



### Working Group Interim Report

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| 1 | Title of Working Group  | <b><i>PCR-based diagnosis of Dermatophytic infections: on the way to a consensus</i></b>  |
| 2 | Name(s) of Coordinator(s)   | Susan M. Abdel-Rahman<br>Michael Arabatzis<br>Jong-Soo Choi<br>Yvonne Graeser   |
| 3 | Objectives  | As specified in the original application  |
| 4 | Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)        | <p>A session on the advancement in our topic has successfully taken place in the TIMM 2013 meeting, Copenhagen (Oct., 2013).</p> <p>The WG has encouraged a number of studies on PCR diagnosis of dermatophytes. In the last year a number of studies were published, evaluating dermatophyte-specific PCR versus conventional diagnostics (Br J Dermatol, 2014 Jun 7; Mycopathologia. 2013 Oct;176(3-4):237-41.) or evaluating novel PCR-ELISA assays (Br J Dermatol, 2013;168(6):1236-42). A number of studies employing conventional PCR assays or commercial assays (<i>Mycoses. 2014 Jan;57(1):27-34.</i>), appropriate for laboratories of average technological capabilities, were also published.</p> |
| 5 | Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years? | We would like to carry on for one more term.  |