



**ESGCD Executive Committee Meeting
at ECCMID Barcelona
Monday, 21 April 2008, 11.45-13.15,
Meeting room M211**

AGENDA

1. Apologies: Michel Delmee to date
2. Minutes of the last meeting in Brussels
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Annual report (Ian, Ed)
5. Review of ECCMID 2008 – study group activities (Ian, Ed)
6. Brief report on ECDC activities – including new surveillance project (Ed)
7. Brief report on EU project (Ed)
8. ECCMID 2009 (Helsinki 16-19 May 2009) likely format of meeting and contents.
Symposium topic/speakers/1 or 2 hours. Suggestions to be in by 6th May
9. PG workshop in Turkey in 2009?
10. New committee from 2009
11. Any other business
12. Date and venue of next meeting (September/October in Brussels)

Minutes

Present: Paola Mastrantonio, Anne Collignon, Jean O'Driscoll, Outi Lytikainen (observer from Finland), Petra Gastmeier, Mark Wilcox, Ian Poxton, Frederic Barbut, Ed Kuijper. Apologies from Emilio Bouza and Michel Delmée.

1-4. Minutes of the last meeting, annual report and matters arising from the minutes. Ian and Ed summarized the discussion with the programme committee and the new concept of proposals for 2008-2009.

5. Review ECCMID 2008. The study group is extremely satisfied with the sessions on CDI of ECCMID 2008; 1 education workshop, two symposium sessions (one with IDSA), one integrated symposium and two poster sessions. Some overlap could not be prevented, especially with the integrated symposium of Optimer. The education workshop was also very well attended with a full location. It was a disappointment that John Bartlett could not present his scheduled lecture in the combined ESGCD/IDSA session due to an unexpected early flight back to USA. Ed Kuijper replaced him at the last moment and focussed his presentation on Europe instead of USA.

6. Brief report on ECDC activities (Ed)

- The second European surveillance study will be financed by ECDC. Unfortunately, ECDC could not attend this ESGCD meeting. Daan Notermans (Centre for Infectious Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Health, Bilthoven) is the coordinator of this study. The signatures have not been drawn officially, but Daan presented the design of the study. All European countries will hopefully participate and the study will start in August/September 2008. It was emphasized by Franz Allerberger that the NIH should be involved and that participating laboratories should provide a "proof of competence". There was concern that the original study design prepared by Ed Kuijper and Mark Wilcox had not been accepted by ECDC because of unfortunate procedural rules that mean that they were ineligible to bid. The committee agreed that the study lead should be contacted by Ed to ensure that the study has as wide a representation as possible of key European *C. difficile* laboratories.

- The official ECDC/ESGCD document on “Infection Control Measures” has been published now and is freely downloadable.

7. Brief report on EU project (Ed)

The project in FP 6 is progressing well and a fourth meeting is planned in Rome on May 19th.

The new “Hyperdiff” project will begin at the end of 2008.

8. Proposed topics for ECCMID 2009:

1. Education workshop: “Epidemiology of CDI”

Successful combating of Type 027 (Jean O’Driscoll)

Severity of CDI (Suggestions other than Mark?)

Emergence of resistance of *C. difficile* (Paola Mastrantonio)

Optimal surveillance methods (Petra Gastmeier)

2. A 2-hour session: New developments in diagnostics and outbreak management of CDI.

Pros and cons: Should we restrict the use of fluoroquinolones to control CDI? (Mark Wilcox and Ed Kuijper)

New diagnostic tests for CDI (suggestions other than Ed?)

Comparison of National and International guidelines for CDI (Jaap van Dissel)?

Meet the experts session: Combating CDI in daily practice

(Jean O’Driscoll, Fredric Barbut and Petra Gastmeier?).

9. PG workshop in Turkey in 2009. No news.

10. New committee members: Ian Poxton and Michel Delmée will retire from the committee next year after being members and officers of the committee for the maximum period.

Replacements will need to be found. A new member of Finland might join the ESGCD committee, either Anni Virolainen-Julkunen or Outi Lyytikäinen.

11. Other business.

* Jon Brazier has provided the 70 most frequently found *C. difficile* PCR ribotypes to the reference laboratory in Leiden. A committee of Jon, Mark and Ed will make a proposal for a MTA before the strains will be sent out to other labs.

* Ian mentioned that ESCMID provides small grants for study and research proposals (10,000-20,000 €).

12. Next meeting will be held in Brussels in September or October 2008.

April 21th, 2008,

Ed Kuijper and Ian Poxton