

ESGCD Executive Committee Meeting
Monday 3 November, 14.00-17.00, Institut Pasteur, Paris

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting in Helsinki
2. Qitiles Medical Education (QME) (Mark)
3. Brief report on ECDC activities (Ed)
4. Any other business
5. ECCMI D 2010, Vienna
6. Nominations and elections for chairman, secretary and treasurer
7. Date and venue of next meeting

Present: Anne Collignon, Jean O'Driscoll, Mark Wilcox, Frederic Barbut, Ed Kuijper. Apologies from Reno Frei, Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Paola Mastrantonio, Petra Gastmeier and Emilio Bouza.

1. **Minutes Helsinki.** Minutes from the business meeting and executive committee meeting were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes of Helsinki. It is unclear who participated on behalf of ESGCD in the EUCAST study group to determine MIC breakpoints for Cdiff.

Michel Delmee has now transferred the money (€9.237) from the ESGCD account to a ECCMI D account. The new treasurer will decide how this account is used.

The ESGCD guidance documents on treatment and diagnostics have been accepted and are currently in press for CMI. It is likely that the US Guidelines will be published early in 2010.

Two new members of the ESGCD executive committee have been chosen by 67 voting ESGCD members: Fidelma Fitzpatrick (Ireland) and Reno Frei (Switzerland).

The European strain collection of ECDC has now been distributed among many laboratories in Europe. Additionally, a new reference collection of 50 other PCR ribotypes is now in development by Mark and Ed. Ed is in contact with USA-CDC and Canada-CDC to share this collection for comparative studies of PCR ribotyping and PFGE. On behalf of ESGCD, Mark will contact Jon Brazier to enlarge this collection further. Both collections will be available for ESGCD members, provided that a MTA is signed and no commercial activities are undertaken with the collection. The large collection of 490 strains collected during the ECDIS study, is controlled by Mark, Jon Brazier and Ed.

ECCMI D postgraduate course in Turkey: will probably be held in 2011, Ian Poxton is our contact person.

Protocol for CDI in Healthcare Workers: Emilio hopes to work on this.

2. **QME (Mark).**

The situation is not completely clear. QME had questioned attendants of ECCMI D with the aim to develop training courses on CDI. They provided some feedback on the number of questionnaires, but have not discussed the results yet. We will await further actions to be undertaken by QME.

3. **Brief report on ECDC activities (Ed).** Soon after the end of the ECDIS study, a few ESGCD members were invited to Stockholm to discuss future plans. ECDC certainly wants to keep the network intact and will financially support this, mainly directed to the use of an appropriate database with reference strains. It is unlikely that a new surveillance study will be undertaken, but Mark and Ed emphasized that the network should be used to study new clinical and microbiological aspects of CDI (eg CA-CDI, animal associated disease). Ed will ask ECDC to come with some ideas and plans. The response of ECDC is slow, since

the final report and first draft of the manuscript have been at ECDC for 2 months already.

4. Any other business.

ESCMD has invited applications for research grants of approximately Euro 20,000 each. Applicants should be young investigators. One project has been submitted from the Netherlands to study colonisation and development of CDI among patients admitted to the hospital with community-acquired pneumonia.

5. ECCMI D 2010, Vienna.

ESGCD is involved in two sessions on CDI. Fred will moderate an educational workshop with two ESGCD members and two invited speakers from UK and Canada, respectively. A two hours symposium has also been approved, also with 2 ESGCD members and two invited speakers from Slovenia and Canada, respectively. We will also organize a dinner with Michel and Ian to thank them for their activities during the past years.

6. Nominations and elections.

No replies had been received to Ed's request to nominate candidates for the positions of chairman, secretary and treasurer. The members present at this meeting unanimously proposed Jean (secretary), Frederic (treasurer) and Ed (chairman) for the available positions.

7. Date and venue of the next meeting. This will be held at Vienna during the next ECCMI D.

Jean O'Driscoll and Ed Kuijper.

Action points.

Mark to contact Jon for the future plans of ESGCD using the Brazier collection.

Fred to contact ECCMI D for the new account.

Ed to contact ECDC, US-CDC and Canada-CDC for typing studies

Ed and Mark to contact Alexander and Franz Allerberger.