

For CML Horizons Virtual 2021 Attendees  
Join Day 2 Saturday 23rd October at 2 PM CET



CML Horizons Virtual Conference 2021 - Day 1

The 19th edition of the CML Horizons Conference started yesterday 22nd October as a virtual event with the participation of almost 300 attendees from 74 countries to this annual meeting of the global CML patient advocacy community.

During five hours, registered participants enjoyed two interesting Day 1 sessions learning from the world's leading experts in the CML field.

Thank you for your engagement and amazing CML advocacy to all of you!

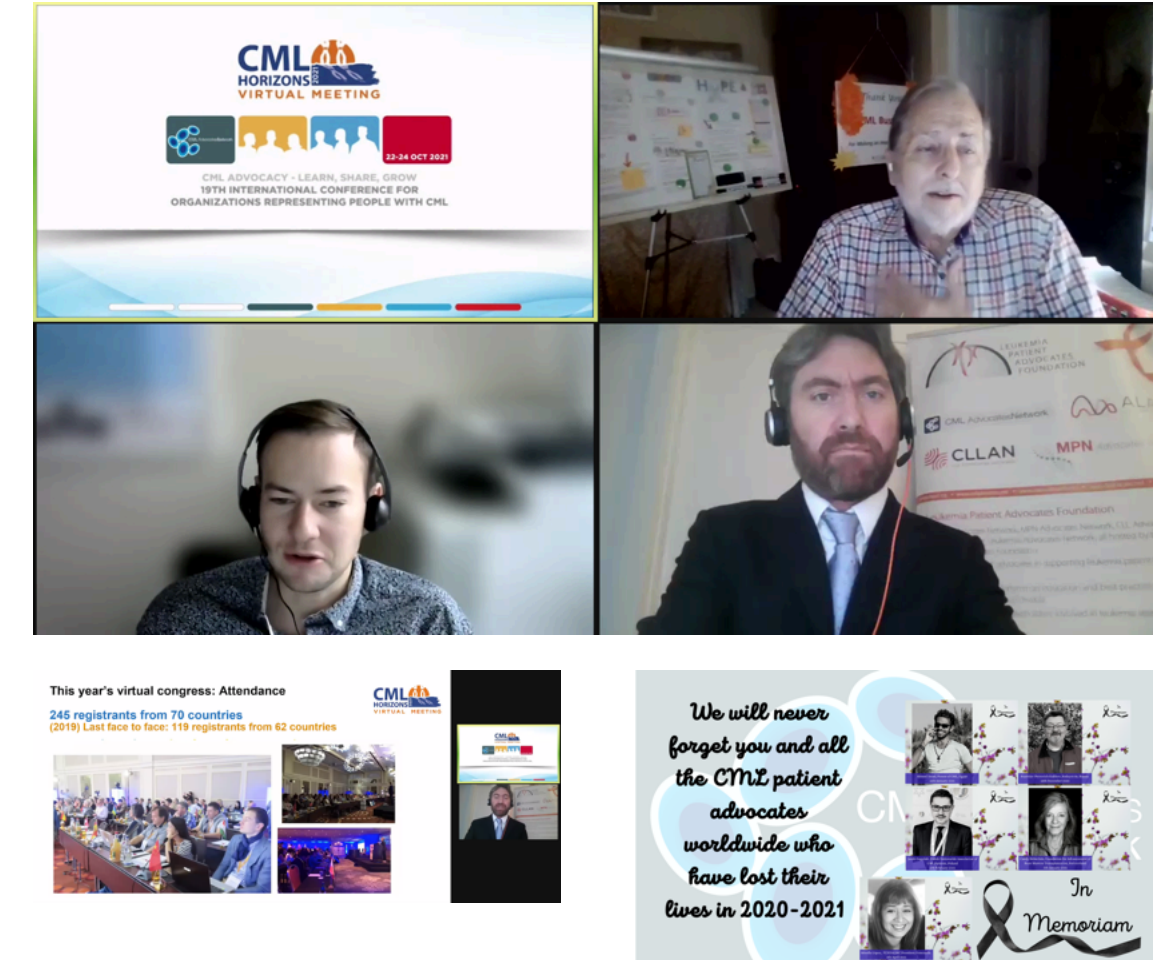
CML 101



CML 101 was an introductory session of the conference about the basics on CML at a beginner's level that are really important for new attendees but also for old members to remind key concepts and updates.

The session was efficiently run by Jerry Clements, founder of the CML Buster Foundation, USA.

Opening & Update



The Opening was held by the CML Advocates Network co-chair Sarunas Narbutas, taking great pride in welcoming all the attendees, followed by the Executive Director, Denis Costello, presenting a short update of the network's achievement in the past year, important projects and basic data of the CML global patient advocacy activity.

This session ended with a touching tribute to all the CML patient advocates worldwide who have lost their lives in 2020-2021.

