



Working Group Interim report

1	Title of Working Group	Eumycetoma Working Group
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	Wendy W. J. van de Sande, PhD
3	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide an official body for all researchers and health care workers interested in all aspects of eumycetoma under the umbrella of ISHAM - To encourage the study of all aspects of eumycetoma - To increase the awareness of the scientific community and public about this neglected fungal infection - To facilitate the exchange of ideas and information about epidemiology, immunopathology, diagnosis and management of eumycetoma - To facilitate the organization of eumycetoma symposia in big microbiology and mycology meetings - To facilitate fund raising
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>The Eumycetoma Working Group has organised a working group session in the 18th Congress of the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology in June 2012 in Berlin, Germany. During this meeting an initiative was made to attract more attention of the World Health Organisation for mycetoma, and put mycetoma on the neglected tropical diseases list of the WHO. Therefore on 1st February 2013, we held a meeting with the Drugs for neglected diseases initiative (DNDi) in Geneva to plan a strategy to get this attention. In this meeting, members from South-America, Africa and Europe were present. In this meeting it was decided to meet in Nairobi to discuss the matter further in June 2013. In order to raise awareness for mycetoma, we requested PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases to host a special issue on mycetoma with</p>

		<p>reviews on several topics on this disease, including a look into future efforts. Furthermore we requested to host a special symposium on mycetoma in the 62nd annual meeting of the American society of tropical medicine and hygiene in Washington DC, to gain attention for mycetoma. Next to obtaining attention for mycetoma, the meetings are also used to determine the research priorities on mycetoma and divide the tasks to the different members of the working group, in the end to help the research on mycetoma further.</p>
5	<p>Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?</p>	<p>Yes, we would like to continue and organize additional meetings to continue the cooperation between the various institutes</p>