Annual Report 2016

1. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

1.1. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:
- Diagnostic position paper. A third draft version has now been prepared. The authors are Ram B. Dessau, Alije van Dam, Jeremy Gray, Volker Fingerle, Joppe Hovius, Klaus-Peter Hunfeld, Benoit Jaulhac, Olaf Kahl, Wolfgang Kristoferitsch, Per-Eric Lindgren, Mateusz Markowicz, Katharina Ornstein, Tobias Rupprecht, Gerold Stanek, Franc Strle. Final adjustments are in progress.
- Treatment position paper. A second draft version has now been prepared (Franc Strle, Katharina Ornstein, Wolfgang Kristoferitsch)

1.2. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings:
- Ram Dessau, Participation in nordic Norwegian consensus and Nordtick Meeting, Sweden 2-4 February. A Nordic consensus statement is being planned. This is in view of public and media pressure concerning non-scientific perceptions of “Lyme borreliosis”.

1.3. Proposals for scientific & educational sessions at ECCMID:
@ECCMID 2016 Amsterdam:
- ECCMID 2016 Amsterdam, ESGBOR, ESCMID Networking Corner Poster ENC008
- ECCMID 2016 Amsterdam 2-hour Symposium: Broadening our horizons of Lyme borreliosis; Organizer(s): ESGBOR, ESGVM (not selected)

1.4. Organization of scientific meetings and workshops outside ECCMID:
- Steering committee meeting in Vienna 04.-05.11.2016, discussion of scientific publications, proposals, ongoing projects and future tasks

1.5. Organization of educational activities outside ECCMID:
- none
1.6. Funded research projects (especially collaborative projects):
- SG Research Funding 8837 (Gabriele Margos, ESGBOR): Exploring the genomics tool box for tick-borne bacterial pathogens of the Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato species complex (planned to run until Feb 2017)
- EU-wide external quality assessment study on the sensitivity and specificity of different DNA amplification protocols for detection of Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato (Contact Volker Fingerle) continued.
- Medical Guideline project IDSA (Jennifer Padberg): Lyme borreliosis with Franc Strle as ESGBOR/ESCMID representative, draft planned for end of 2017
- Scandtick innovation (http://www.scandtick.com/) was funded by the European regional development fund. ESGBOR members from Sweden, Norway and Denmark participated in this activity. Contact Ram Dessau.

1.7. Other important activities:
- Network consultation on Lyme borreliosis surveillance in the EU. ECDC Stockholm January 26-28, 2016. Participation by several ESGBOR members (Ram Dessau, Gerold Stanek and Benoit Jaulhac)
- From ESGBOR, 4 and 10 members were doing 7 and 685 research grant and ECCMID abstract reviews, respectively. Note: thematic topics for Research Grants have been viral/fungal/parasitic pathogens and infections.

2. PLANNED ACTIVITIES


@ECCMID 2017 Vienna:
- Session 1648: Meet-the-Expert, organized by ESGBOR “How to reliably diagnose European borreliosis” Experts: Volker Fingerle and Franc Strle, Champion Ram Dessau (selected)
- 2-hour Symposium “Genomics of intracellular bacteria – identification of virulence factors, new drug targets and new diagnostic tools”, organized by ESCCAR & ESGBOR (not selected)
- 2-hour Symposium “What’s up in arthropod-borne infections?”, organized by ESCCAR & ESGBOR (not selected)
- 1-hour Symposium “Relevance of and problems with diagnostic markers in Lme borreliosis”, organized by ESGBOR (not selected)
- 2-hour Educational Workshop “Strategy for quality assessment in the diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis by PCR and serology”, organized by ESGBOR (not selected)
- Keynote lecture “Lyme borreliosis – a tick-borne infection – a manageable disease – an enduring mystery”, organized by ESGBOR (not selected)
3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1. Number of current members:

75 SG members (as of end of December 2016)

3.2. Agenda for General Assembly/Business Meeting:
   3.2.1. Appointment of chairperson for the meeting and referee.
   3.2.2. Approval of minutes of the 2016 meeting Amsterdam.
   3.2.3. Report by the chairman, Ram Dessau, on ESGBOR activities
   3.2.4. Finances of ESGBOR
   3.2.5. Other items, suggestions from ESGBOR members.

4. FINANCES

4.1. Revenues and expenses

The Treasurer has approved the balance sheet.

4.2. Balance

4264.58 EUR (as of end of December 2016)

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Executive committee:

Ram Dessau, Gerold Stanek and Tobias Rupprechtr