

# Quarterly GAINS Newsletter

The Global Alliance of Independent Networks (GAINS) is comprised of more than 19 stroke networks from around the globe to form one large, collaborative “network of networks”. Great minds, working together, sharing best practices, funding opportunities, and educational efforts to accelerate the pace and success of stroke clinical trials, with the ultimate goal of improving outcomes of stroke patients everywhere. The noble charge GAINS leadership has taken up is to help facilitate, strengthen, and educate stroke trialists, stroke trial networks and stroke trials worldwide. If your network would like to join GAINS in this effort, please **Contact us** today.

## Current GAINS Executive leadership includes:

Joe Broderick, Andrew Demchuk, Michael Hill, Pooja Khatri, Scott Janis, Jordan Elm, Gary Ford, Tom Robinson, Jeyaraj Pandian, Kazunori Toyoda and Robin Lemmens.

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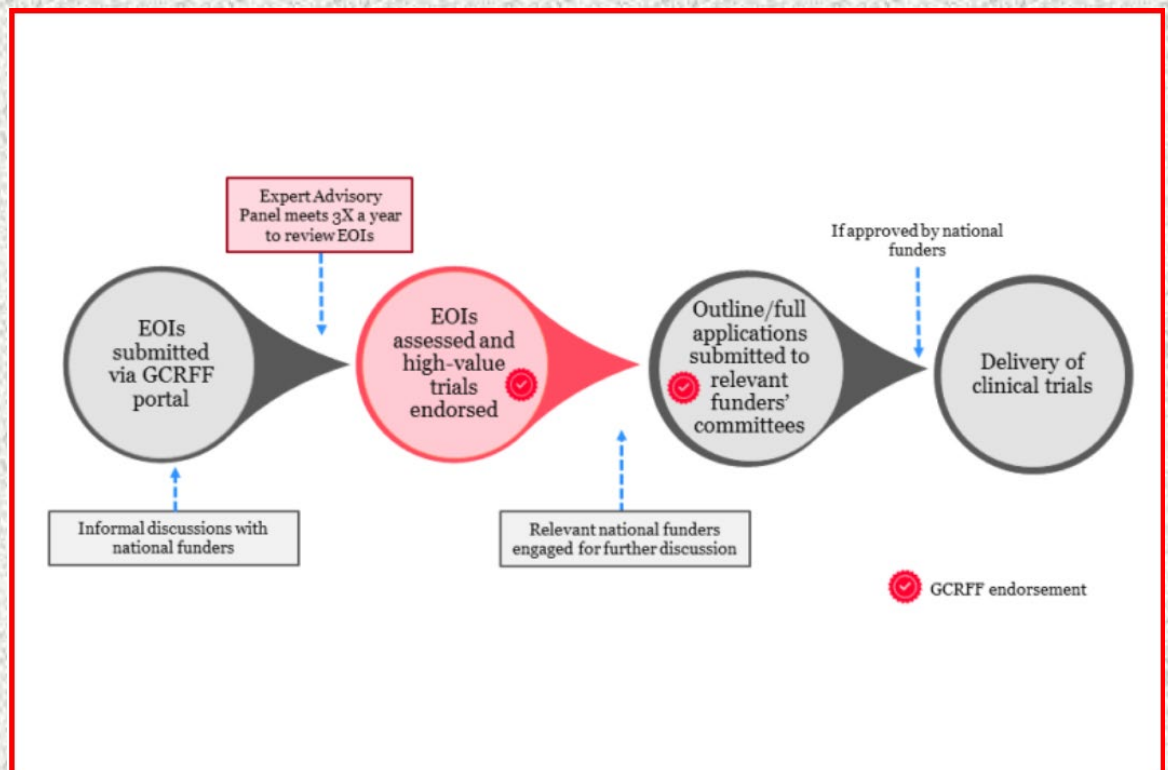
The **GAINS Global Trials Forum V** will be held in **May 2022**. Date and time TBD.

We hope to conduct this Forum **IN-PERSON**, so stay tuned!

If you are interested in presenting a trial; please contact us by 1-April 2022.

<https://www.globalstroketrials.org/contact>

The *fourth* GAINS Global Trial Forum took place on 24-January 2022. We were very honored to have Professor Sir Nilesh Samani, FRCP, FMedSci DL, Medical Director, British Heart Foundation (BHF), Professor of Cardiology, Department of Cardiovascular Sciences University of Leicester, UK, open the meeting with an overview of the Global Cardiovascular Research Funders Forum (GCRFF) Multinational Clinical Trials Initiative. The GCRFF is a coalition of major international cardiovascular research funders, whose aim is to improve global cardiovascular health by catalysing, supporting and promoting transformational international research efforts in heart, stroke and circulatory diseases. GAINS Investigators wishing to participate in the initiative should follow the process below:



Please visit <https://www.globalstroketrials.org/gcrff> to watch Professor Samani’s presentation. Expressions of Interest will be assessed by the GCRFF and its Expert Advisory Panel. GCRFF Expression of Interest - Deadlines and panel dates:

## July 2022

- Expression of Interest submission deadline – 17:00 BST, Thursday 26th May 2022
- Expert Advisory Panel meeting – 21st July 2022

## November 2022

- Expression of Interest submission deadline – 17:00 BST, Thursday 29th September 2022
- Expert Advisory Panel meeting – 29th November 2022

To learn more, please visit <https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/gcrff-multinational-clinical-trials-initiative>

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TWO new clinical trials were presented at the 24-January Forum; we encourage you to visit our website to learn more about:

Development and International Testing of a Multi-user Health-Tech Application for the Language Screening Tool (LAST): Advancing Care of Stroke Patients, presented by:

**Heather Flowers, MEd, MHSc, PhD**, School of Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Ottawa.

DOUBT2, a pragmatic, randomized controlled trial designed to test the effectiveness of aspirin after a transient neurological event with a brain MRI brain negative for acute ischemia. The study will examine whether the benefits of aspirin (prevention of recurrent strokes, myocardial infarction etc.) outweigh the risks (bleeding), shared by **Shelagh Coutts, MSc, BSc, MBChB, MD, FRCPC**, Departments of Clinical Neurosciences, Radiology and Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary.

Both trials were very well received and discussions were interesting. We offer our sincere thanks to both of our esteemed presenters!

To watch the Global Trials Forum in its entirety, please visit the GAINS website <https://www.globalstroketrials.org/news/2021/1/24/global-clinical-trial-idea-forum> or contact us at <https://www.globalstroketrials.org/contact>. Interested presenters should contact us prior to 1-April 2022.

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## Upcoming Meetings/Conferences



European Stroke Organisation Conference  
4-6 May 2022  
Lyon, France

The 8th ESOC will take place from 4 – 6 May 2022 and is planned as a hybrid meeting. We will come together to learn about the latest trial results, new technologies, hear innovative ideas and begin to understand how our future is being shaped by them. Join us for 3 fabulous days of insight and inspiration with your friends and colleagues.

<https://2022.eso-conference.org/registration-hotel-booking/>