



Working Group Interim report

1	Title of Working Group	<i>Malassezia</i> epidemiology and pathobiology
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	A. Velegraki
3	Objectives	As described originally. However, following proposals of working group members at ISHAM 2012, emphasis was given in studying biology, genomics, metabolomics, automated diagnostics and including the yeast in international diagnostics and treatment guidelines.
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	Active research groups within the WG have joined up and published along these lines, only in 2013-14 there was emphasis on (a) the veterinary aspects of <i>Malassezia</i> (Med Mycol. 2014; PLoS Pathog 2014; 10: e100389252:350-5); (b) including the previously neglected <i>Malassezia</i> systemic infections in the diagnosis and treatment of European guidelines (Clin Microbiol Infect 2014; 20: 76-98); (c) adding the <i>Malassezia</i> spp. in the Bruker's database for MALDI-TOF supported identification (Br J Dermatol 2014; 170: 332-341) and elucidating the role of <i>Malassezia</i> metabolome and microbiome (J Invest Dermatol 2013; 133: 2023-2030; Mycoses 2014; doi: 10.1111/myc.12186.) in health and disease. The achievements of the WG have been noted prompting a recent Editorial (British Journal of Dermatology 2014; 170: 234) resulting in two invitations for Review articles, one already published (Clin Dermatol 2013; 31: 455-463) and one in preparation for PLOS Pearls in preparation by 5 members of the Working Group, where ISHAM's contribution for commencing and sustaining research interest and scientific debate will be acknowledged.
5	Is there any achievement you would like highlighted by General Secretary during the General Assembly at ISHAM Melbourne?	Increase in published research and international guidelines that were inspired through the WG. Importantly, young Mycologists have developed interest in the topic and entered the <i>Malassezia</i> community through funded projects in Europe, Asia and the US.
6	Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?	Yes. <i>However, I have initiated the change in co-ordination as I would like to step-down. I think that the WG would run more efficiently by a co-ordinating committee enriched by at least one YISHAM member.</i>