Future of ALCL: Novel Therapies, Origins, Bio-Markers and Mechanism of resistance, MSCA DN

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FANTOM in Brief – AIM of the Project

- The FANTOM Doctoral Network (DN) comprises of 7 beneficiaries and 10 associated partners in 5 EU countri
- Coordinated by prof Suz affiliated to the Faculty
- The primary goal of the this internationally com problems posed by Ana
- Anaplastic Large Cell Lyr a blood cancer that affe
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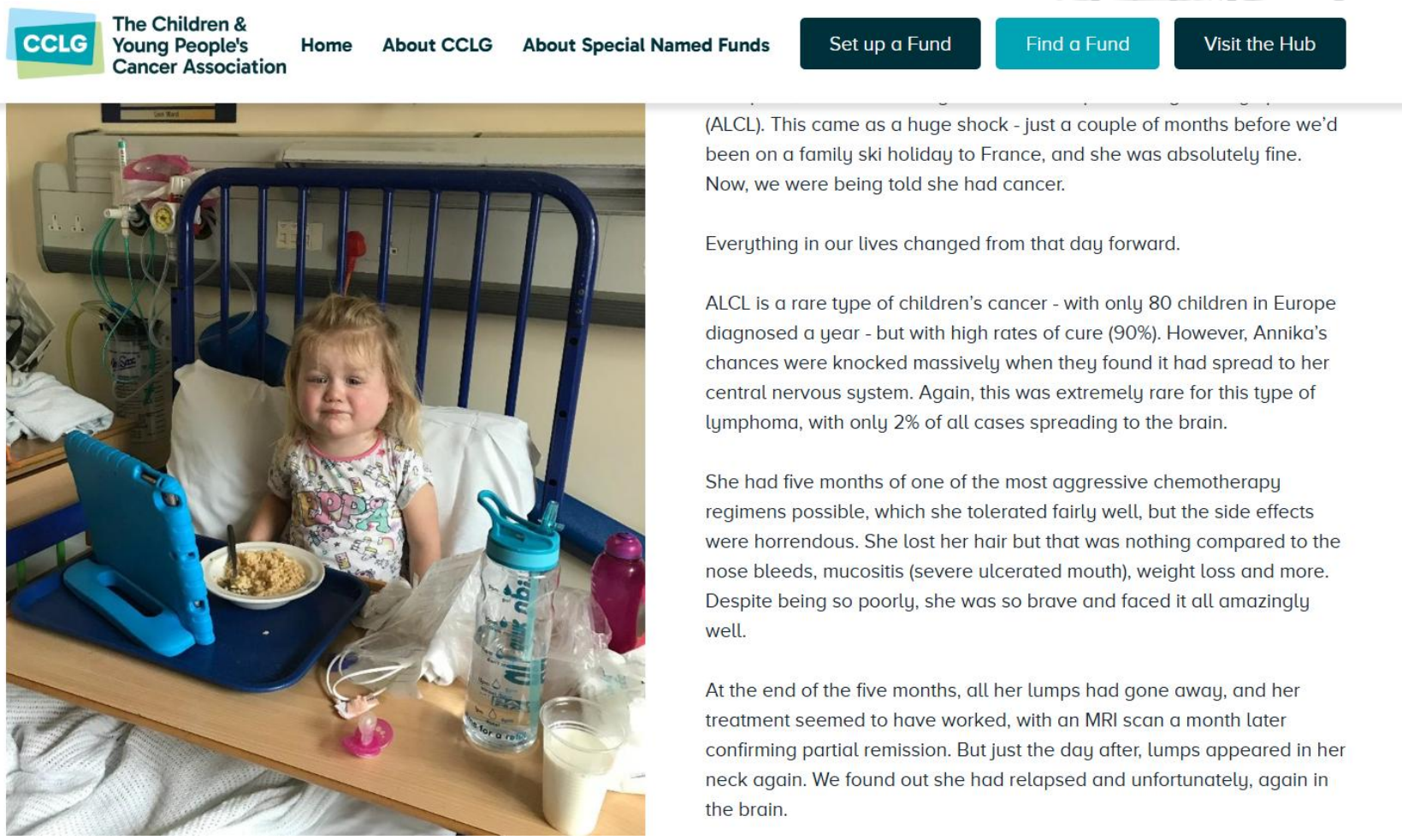

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FANTOM in Brief – the PEOPLE and INSTITUTIONS behind the project

FANTOM in Brief – the PhD STUDENTS

- 212 applications received from students representing 49 countries
- The recruitment process took almost 1 year from 1st advertisement in March 2023 to the last student signing the contract in January 2024

