

**ESGCD Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 13 April, 13.45-14.15, Room G561.**

Present : Frédéric Barbut, Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Reno Frei, Petra Gastmeier, Alexander Indra (on behalf of Franz Allerberger), Ed Kuijper, Paola Mastrantonio, Marc Wilcox

Apologies : Emilio Bouza, Anne Collignon, Jean O'Driscoll.

1. Minutes from the last business meeting in Paris were approved.

Mark Wilcox reported that John Brazier will retire soon. There are uncertainties about the future of the library of *C. difficile* strains he built up. ESGCD will contact John Brazier to make his collection available for the study group. The ECDC will be solicited as well. An exchange of reference strains from the Europe, Canada and US is on going but it has been delayed by the MTA approval.

2. Quintiles Medical Education (QME) (Mark)

Quintiles has quitted the project.

3. Criteria for study groups

The minimum activity expected from a study group should be at least four of the five following items:

- At least one proposal to the ECCMID Programme Committee for a symposium or educational workshop every two years
- At least one free-standing (i.e. not linked to ECCMID) educational activity every three years
- At least one collaborative research project underway during any one-year cycle

- At least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal in which the name of the SG is included in the authorship every three years
- At least one consensus document, technical or clinical practice guideline to be published (via website or print publication) every five years.

The ESGCD is very active and fulfils all the 5 criteria.

Ed underlined the importance of quoting the ESGCD when publishing a paper. However a paper can be written on behalf of the study group, but only if it results from a collaborative study validated by the ESGCD. In case of doubts, the author can refer to Ed and members of the executive committee.

5- ECCMID 2011 –(Milan, Italy)

The proposal has to be sent to the ECCMID organising committee in two weeks. Ed will submit a proposal for the symposium and the EW to the executive committee soon.

6- Date and venue of next meeting

It was agreed that the next business meeting would take place in Dublin in November.

Ed proposed a general rule that ESGCD members of the executive committee should at least attend one of the two bi-annual business meetings

On behalf of ESGCD:

Frédéric Barbut, Jean O'Driscoll and Ed Kuijper.