



Working Group Interim Report

1	Title of Working Group	ISHAM working group on clinical <i>Fusarium</i> and fusariosis
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3	Objectives	The ISHAM working group on clinical <i>Fusarium</i> and fusariosis focuses on all <i>Fusarium</i> species causing human and animal infections, and all the different types of infections caused by them ranging from superficial infections from nail, skin and eye in otherwise healthy individuals to deep and disseminated infections in the immunocompromised. The working group aims to form a network where clinicians, veterinarians, (medical) mycologists, molecular biologists, taxonomists and anyone else interested in <i>Fusarium</i> spp. can exchange knowledge.
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	In 2013 the working groups was recognised as an official working group of ISHAM. In this year the working groups was funded twice with 5000\$, once to facilitate the start up for the <i>Fusarium</i> network and its own website. The second time for the organisation of a <i>Fusarium</i> workshop in Januari 2014. The funding was granted under the stipulation that the funding was to be seen as all funds for the first 3 years of the working group. Over 2013, new collaborations were started between members of the working group on different types of fusariosis and even potential outbreaks. The infections range from the underestimated numbers of onychomycoses caused by <i>Fusarium</i> spp., fusarial keratitis in especially tropical countries, to disseminated infections in

		<p>immunocompromised caused by rare species. A website has been made to give details about working group activities (http://www.isham.org/WorkingGroups/Fusarium/). The working group is growing in size (> 50 members on the mailing list) and is becoming more widely known.</p> <p>Part of the 2013 activities of the working group went into the organisation of a workshop in Coimbatore, India, in conjunction with the SIHAM conference in January 2014. With approximately 30 international participants this workshop was a great success. Next year at the ISHAM conference a session on clinical Fusarium will be held, while a second multi-day international workshop will be planned 2016/2017.</p>
5	Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?	Yes, certainly!