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EHS G Annual Report to ESCMID 2009-2010

1) Past Activities: September 2009 – September 2010

a. Publications – Guidelines

The traditional supplement of the journal *Helicobacter*, *The Year in Helicobacter 2010* was published with a summary of the main articles published in the field during the previous year. It was published for the 9th time in this journal. It was distributed free of charge to the participants of our Workshop in Rotterdam, The Netherlands (*Helicobacter* 2010; 15 (Supplement 1): 1-76).

The abstracts of the Workshop were also published in the August issue of the journal *Helicobacter* (*Helicobacter* 2010; 15: 314-402).

A multicentre study to determine the point prevalence of peptic ulcer disease in children and their aetiology was carried out by the European *H. pylori* Pediatric Task Force and a manuscript has been published (Kalach et al., *Eur. J. Gastroenterol. Hepatol.* 2010; 22: 1174-81).

Guidelines on the management of *H. pylori* infection in children developed in collaboration with the European and North American Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition will be published in 2011.

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

Several sessions on *H. pylori* were organised on the occasion of the United Gastroenterology Week (UEGW, October 23-27, 2010 in Barcelona, Spain). They included the following symposia: "Challenges facing mass eradication of *H. pylori*" and "Insight into gastric cancer pathogenesis", as well as a lunch session on "*H. pylori* treatment".

c. Organisation of an Educational Workshop at ECCMID

At the Congress in Vienna, Austria, on April 10-13, 2010, an Educational Workshop was organised by our group on "Can we control the development of multiresistant *H. pylori*?".

d. Organisation of scientific meetings & workshops outside ECCMID

The XXIInd Workshop organised in Porto, Portugal, from September 17-19, 2009, was very successful. The attendance was increased compared to the previous year and was comprised of specialists. The scientific programme was organised using the same framework as the previous years with symposia, workshops, state-of-the-art lectures and a debate.

A Post-Graduate Course was held in Tel Aviv, Israel on April 22, 2010, and organised by the Israel Gastroenterology Association in conjunction with our group and the European Association of Gastroenterology (EAGE).



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A joint symposium with the European Study Group on Molecular Diagnosis was held on September 16, 2010, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The topic was "Molecular diagnosis and surveillance of *H. pylori* infection". This symposium was sponsored by ESCMID.

The XXIIIrd International Workshop on Helicobacter and related bacteria in chronic digestive inflammation and gastric cancer was held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, from September 16-18, 2010.

The 4th Maastricht Conference on Guidelines for the Management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection was held on November 11-13, 2010, in Florence Italy.

e. Research projects

The surveillance of *H. pylori* resistance to antibiotics in Europe was carried out from April 2008 to June 2009. It included 33 centres in 25 countries in Europe. The same methodology (E test) was used by the different centres and data were entered on line. A total of 2,204 strains were included. An article was finalised in 2010 and will be published in 2011.

f. Other activities

Our website is still well visited. It is used especially to announce our Workshop.

The European *H. pylori* Paediatric Task Force met before the yearly Workshop. In 2009, the gathering was in Guimaraes, Portugal.

Following an initiative by Professor Paradowski, the Marshall and Warren Medal Award was created in Wroclaw in 2006. This Medal Award is offered every year to a senior scientist who made a significant contribution to the field. The recipient in 2009 was Professor Pelayo Correa, a pathologist from Nashville, TN, USA.

The Healthy Stomach Initiative supported by our group was launched in May 2008 and met several times thereafter in order to be an active player in the area of gastric cancer prevention by eradication of *H. pylori*.

2) Planned Activities: September 2010 – September 2011

The main objective of this year is to maintain a good scientific level of our yearly workshop to be attractive to the best groups working in the field, and to publish the Guidelines in order to provide the best management for patients suffering from *H. pylori* infection. Incentives are being proposed to attract scientists from emerging countries, especially from China, to our Workshop.

- The XXIVth International Workshop on Helicobacter and related bacteria in chronic digestive inflammation and gastric cancer will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from September 11-13, 2011.

- The EHSYG will be organising an International Symposium on the Management of Precancerous Lesions in the Stomach on June 27, 2011, in Porto, Portugal, in collaboration with the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. The DELPHI protocol will be used.



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3) Administration

This year's Board is comprised of: Colm O'Morain, Dublin, Ireland (President), Francis Mégraud, Bordeaux, France (Secretary), and Javier Gisbert, Madrid, Spain (Treasurer).

The General Assembly will be held in Dublin at the end of the next EHSG Workshop on September 13, 2011. The next business meeting is planned for June 17, 2011, also in Dublin.