



NEWSLETTER #1

February 2020

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In the news

2020

Jan 23rd 2020. Dr. Valeria Raparelli and two trainees are presenting a poster at the 2020 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit. The Summit will be held on April 2 and 3, 2020 [[Read more](#)]

1) Valeria Raparelli (Rome, Italy)

"The GOING-FWD (Gender Outcomes International Group: to Further Well-being Development) Project"

Poster presentation

2) Uri Bender (Montreal, Canada)

"Do Sex Hormones Mediate the Effect of Gender on Acute Coronary Syndrome Outcomes?"

Poster presentation.

3) Christina Tadiri (Montreal, Canada)

"Applying a Gender-Based Approach to Systematic Reviews: Inconsistencies in Definitions and Indexing"

Poster presentation

Jan. 8, 2020. Dr Louise Pilote attended the [CANADIAN ORGANIZATION FOR GENDER AND SEX RESEARCH](#) (COGS 2020) meeting in British Columbia, Canada.

Jan. 7, 2020. Drs. Valeria Raparelli and Louise Pilote's paper on [Sex Differences in Cardiovascular Effectiveness of Newer Glucose-Lowering Drugs Added to Metformin in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus](#) was published in JAHA.

2019

Dec.13, 2019. [Women's HEALTH is Prominent in the Minister of Health Mandate Letter from the Prime Minister.](#)

(1) Work with the CIHR to integrate sex- and gender-based analyses, to ensure research takes diversity factors into account to improve women's health care.

(2) Provide funding to the CIHR so that it can create academic research grants for studies on gender.

(3) Create a National Institute for Women's Health Research, that will bring together experts in women's health to tackle gaps in research and care.

Review of Year 1



Kick off Meeting

GOING-FWD's 'kick-off' meeting took place on April 8-9th, 2019 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

It was an overwhelming success with an opportunity to bring experts in sex and gender health together to discuss issues related to gender equity and gender mainstreaming across non-communicable chronic diseases (NCDs). A total of seven of GOING-FWD's Principal Investigators, six Canadian Co-Investigators, six International Trainees, and members of the Scientific Advisory Committee attended this 'kick-off' event. Members of the three GOING-FWD Work Packages discussed country and disease-specific gender related factors, clinical and patient related outcome (PRO) variables, data access, research ethic board applications, and personalized approaches to gender medicine. During the meeting, several topics were discussed by experts including data management strategies (e.g., guidelines, documentation, harmonization platforms), data analyses and statistical methods (e.g., machine learning). The relevance of dissemination and knowledge translation strategies were highlighted through the selection of the project logo and the creation of the various dissemination platforms (e.g. Twitter, Facebook and Website).

2nd GOING-FWD Meeting in Austria

Prof. Kautzky-Willer, Co-PI of the GOING-FWD Consortium and President of the [International Society of Gender Medicine](#) hosted a meeting for the Consortium Members on September 11th, 2019 the day before the "[9th Congress of the IGM](#)" in Austria.




A two day meeting focusing on the importance of gender medicine for individualized precision medicine and patient safety. The main topic of the Congress was "Sex & Gender with focus on personalized medicine and patient safety"



Consortium publications 2019

Poster Presentations

Intersection Between Sex and Gender-Related Factors in the Prediction of Clinical Outcomes in Cardiovascular Disease. By Uri Bender. Presented at Clinical Research Symposium on High Value Medical Care, McGill University, Montreal, November 2019. [ [intersection sex and gender prediction clinical outcomes cvd-mcgill poster13112019-2.ppt](#)]

Oral Presentations

1. Sex/Gender and Cardiovascular Disease. By Louise Pilote. Talk given at: The Canadian Organization for Gender and Sex (COGS) Research meeting held in British Columbia, Canada.
 2. The GOING-FWD (Gender Outcomes International Group: to Further Well-being Development) Project. By Valeria Raparelli. Presented at:
 - A. International Society of Gender Medicine (IGM), Vienna, Austria. September 2019.
 - B. International workshop: State of Art of Gender Medicine in Italy and European Challenges, Ferrara, Italy. December 2019.
 3. Data Harmonization. By Uri Bender. Presented at the GOING FWD meeting, Vienna, Austria. September 2019.
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2020 Submitted Abstracts

