

NAEVUS GLOBAL IN-PERSON MEETING



22-23 APRIL, 2025 | PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

From April 22–23, 2025, Naevus Global members from nine countries gathered in Prague for an important in-person meeting to continue building international collaboration and advancing our shared goals. This gathering was timed ahead of the GlobalSkin Conference (April 24–27), where many CMN patient advocates also participated.

In-person attendees included Marjolein van Kessel (Netherlands), Quinten de Vries (Netherlands), Benjamin Löffler (Germany), NANÉE Emmerich (Germany), Lauren Isbell (United States), Whitney Casal (United States/Germany), Gabriela Hosmanová (Czech Republic), Anne Dekerk (Belgium), Casper Larsen (Denmark), Jesús Goñi (Spain), Marta Merino Madrigal (Spain). Joining online were Steven Bouris (Australia), Karyn Manser (Australia), and Jodi Whitehouse (United Kingdom).



MEETING SUMMARY



Tuesday, April 22:

The first day opened with introductions and an overview of Naevus Global's renewed mission, vision, and values, reflecting the work initiated during the 2024 Paris meeting. The day continued with an in-depth session on the Strategic Plan for 2025–2027, including three key Strategic Objectives, and a year-by-year breakdown of Key Performance Indicators. Participants discussed tactics, needed support, and early frameworks for leadership and governance, setting a strong foundation for the next phase of Naevus Global's growth.

Wednesday, April 23:

The second day featured presentations designed to share expertise and inspire new initiatives across our network:

- Steven Bouris and Karyn Manser (Nevus Foundation Australasia) presented on writing a personal story and founding a CMN organization.
- Jolien van der Geugten (Netherlands) shared her pre-recorded "Skin at School" educational program and resources.
- National Patient Organization Updates: Lauren Isbell (Nevus Outreach, USA), Benjamin Löffler (Nävus Netzwerk Deutschland), Marjolein van Kessel (Nevus Netwerk Nederland), and Jesús Goñi and Marta Madrigal (Asonevus, Spain) discussed their recent and upcoming CMN patient conferences.
- Jodi Whitehouse (Caring Matters Now, UK) presented next steps following recent CMN research breakthroughs, and Hannah Cree (Caring Matters Now, UK) introduced the Face Equality International partnership and its benefits for patient groups, with guest speaker Phyllida Swift, CEO of [Face Equality international](#).

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

This successful meeting would not have been possible without the support and contributions of many:

- Kathy Redmond: For her continued strategic guidance and support during our planning sessions.
- Gabriela Hosmanová: For serving as our local coordinator in Prague and assisting with event logistics.
- Nevus Netwerk Nederland and Nevus Outreach: For their generous financial support, which made this gathering possible.

We are proud of the progress made during these two days and energized for the next steps for Naevus Global. Our community continues to grow stronger through shared knowledge, collaboration, and mutual support — and we look forward to continuing this important work together!