

## First Meeting of the ESGCP on 7 September 2007

9.00 – 17.00

Hopital Saint Louis, Paris

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### Introduction (BE)

History of the ESGCP

Starting from a European collaboration on toxoplasmosis in ESCMID (ESCMID Study Group on Toxoplasmosis=ESGT) in which clinical scientists wanted to work on standardization of tests and publish in a joint effort in the field. As the aims became fulfilled there was at ECCMID Munich 2007 established an extension of interest of the toxoplasma group to be involved with clinical parasitology in general.

The aim is to improve the standing of clinical parasitology in Europe through collaborations focused on improving quality of presentations at ECCMID, increasing awareness of parasitological diseases in EU and arrange educational workshops in EU/ESCMID for clinical parasitologists.

**ESGCP – Definition: Clinical parasitology will deal with diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of parasitic infections of humans, concerning all parasites.**

Specific comments: ESGCP should not interfere with other SG in ESCMID (water & food borne diseases, or others). Presently parasitology is part of some other SGs, probably because a special ESGCP did not exist. However, a specific group on clinical parasitology is pivotal for ESCMID to expand the interest over the whole field of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. Mycology is an expanding field; mycology has been by tradition often linked to the clinical parasitology lab. There is no ESCMID studygroup on zoonosis, but ISC (International society of chemotherapy has one. They will however not meet in Europe the coming years.

ESGCP will not cover pneumocystis.

### Status of clinical parasitology in Europe

The study group started to make an inventory on the training of doctors and microbiologists in parasitology in Europe.

#### Summary:

The situation for clinical parasitology across Europe is highly divergent. There is no standardized training for medical people in clinical and laboratory work involving parasitic diseases.

Standardization of education for people working all over the EU- is important.

### **Futures aims – brainstorming**

Education: possibilities for workshops

Parasitology Network in Europe

Involve young doctors and scientist in the activities of the group

ESCMID booklet on basic parasitology

All activities will be on behalf of ESCMID

### **Discussion on targets of ESGCP – Topics**

1. Intestinal Parasites (TG)
2. Endemic Parasites in Europe (TK)
3. Malaria (PC, FD, TG)
4. Improve the diagnostic research on parasitology, e.g. new diagnostics (TK)

### **Election of the Board of ESGCP**

For the next 2 years, all 9/9 votes

Chair person – Birgitta Evengard

Vice chair person – Tom van Gool

Secretary – Titia Kortbeek, Elisabeth Presterl

Scientific Secretary – Eskild Peterson

Treasurer – Herve Pelloux

Workshop organization – assistant to chair/vice chair persons: Francis Derouin, Peter Chiodini, Alexander Mathis

Board members: Monica Junie, Peter Chiodini, Alexander Mathis, Francois Peyron

Election committee, election should be done in future at the meeting at ECCMID

### **Goals for the next 2 years - Working groups:**

1. Training and education on clinical parasitology  
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2. Diagnostic research, expertise and standardization – Peter Chiodini (*Herve Pelloux, Alexander Mathis*)  
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3. ANNUAL SPECIAL WORKSHOP - Francis Derouin, (*Tom van Gool, Monica Junie*) –

### **Suggestions for the first topic/focus**

New intestinal parasites