with our collective objectives and requirements. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### Milestones and deliverables

Two deliverables and three milestones are due in April (M18).

D3.1 Semantic architecture (WP3).

**D8.5** Plan for dissemination and communication activities V2 (WP8).

M1.1 Patient and clinician VA corpora ready: Audio files in repository (WP1).

**M4.1** 1st Phase of Data Collection: Data collected in sufficient amounts to train the information extraction methods (WP4) with target of 300 complete annotated reports per language.

**M5.2** Data Science Workbench: Data imputation methods implemented and validated. Data infrastructure in place for data science workbench, the specification or target reports completed and the development of analysis ongoing (WP5).

#### Sharing news in our newsletter

If you would like to share any news and information about RES-Q+ project or any of your activities, results and achievements in our newsletter, please contact Katerina Hanusova (<u>Katerina.Hanusova@uzis.cz</u>). Your contributions are vital in keeping our community informed and engaged.

## Highlights from the dissemination and communication

On 11 - 12 March 2024, at Angels Train the Trainer meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, RES-Q+ project was presented to the physicians from different countries: Azerbaijan, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, North Macedonia, UK, Ukraine.

## **Planned meetings**

In person M18 meeting in Aalborg Online rehearsal review meeting Online RES-Q+ Review meeting 24 - 26 April 2024 15 July 2024 18 July 2024

## Regular meetings

All meetings are listed in the tracker, including links to online connections.

PSC monthly meeting Clinical input meeting

WP1 meeting (designing new technologies)

WP2 meeting (legal aspects)
WP3 meeting (interoperability)

WP4 meeting (NLP tool)

WP5 + WP7 meeting (data flow and architecture)

WP6 meeting (Al virtual assistants)

WP9 + WP10 meeting (Project management+Ethics)

cancelled in April

12:30 PM CET

10 April 3 PM CET
19 April 2 PM CET
3 April 11:30 AM CET
26 April 10 AM CET
12 April 10 AM CET
9 and 23 April 1 PM CET
4 April 3 PM CET
every even Wednesday

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