

ESGCD Committee Meeting
At ECCMID Munich
Lecture Hall 14c
Sunday 1st April 2007
12.00-13.00

Present: Anne Collignon, Paola Mastrantonio, Michel Delmée, Frederic Barbut, Ed Kuijper and Ian Poxton.

Apologies from Jon Brazier

AGENDA

1. Apologies: Jon Brazier to date
2. Minutes of the last meeting in Brussels
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Annual report (Ian, Ed)
5. Treasurer's report (Michel)
6. Review of ECCMID 2007 – study group meeting (just happened) and next day's symposium
7. Latest on 2005 surveillance study (Frederic).
8. Brief report on EU project (Ed)
9. Brief report on ECDC activities – including new surveillance project (Ed)
10. Second ISCD (Maribor, Slovenia 7-10 June 2007??)
11. ECCMID 2008 (Barcelona 19-22 April 2008) likely format of meeting and contents. Symposium topic/speakers/1 or 2 hours
12. PG workshop in Turkey in 2008
13. New committee from 2007 – 2009
14. Any other business
15. Date and venue of next meeting (September? Brussels?)

MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting in Brussels, matters arising from Minutes, annual report

All minutes and the annual report have been published on the website of ESGCD. The study group has been very active and obtained funding from FP6. To explore further research possibilities, Maja Rupnik, Paola Mastrantonio and Ed Kuijper attended a special meeting at ECCMID Munich for FP7. Two topics were considered of relevance: funding for a European typing study and funding for Emerging Outbreaks of CDAD. During the next few weeks, plan will be developed to investigate the feasibility of an application.

Treasurer's report.

Michel Delmée presented the report and confirmed that the bank account will be switched to an ECCMID account very soon. Michel will also make a budget proposal to ESGCD of the European surveillance study, which has been finished and was partly granted by FP6.

Review ECCMID 2007

So far ECCMID 2007 exceeded all previous meetings with respect to interest for *C. difficile*. Three specific sessions have been devoted to CDAD. The sponsored integrated symposium chaired by Dale Gerding and Ed Kuijper was a large success, mainly due to composition of the programme with 4 short presentations and 3 key note lectures. Ian Poxton will inform ECCMID programme committee on the possibilities to apply this concept also for future scientific study group meetings. The scientific meeting chaired by Ian was also a success by the presentations of Frederic (result of surveillance study), Ed (evidence based infection control measures), Maja Rupnik (animal surveillance) and Dale Gerding (treatment of CDAD). In the session with selected oral abstracts, particular attention was made for the observed increase of community acquired CDAD in Germany.

Brief report on EU projects

The FP6 study entitled: "EUROPEAN APPROACH TO COMBAT OUTBREAKS OF *CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE* ASSOCIATED DIARRHOEA BY DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DIAGNOSTIC TESTS" started in December 2006. The first scientific meeting will be held at the Second *Clostridium difficile* symposium in Slovenia (June 6-9th, 2007).

ECDC activities.

On behalf of ESGCD and ECDC, Ed Kuijper has taken initiatives to develop a European surveillance study to the incidence of CDAD in all European member states. The study proposal has been written in close collaboration with Bruno Coignard and Mark Wilcox and will be published as a call for tender very soon. A second publication of ESGCD and ECDC on evidence based infection control measures will be submitted very soon to Lancet Infect Diseases and has the official approval of all European member states. ESCMID has also asked Ed to make a guidance document for the treatment of CDAD in close collaboration with IDSA and ESGCD. Finally, a specific meeting of the ECDC *Clostridium difficile* working group will be held at the second ISCD in Slovenia, chaired by Mark Wilcox and Ed Kuijper.

Second ICDS Slovenia, 6-9th June 2007

The attendance has been over-subscribed and ECDC has confirmed that a special working group meeting will be organized on the final day of the symposium on the Epidemiology of CDAD, with invited speakers from ECDC, CDC, France and UK.

ECCMID 2008 Barcelona (19-22nd April)

Ian Poxton will recommend to the Scientific Affairs Committee to apply the format of the integrated symposium, with a few short presentations on the incidence of CDAD in different European countries and selected key note lectures. Ed proposes also a scientific lecture on toxin gene regulatory mechanisms of clostridia. The final programme will be made after the second ICDS meeting. (*Note added after committee meeting*: there is an urgency to get the first draft programme out earlier – by 16 April – and this has been done by email).

ESGCD will join with ESGARAB (chaired by Carl-Erik Nord) to present a joint symposium on antibiotics and *Clostridium difficile*.

PG workshop in Turkey in 2008.

Ian is organizing an educational symposium in collaboration with colleagues from Turkey.

Date and venue of the next meeting.

The next business meeting will be held in September, in Brussels or Leiden. A final date will be established at ICDS and published on the website.

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Ed Kuijper and Ian Poxton.

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