Carla Vazquez Amos Spain

Magdalena Krsic Croatia

Will Shepheard UK

Rebekka Salzmann Germany

Stefania Massari Italy

Julia Montague USA

Nicola Mora Italy

Katarina Mišura Croatia

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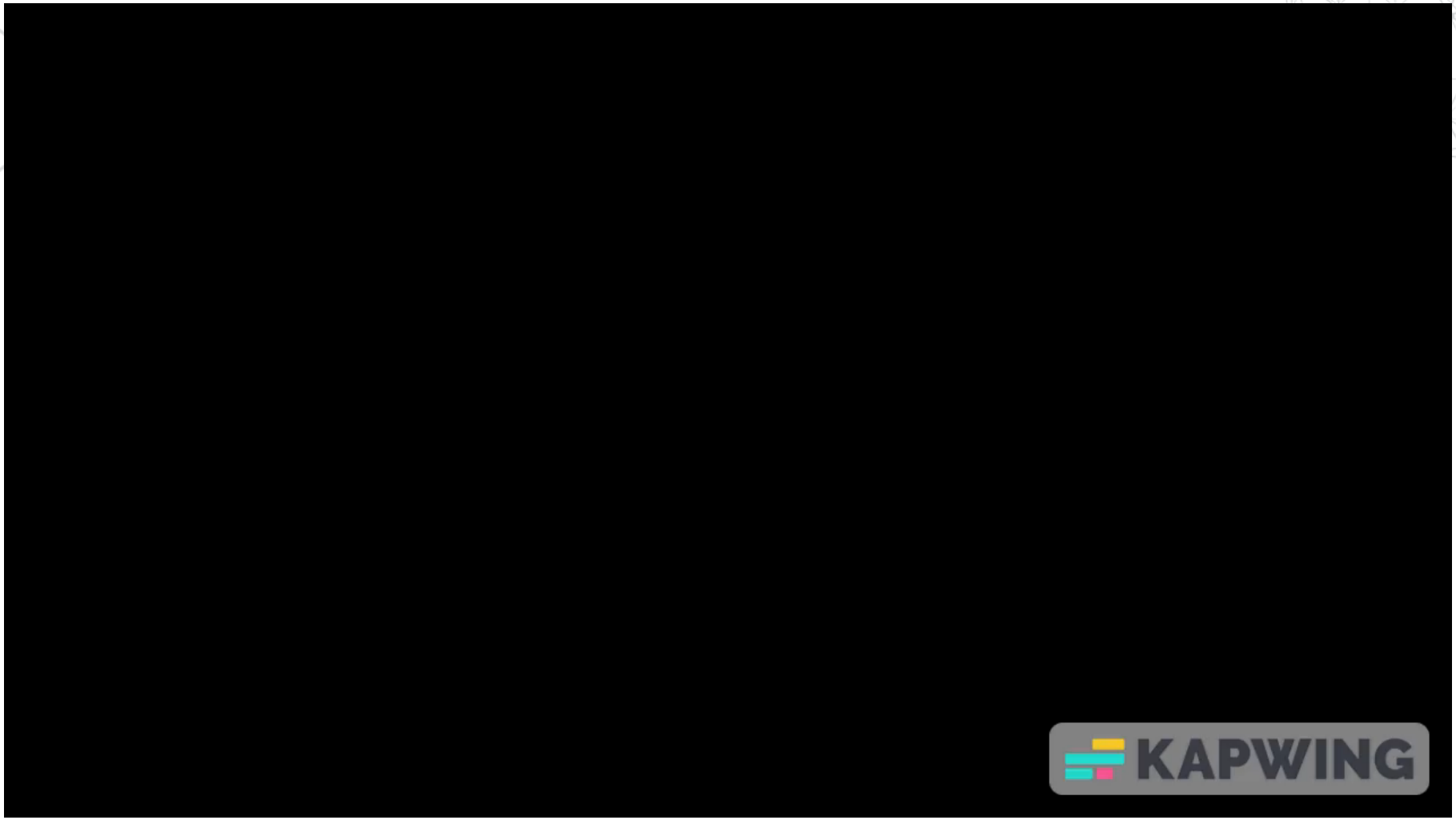

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HANA SUCHÁ – thoughts on CHALLENGES DURING IMPLEMENTATION

KEY PROBLEMS

- BREXIT for the start – new coordinator WANTED – immediate amendment to the GA
- PROPOSAL not written directly by the coordinating institution – constant unclarities and confusion
- PI mostly remote and not easily reachable - hindering communication
- Students from 3rd countries – VISA issues – delays affecting deadlines of deliverables
- Materialized risk – 2 associated partners leaving the network – affecting the secondment programme
- Materialized risk – a student quitting the project – affecting the eligibility of costs and reducing the budget of his home institution
- Weak support from the side of the EC officer – late and unclear answers
- Diverse legislation criteria – a missing legal framework for the employment contract of PhD researcher in Italy – delays affecting deadlines of deliverables

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KEY SUCCESSES

- A network that has strong bonds from previous collaboration and is ready to adapt to changes fast
- Very experienced PI with extraordinary communication skills
- Talented PhD students recruited, proving their excellence and growing skills already
- The training programme works well, is ranked high by the students, and is being continuously adapted according to their needs (good cooperation between Researchers and Training Committees)
- FANTOM went through the official mid-term check meeting well, the recommendations received were all implemented
- Research objectives are on track

SUZANNE TURNER – farewell and GOOD LUCK

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