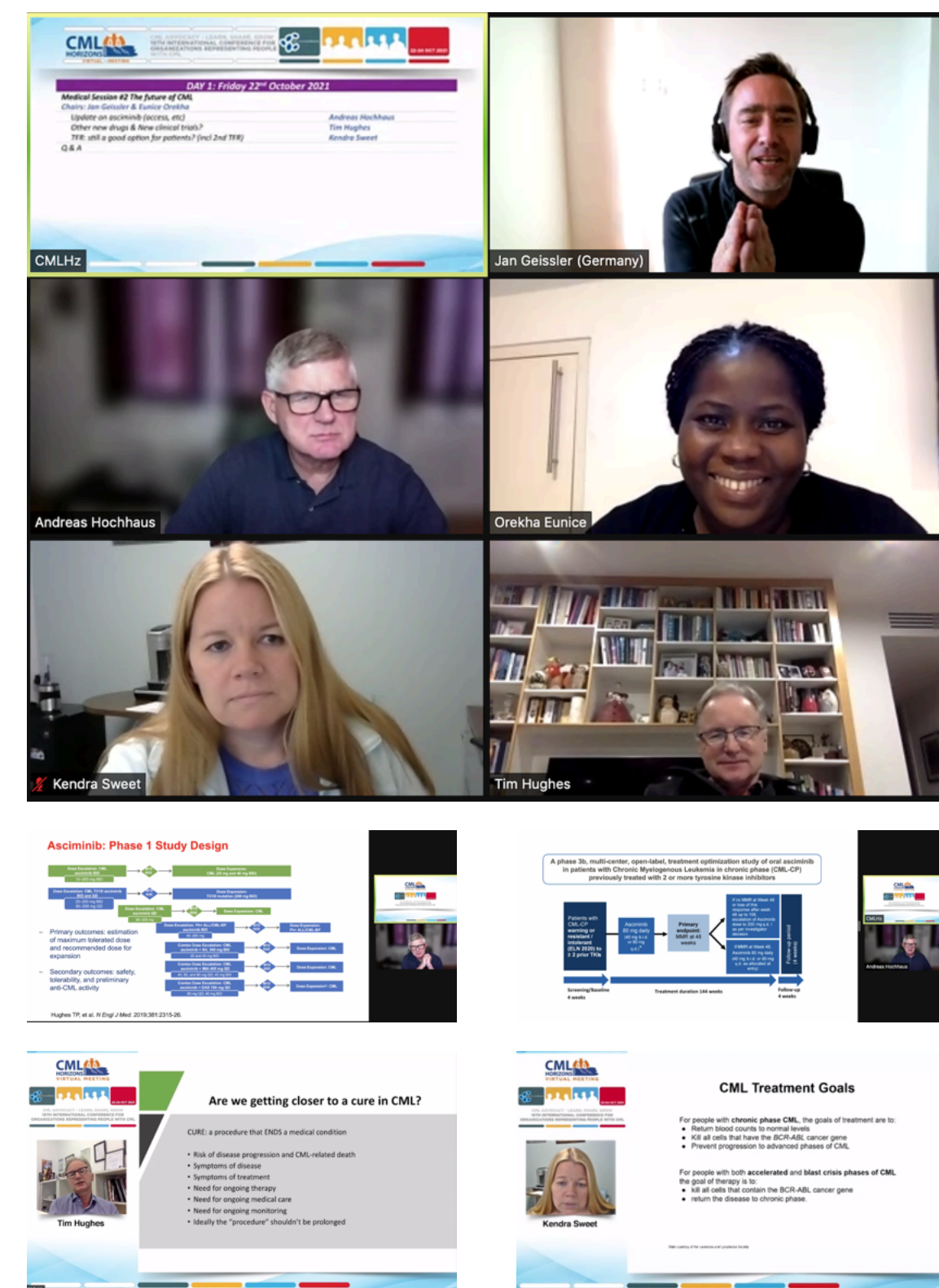
Medical #1: Covid 19 impact on CML & Patient groups



The Medical #1: Covid 19 impact on CML & Patient groups session offered attendees four exciting presentations run by these key CML experts:

- "The pandemic's impact on CML (treatment access, care & Vaccines)" by Dr. Katia Pagnano.
- "Impact on patient organisations case studies", with the following three case studies:
  - Online seminar series "Knowledge horizons – current perspectives on living with CML" – LeukaNET e.V., Germany, by Cornelia Borowczak.
  - Managing our CML during the times of COVID-19 – Friends of Max, India by Dr. Aashray Paul, and finally.
  - COVID-19 Affects Comprehensive CML Care in Northeast Colombia - Fundación Esperanza Viva, presented by Oscar Alberti on behalf of Nury Esperanza Villalba Suárez.

Medical #2: The future of CML



At Medical #2 session, three CML haematology leaders were presenting on the following important topics:

- Update on asciminib (access, etc) by Dr. Andreas Hochhaus.
- Other new drugs & New clinical trials? with Dr. Tim Hughes.
- TFR: still a good option for patients? (incl 2nd TFR) by Dr. Kendra Sweet.

