Annual Report 2017

1. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

1.1. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:


1.2. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings:

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna, ESGBOR, ESCMID Networking Corner Poster ENC008
1.3. **Scientific & educational sessions at ECCMID 2017 (Vienna):**

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna Meet-the-Expert Session: How to reliably diagnose European borreliosis; Organizer(s): ESGBOR

1.4. **Organization of scientific meetings and workshops outside ECCMID:**

- “International Symposium on Ticks, Tick-borne pathogens and Disease/ITPD2017” Vienna, 24-26 September 2017. Co-organized with the Austrian Society for Hygiene, Microbiology and Preventive Medicine (ÖGHMP). Number of participants was 206.
- ESGBOR working session on diagnostic guideline “To test or not to test? Laboratory support for the diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis: a position paper of ESGBOR, the ESCMID study group for Lyme borreliosis” which is now published. Vienna 20-21 January 2017.

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 (completed, see chapter publications)
- 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, planned publication in 2018
- 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.
- Nordic Consensus, Initiative and funding by the Norwegian health authorities and organized by the Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Tick-borne diseases. Delegates from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. A literature search is performed, proposals for research projects are discussed and a meeting is being planned for October 2018. Contact Ram Dessau. A consensus statement is planned.

1.7. **Other important activities:**

- Ram Dessau and Katharina Ornstein have commented the UK NICE guideline draft on Lyme borreliosis.
- Ram Dessau, Benoit Jaulhac and Mateusz Markowicz have participated as experts for ECDC at Expert meeting on Lyme Neuroborreliosis Surveillance, 19-20 October 2017, Stockholm
2. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

@ECCMID 2018 Madrid:

Selected:
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Educational Workshop (2 hours) (Accepted): Current issues in Lyme borreliosis; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis, Infectious Diseases Society of America
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Accepted): Update on CNS infections; co-arranged with: ESGIB - ESCMID SG for Infectious Diseases of the Brain, ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis, TAE, Infectious Diseases Society of America

Not selected:
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Educational Workshop (2 hours) (Not Selected): Treatment regimens for Lyme borreliosis, what is known. ; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Educational Workshop (2 hours) (Partly accepted (merged)): Diagnostic work-up of suspected Lyme borreliosis; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (1 hour) (Not Selected): Recently (re-)discovered tick-borne pathogens; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (1 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): Lyme disease and European Borreliosis; co-arranged with: Infectious Diseases Society of America, ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Not Selected): Challenges in treating disseminated Lyme borreliosis; Why do long term complains occur?; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Not Selected): Tick-borne encephalitis - not only ; co-arranged with: ESGIB - ESCMID SG for Infectious Diseases of the Brain, ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): Tick-borne diseases in Europe: clinical and scientific aspects.; co-arranged with: ESGBOR - ESCMID SG for Lyme Borreliosis
3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1. Number of current members:

83 SG members (as of end of December 2017)

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 2017 meeting in Vienna.
   3.2.3. Report by the chairman, Ram Dessau, on ESGBOR activities
   3.2.4. Finances of ESGBOR
   3.2.5. Election of executive committee (the currents elects may continue + two years)
   3.2.6. Other items, suggestions from ESGBOR members.

4. FINANCES

4.1. Revenues and expenses

The Treasurer has approved the balance sheet.

4.2. Balance

   EUR 1,669.18 (as of end of December 2017)

5.1. Conclusion

2017 has been an active year. The two very major events have been the Symposium on “Ticks, Tick-borne pathogens and Disease” and the publication of the position paper titled “To test or not to test? Laboratory support for the diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis” in CMI.

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Executive committee:

Ram Dessau, Gerold Stanek and Tobias Rupprecht