



10th April 2013

Professor Bernard Hube and Professor David Denning
ISHAM Council
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Dear Professors Hube and Deening,

Please find below the working group report of the ECMM/ISHAM working group on *Scedosporium/Pseudallescheria* infections for 2012-2013, as requested.

Kind regards,

The conveners
Sharon Chen, Michaela Lackner and Walter Buzina

2012-2013 Report
Working Group Interim report (please expand boxes as required)

1	Title of Working Group	ECMM-ISHAM working group on <i>Scedosporium</i> infections
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	Michaela Lackner, Sharon Chen, Walter Buzina
3	Number of members	73
4	Number of ISHAM members	Unknown
5	Initial objectives – as specified in the original application	To promote applied clinical and basic science research in the field of <i>Scedosporium</i> and scedosporiosis. To establish and coordinate joint research projects
6	Change in objectives since the working group's inception (if any)	None to date
7 ^a	Achievements and output (reviews, papers, conference talks, changes in clinical practice etc) of the Working Group since January 2010	Update of Homepage (http://www.scedosporium-ecmm.com/) Working group meeting at ISHAM 2012, Berlin. Presentations by Michaela Lackner, Wieland Meyer and Jean-Philippe Bouchara. Initiation of “MFIP” study (comparative study of media for isolation of fungi including <i>Scedosporium</i>) in conjunction with the ISHAM cystic fibrosis working group (coordinators: L. Delhaes, J. Bouchara) Working group meeting, Innsbruck in 2013, Austria, May 16-18. Organisation board: Josef Kaltseis, Johannes Rainer
8 ^a	Your vision in next one year	Guidelines for sampling methods and detection of <i>Scedosporium</i> in cystic fibrosis patients (guided by results of “MFIP” study) Thrice yearly newsletters Fusion of clinical database/strain collection with that of Fungiscope Preparation for the working group meeting at the ISHAM 2015 conference To promote education in all aspects of

		<i>Scedosporium</i> work Proposal for a further special issue in <i>Scedosporium</i> and <i>Scedosporium</i> infections in Medical Mycology
9 ^a	Expectation(s) from ISHAM	Support for the working group meeting at the ISHAM 2015 (Melbourne)
10	Could you make anybody of your working group as new ISHAM member? If so, how many?	We recommended all working group members to become ISHAM members. Many already are.
11. ^a	Problems encountered and solutions generated in the period of reporting.	Links between Clinicians, Hospital, scientists and Basic science, scientists have been improved but may be further strengthened, through joint meetings, both ISHAM and non-ISHAM based

^a Items 7-9 & 11 Please go over the main points (*up to 250 words*)

The *Scedosporium* working group is a highly active group of researchers and physicians, which meets once every 2-3 years beside the working group meetings taking place in the frame of ISHAM conference. The homepage is updated at least once a year, and newsletters are distributed among the members to keep them informed about recent breakthroughs in that field and to inform them about news of the working group.

The working group meeting in ISAHM 2012 (Berlin) was a great success with a large number of attendees. Taxonomic, diagnostic and pathogenesis aspects were discussed, as we already reported in the spring newsletter of ISHAM. We are planning to link fungiscope with the clinical database / strains collection of the *Scedosporium* working group and to update the search tools and database on the webpage. Since 2010 the first big CF patient screening studies are running and we hope that it will be possible to publish the first guidelines at the next working group meeting.

The convenors have remained Walter Buzina, Sharon Chen, and Michaela Lackner, with Michaela as the main newsletter Editor. We will do our best to keep the working group as actives as it was in the previous years.

Kind regards,

Sharon Chen, Michaela Lackner and Walter Buzina