After the three talks, chairs Jan Geissler and Eunice Orekha open a empowering discussion about the most important concerns of CML patients and speakers were answering a long list of questions coming from the audience.

Please, click below to check interesting questions from the audience and answers kindly provided by Dr. Andreas Hochhaus during Medical #2 session.

DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE Q&A

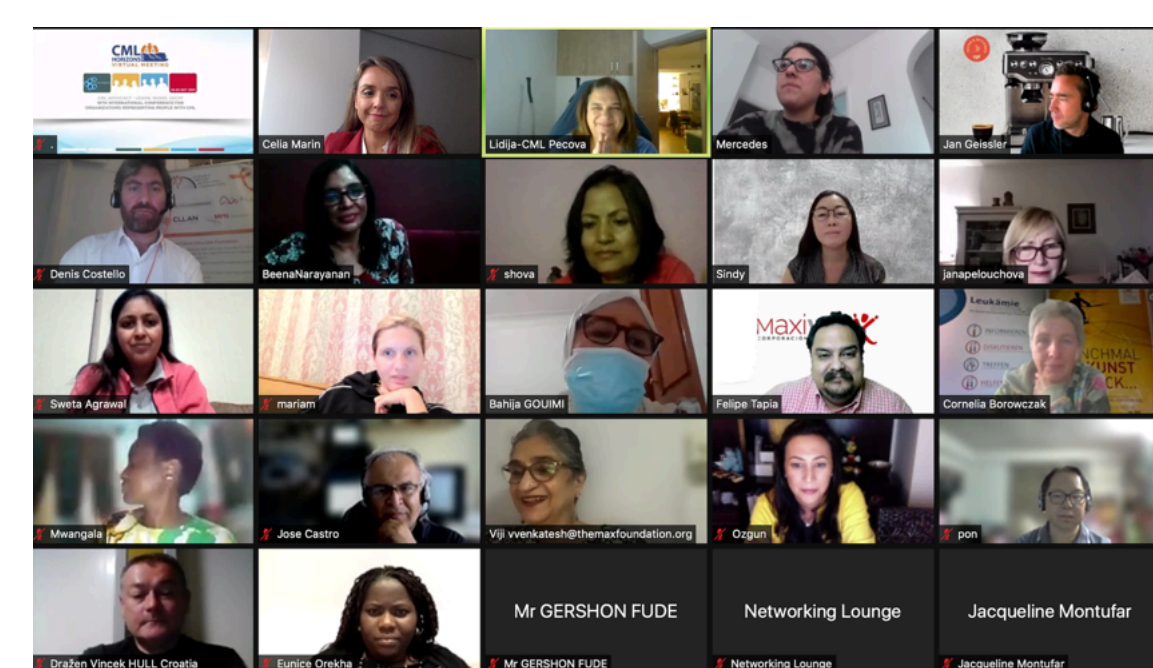


CML Horizons Polls

Question	Percentage
<b>Medical Session 1.1</b>	
1. Question 1: What impact did COVID 19 had on CML in your country? (Open choice)	45%
2. Patients were scared and did not go to appointments and PCR tests	0%
3. Patients did not join new clinical trials	0%
4. Patients did not want to go on TFR	4%
5. Patients were confused and suffered more psychological issues	32%
6. There was not a serious impact of COVID on CML patients	20%
<b>Medical Session 1.2</b>	
1. Question 2: What impact did COVID 19 have on your patient organization? (Open choice)	30%
2. We had to cancel all our patients' activities and meetings	42%
3. We wanted to switch to virtual meetings but did not have the knowledge and equalities	12%
4. our funding was cut by our sponsors and we faced financial challenges	8%
5. COVID 19 had positive effects on our PD.	2%
<b>Medical Session 2.1</b>	
1. Question 1: If you had to decide for the most important items of future CML research, what would be your priority #1? (Open choice)	27%
2. Improve current CML therapies so more patients can get into therapy free remission?	37%
3. Develop a cure for CML, even if it may take long to develop, and may be a tough therapy to take?	47%

In order to better engage the audience and also include the attendees perspective during the meeting, this year we have implemented during the congress an interactive tool to collect patient advocates' views and make them part of the live conversation by answering short polls.

Networking Lounge



The training day finished with an informal meeting joined by a large number of patient advocates to meet colleagues, friends and share greetings.

Have a look at Day 2 Agenda

Day 2: Saturday 23rd October	Day 2: Saturday 23rd October
14:00 - 15:30 Advocates # CML Advocates Network activities over 2020-2021 Chair: Denis Costello	16:00 - 17:30 Advocates Session #2 Panel Discussion including Q&A - Challenges faced by CML patients Chair: Denis Costello
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break	17:30 - 18:00 Networking Lounge

Looking forward to seeing you all today at #CMLH21 Day 2!



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