

Regional perspective, success stories and lessons learned

GIN: A Global Organisation with Regional Impact



Welcome & introduction of speakers

Honorary Associate Professor Sue Phillips
GIN Board of Trustees, 2009-2016
Vice-Chair, GIN Board of Trustees, 2014-2016

Session format

Item	Speaker	Timing
Welcome & introduction of speakers	Sue Phillips Moderator	2 mins
Introduction to the session	Elaine Harrow GIN Chief Executive Officer	5 mins
GIN North America Regional Community	Yerado Abrahamian Chair, GIN North America	8 mins
GIN Nordic Regional Community	Maria Ahrenfeldt Chair, GIN Nordic	8 mins
GIN Australia & New Zealand Community	Kelvin Hill Chair, GIN ANZ	8 mins
Q&A session	Sue Phillips Moderator	15 mins
Summary & Conclusions	Sue Phillips Moderator	5 mins

Introduction to the session

Elaine Harrow
CEO, Guidelines International Network

The Guidelines International Network

Founded in November 2002

Registered as a Scottish Charity in February 2003

International Founding Committee of 21 people

37 Founding members (organisations)

Vision: Trustworthy and accessible guidance for better health

Mission: To lead, strengthen and support collaboration and work within the guideline development, adaptation, and implementation community.



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Overview of GIN Regional Communities

GIN North America

Established: 2010

Chair: Yerado Abrahamian



GIN Asia

Established: 2015

Chair: Myeong Soo Lee



GIN ANZ

Established: 2013

Chair: Kelvin Hill



GIN Arab

Established: 2016

Chair: Samia Al-Habib



GIN Africa

Established: 2014

Chair: Etienne Ngeh



GIN Iberoamerica

Established: 2016

Chair: Rodrigo Pardo



GIN Nordic

Established: 2015

Chair: Maria Ahrenfeldt



Aims & Goals of a Regional Community

- ❑ Promote GIN locally, welcome non-members - demonstrating the value of the network to them
- ❑ Help to expand the reach of GIN to those in disciplines not already involved
- ❑ Provide focus on topics that are regionally relevant
- ❑ Provide networking and/or training opportunities for participants outside of the annual GIN conference
- ❑ Improve and harmonise guideline methodologies in the region, whilst minimising duplication of effort

- ❑ Establishment of a regional community is driven by members
- ❑ Chair and steering group elected by the GIN members within the community - the SG sets the annual objectives and is responsible for delivering them
- ❑ A board liaison is appointed, whose main role is ensuring two-way communication with the GIN Board
- ❑ Participants in a Regional Community need not initially be GIN members, but participation may continue for up to one year; at the beginning of the following membership year, participants, who are not yet GIN members will be invited to join.

GIN Working Groups

- ❑ AID Knowledge (Appraising & Including Different Knowledge in Guideline Development)
- ❑ Accelerated Guideline Development
- ❑ Adaptation
- ❑ GIN Public
- ❑ GIN Tech
- ❑ GINAHTA
- ❑ Guidelines Collaboration
- ❑ Guidelines in Medical Education (GIME)
- ❑ Implementation
- ❑ Low & Middle Income Countries (LMIC)
- ❑ Multimorbidity
- ❑ Overdiagnosis
- ❑ Performance Measures
- ❑ Traditional Medicine (TM)
- ❑ Updating Guidelines

GIN North America Regional Community

Yerado Abrahamian, Chair, GIN NA



GIN North America Regional Community

Who we are:

- ❑ United States, Canada and Mexico
- ❑ Members represent medical specialty societies, academic institutions, healthcare organizations, payer organizations, government agencies, patient advocacy groups among others
- ❑ Multifaceted mission:
 - Provide a network for North American guideline users, developers, and other stakeholders to discuss regional guideline issues
 - Enhance and promote relationships between GIN and the North American guideline community
 - Encourage recruitment of organisations and individuals, including those in disciplines not already involved with GIN
 - Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of evidence-based guideline development, adaptation, dissemination, and implementation
 - Engage in and promote projects with GIN working groups, as well as facilitate research projects initiated by groups and members of GIN NA and/or GIN

