

EMESG
ESCMID Meningitis Study Group
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1 Past Activities:

a. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:

NA

b. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings

1) Results of an EMESG collaborative study will be presented as a Poster entitled “Anti-inflammatory effect of adjuvant glycerol in experimental pneumococcal meningitis” at the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki

2) Results of an EMESG collaborative study will be presented as a Poster entitled Attenuation of bacteremia by treatment with serotype-specific antibodies diminishes hippocampal neural apoptosis during experimental pneumococcal meningitis at the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki from 16 - 19 May 2009

c. Organization of scientific meetings and workshops

1) Official Symposia on Bacterial meningitis during the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki, Finland, on Sunday, 17 May 2009, 09:00 - 11:00 h covering the following topics: Vaccines and the changing epidemiology; Old and new diagnostic tests; Management of acute bacterial meningitis; Pathogenesis and pathophysiology: potential adjunctive therapies

2) ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop on Histopathology in Experimental Neuroinfection, 7 – 8 September 2009, Bern, Switzerland

(http://www.escmid.org/research_projects/study_groups/emesg/);

Topic: Coordinated efforts to study the pathophysiology of infectious diseases of the central nervous system are hampered by the lack of consistent and comparable measurements for the quantitative and qualitative assessment of brain injury. The workshop aims at setting standards for histopathological evaluation of experimental infection-associated brain injury by providing the necessary knowledge and techniques to the participants.

d. Educational activities

NA

e. Research projects

Two EMESG collaborative studies are currently ongoing. One is entitled “Anti-inflammatory effect of adjuvant glycerol in experimental pneumococcal meningitis” and the other is entitled “Attenuation of bacteremia by treatment with serotype-specific antibodies diminishes hippocampal neural apoptosis during experimental pneumococcal meningitis”. Results will be presented at the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki from 16 - 19 May 2009.

2 Planned Activities

Future projects will be discussed at the General Assembly / EMESG Business Meeting 2009

3 Administration:

a. Number of the current members: 34

b. Agenda for General Assembly / EMESG Business Meeting 2009

During the 19th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, in Helsinki from

16 - 19 May 2009.

Date: 17 May, 18:15 – 19:15 (Location not yet determined)

1. Welcome
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of last years General Assembly / EMESG Business Meeting
4. New members: additions to the candidate list, discussion and vote
5. Past Activities: No new reports
6. Planned Activities:
 - 6.1 Presentation of the EMESG collaborative studies
 - 6.2 Presentation of the ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop on Histopathology in Experimental Neuroinfection, 7 - 8 September 2009, Berne, Switzerland
 - 6.3 Open discussion on new initiatives for future activities
7. Varia
8. Closing of the meeting

4 Finances:

a. Revenues and expenses: none

b. Balance on the date of the written annual report: No financial transactions in the reported period, ESCMID administrative fee EUR 500 transferred