2020 Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit

Valeria Raparelli

- The GOING-FWD (Gender Outcomes International Group: to Further Well-being Development) Project

Christina Tadiri

- Applying a Gender-Based Approach to Systematic Reviews: Inconsistencies in Definitions and Indexing

Claudia Tucci

- Gender-related Factors and Cost-sensitive Outcomes in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease: a Systematic Review

Giulia Tosti

- Gender-related Factors and Patient-related Outcome Measures/Patient-reported Experience Measures in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease: a Systematic Review

Uri Bender

- Do Sex Hormones Mediate the Effect of Gender on Acute Coronary Syndrome Outcomes
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OSSD 2020 (The Organization for the Study of Sex Differences)

Valeria Raparelli

- The Gender Outcomes International Group: to Further Well-being Development (GOING-FWD) Methodology on Inclusion of Gender Factors in Observational Studies of Chronic Diseases

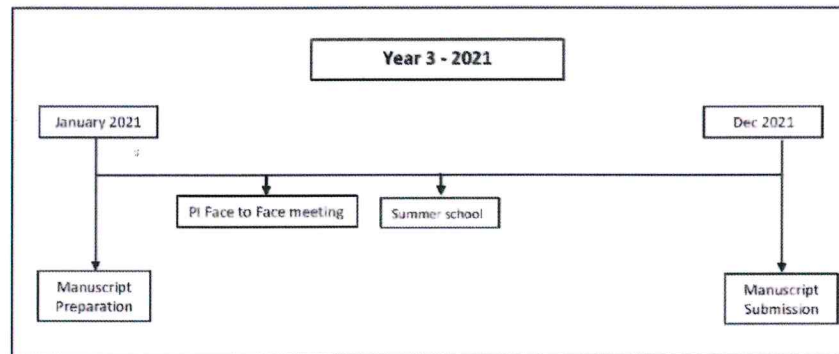
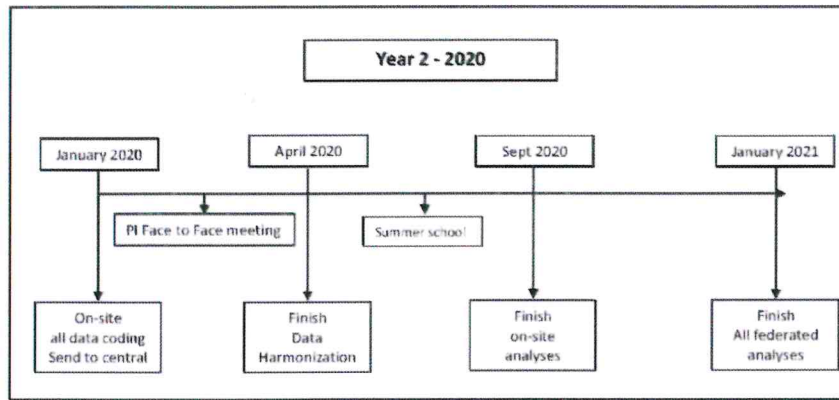
Christina Tadiri

- Sex, Gender and Country: What We Have Learned on the Harmonization of Databases from International Observational Studies

Uri Bender / Giulia Tosti

- Gender-related Factors and Patient-related Outcome Measures/Patient-reported Experience Measures in Adults with Chronic Kidney Disease: a Systematic Review

GOING-FWD 2020-2021 Timeline



GOING-FWD welcomes trainees from all countries in the consortium

Austria: Carola Deischinger, Teresa Gisinger and Jürgen Harreiter
Canada: Christina Tadiiri, Uri Bender, Heather Burnside, Jovana Stojanovic
Cyprus: Constantinos Tsioutis, Sophia Themistocleous
Spain: Maria Sanchez, Raúl Nieto, Raquel Gomez, Sonia Gayoso
Sweden: Agne Laucyte-Cibulskiene, Liam Ward

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