

Dear ECMM members,

Fungiscope – A Global Rare Fungal Infection Registry has recently acquired ECMM Working Group status. This working group is concerned with clinical research on rare fungal infections. Even though the incidence and relevance of these infections is increasing worldwide, there is a lack of data on demographics, pathogen distribution, diagnosis, treatment and outcomes. As clinical trials in rare diseases are hardly an option, case registries represent a valuable alternative, and the use of online database facilitates access to a significant number of participants. This approach is already being used successfully by the ECMM-ISHAM Zygomycosis Working Group. Since Zygomycosis is now covered the ECMM-ISHAM Fungiscope Working Group aims to gather information on other rare fungal infections (e.g. *Fusarium* spp., *Scedosporium* spp., *Trichosporon* spp., dematiaceous fungi etc...) by use of an online case report form and the Fungithek, a repository for isolates and histological samples.

Physicians and mycologists may request a password for the database and may then access their account at [www.ClinicalSurveys.net](http://www.ClinicalSurveys.net) for case documentation. In parallel, isolates and histological samples may be deposited at the Fungithek to ensure a thorough workup of the case, including microscopic and molecular genetic identification. To improve and foster global research on rare fungal infections, information and samples can be made available to Fungiscope contributors for joint research projects as long as the respective origin of the single samples is acknowledged and the contributors are kept informed and involved.

Contributors will be provided a financial compensation for documentation and shipping of samples. Furthermore, they are offered authorship along the ICMJE criteria, once their case(s) are being published. Researchers may also contribute cases that have already been registered or published elsewhere, provided that this will be declared.

For further information, please take a look at the enclosed flyer or contact [oliver.cornely@ctuc.de](mailto:oliver.cornely@ctuc.de) or [maria.rueping@ctuc.de](mailto:maria.rueping@ctuc.de).

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