GIN North America Regional Community

What we get out of GIN:

- ❑ Opportunities to collaborate; adopt and adapt from each others' works
- ❑ Access to the international brainpower of guideline methodology development
- ❑ Opportunities to participate in the build and launch of innovative and novel concepts and applications
- ❑ Opportunities to share experiences, learnings and challenges with diverse groups of people with similar goals, workstreams and products
- ❑ Valuable forum to promote individual and organizational research and large-scale projects

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Successes and Strengths:

- ❑ Organized and made publicly available over 25 webinars featuring international speakers
- ❑ Biannual in-person meeting and/or mini-conference followed by open space meeting
- ❑ Engaged community eager to collaborate and partner
- ❑ Create synergy and provide opportunities for communication in guideline, systematic review and research communities

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Challenges:

- ❑ Biggest challenge is resource availability
- ❑ Membership from diverse organizational structures
- ❑ Unique healthcare systems in member countries

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Plans for the future:

- ❑ Revamp webinar program, starting with focus on health equity
- ❑ Increased focus on engagement with patient and consumer advocacy groups
- ❑ Identify best practices to involve patient representatives on guideline development panels
- ❑ Active facilitation and promotion of research projects stemming from community
- ❑ Smaller regional in-person meetings and large conference-style and/or open-space meeting
- ❑ Continued support of GIN's mission and goals

GIN Nordic Regional Community

Maria Ahrenfeldt, Chair, GIN Nordic



GIN Nordic Regional Community

Who we are:

- Denmark, Norway, Sweden & Finland
- Main participants are the health authorities but also other organisations interested in guidelines
- Our goal is to enhance Nordic collaboration
- To make use of our specific Nordic context and the similarities between the Nordic countries

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What we get out of GIN:

- ❑ A framework - the principal aims are those of GIN
- ❑ In GIN Nordic, we have established a permanent forum for cooperation where we meet twice a year
- ❑ Access to the guideline work outside the Nordic countries
- ❑ Access to international experts

Success stories:

- ❑ We are built on a long tradition of collaboration between the Nordic countries in many areas
- ❑ We share experiences and find inspiration
- ❑ More informal than formal collaboration
- ❑ A common methodological foundation - GRADE

Challenges:

- ❑ Differences in what is on the political agenda in each country - we all work in different political environments
- ❑ Our guidelines rely on public funding and are sent in public hearing - this makes us different from the clinical societies
- ❑ It can be hard to plan guidelines across countries with a common topic
- ❑ Language barrier since we all have our own language.

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Plans for the future:

- ❑ Get to know each other better and to share experiences with guideline work
- ❑ Create new routines when starting a new guideline or update of an older one
- ❑ Focus point in the future:
 - Data sharing in specific guidelines and shared evidence tables
 - International cooperation outside the Nordic countries
 - Use or translate to English in central documents
 - Informal contacts - frequent short virtual meetings

GIN Australia & New Zealand Regional Community

Kelvin Hill, Chair, GIN ANZ



GIN Australia & New Zealand Regional Community

Who we are:

- Guideline developers and implementers in Australia and New Zealand

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What we get out of GIN:

- ❑ Connection with peers
- ❑ Links with international experts
- ❑ Ability to promote work in Australia and contextualise the work of GIN for Australian/NZ health perspective



GIN ANZ Regional Community

Success stories:

- ❑ Quarterly newsletter and webinar (with ~100+ registrations each)
- ❑ Co-hosted virtual conference with Cochrane Australia and JBI
- ❑ Promoting innovative work across member organisations e.g. living guidelines
- ❑ Promoting GIN by hosting two GIN conferences (Melbourne 2014 and Adelaide 2019)



Challenges:

- ❑ Getting engagement from guideline organisations who may not have focus, or resources, on guidelines as a priority
- ❑ No central government agency funding network activity
- ❑ Small group

Lessons learnt and plans for the future:

- ❑ Community of peers
- ❑ Even small but dedicated groups can make a big difference
- ❑ Sharing science and experience around guidelines allows important adaptation and contextualization
- ❑ We learn from each other
- ❑ Working together breaks down barriers

Q&A Session