

Annual report 2008/2009

1 Past Activities

a Publications, guidelines and consensus documents

EFISG in cooperation with EUCAST:

- Subcommittee on Antifungal Susceptibility Testing of the ESCMID European Committee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. EUCAST Technical Note on the method for the determination of broth dilution minimum inhibitory concentrations of antifungal agents for conidia-forming moulds. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2008 , 14(10):982-4.
- Subcommittee on Antifungal Susceptibility Testing of the ESCMID European Committee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. EUCAST Technical Note on voriconazole. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2008, 14(10):985-7.
- Subcommittee on Antifungal Susceptibility Testing (AFST) of the ESCMID European Committee for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST). EUCAST Definitive Document EDef 7.1: method for the determination of broth dilution MICs of antifungal agents for fermentative yeasts. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2008
- European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing-Subcommittee on Antifungal Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST-AFST). EUCAST technical note on fluconazole. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2008, 14 (2):193-5

b Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings

c Organization of scientific meetings and workshops

- ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course: Invasive Fungal Diseases: Epidemiology, Diagnosis, Therapy and Antifungal Susceptibility Testing, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course, 5 - 7 November 2008, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

d Educational activities

- Educational workshop: Barcelona ECCMID 2008: New aspects in yeast infections. Educational workshop by the European Fungal Infections Study Group at 18th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. Barcelona, April 2008.

e Research projects

- Exercise to determine QC strains for non-*Aspergillus* AST. EFISG in cooperation with EUCAST. The purpose of this exercise is to determine the intralaboratory and the interlaboratory reproducibility of the MICs generated in order to validate the proposed standard for AST of filamentous fungi to test antifungal agents against non-*Aspergillus* species.
- Support of FUNGISCOPE database research project. It is a global database for analysis of rare fungal infections under auspices of ISHAM, EFISG and other scientific societies.

2 Planned Activities (please include one sentence stating the main topic/objective/aim of the coming year)

- Project: To prepare European Guidelines for the Treatment of Candidiasis. These practice guidelines will provide recommendations for treatment of various forms of candidiasis.
- Project: To prepare European Guidelines for the Treatment of Rare Fungal Infections. These practice guidelines will provide recommendations for treatment of various forms of rare fungal infections.
- Educational workshop: Helsinki ECCMID 2009. It will be a four hours educational interactive workshop on *New and emerging topics in Medical Mycology*. Six European experts will take part on it and many attendants are hoped.
- Official Symposium in Helsinki ECCMID 2009. It will be a joint symposium between EFISG and ECMM (European Confederation of Medical Mycology). Topic will be *News from the clinical mycology laboratory*.
- ESCMID Post-graduate Course, Diagnosing and Treating Fungal Infections: from Neonates to Adults, Thessaloniki, Greece. Its objectives will be:
 - Awareness of recent trends in epidemiology of opportunistic fungi

- Knowledge of traditional and new methods for diagnosis of invasive fungal diseases
- Knowledge of strategies for management of invasive fungal disease in high risk groups
- Application of above mentioned topics and skills through interactive case presentations.
- Joint Project together with the IDSA: FDA/EMA Biomarker Qualification Process on Galactomannan Bioassays. Objectives are to prepare a proposal to qualify the *Aspergillus* galactomannan ELISA test for the diagnosis of invasive pulmonary aspergillosis.

3 Administration

a Number of the current members:

75

b Agenda for General Assembly:

- Approval of Barcelona EFISG business meeting minutes 2008
- Chairman's report
- Educational activities of EFISG in 2008: Paul Verweij (Workshop in Nijmegen) and ESCMID Post-graduate Course in 2009, Diagnosing and Treating Fungal Infections: from Neonates to Adults, 22 - 24 October 2009, Thessaloniki, Greece
- Study reports: EFISG and EUCAST projects
- New study proposals: European Guidelines for the Treatment of Candidiasis
- Report of the "Galactomannan Bioassay Group"
- Treasurer's report
- Any other business

4 Finances

a Revenues and expenses

b Balance on the date of the written annual report

The total balance of the account of the EFISG was 6765.22€ starting 2007. At the end of the year 2008 (31st Dec. 2008) the total balance was 7150,26€ due to bank charges and addition of 500€ as support for administrative duties. Total bank charges

were 155.40€ and credits were only 540.44€. No other movements occurred during the year.