



### Working Group Interim Report

1	Title of Working Group	ECMM/ISHAM Working Group on Zygomycosis
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	George Petrikkos
3	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To collect cases of mucormycosis (zygomycosis) from all around the world in order to increase knowledge about all the aspects of this lethal disease</li> <li>To increase collaboration between various countries and produce new protocols aiming at the research regarding zygomycosis</li> </ul> <p>To implement educational methods so that more physicians become aware of the diseases produced by the zygomycetes and so be able to make the diagnosis earlier.</p>
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>The WG continued its activities during 2013.</p> <p>Thirty-two countries are now contributing to the Zygomycosis registry, including India, Iran, Mexico and Brazil. The site for the WG is <a href="http://www.zygomycosis.net">www.zygomycosis.net</a> and it is being re-structured. Our aim is to add sections with more information regarding mucormycosis as well as to make it more interactive, enabling members to pose questions and receive answers.</p> <p>A new leaflet has been made.</p> <p>A Workshop on Zygomycetes was organized in Utrecht, in 2013, in collaboration with Sybren de Hoog</p>

		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Several members of the group contributed to the publication of the:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Haematologica 2012 article (ECIL3, Guidelines)</li> <li>2. Supplement of Clinical Infectious Diseases (1 February 2012, Vol.54, sup.1)</li> <li>3. ESCMID and ECMM Joint Clinical Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Mucormycosis, CMI, 2013</li> </ol> <p>The organization of the WG has been modified during the meeting at TIMM (October 2013, Copenhagen). Prof. Petrikkos is still the convenor of the group, but now, instead of country coordinators, there is a steering committee. The current members of the steering committee are G.Petrikkos, A.Skiada, L.Pagano, T.Zaoutis, E. Cuenca-Estrella, M. Nucci, O. Cornely, E. Dannaoui, A. Chakrabarti and T.Walsh. D.Kontoyiannis is an ad hoc member.</p>
5	<p>Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?</p>	<p>Yes. A new protocol has been prepared by Tom Walsh (USA), in collaboration with George Petrikkos and other members of the Working Group. The objective of this protocol is to improve diagnostic methods for the rapid diagnosis of mucormycosis. The first draft has been presented at the meeting in Utrecht and it will be finalized by September 2014, during the 3rd Forum.</p> <p>In the meantime more cases are being submitted and continue to be accepted on <a href="http://www.zygomycosis.net">www.zygomycosis.net</a>.</p> <p>The 3rd International Forum on Zygomycosis will take place in Marathon, Greece, on 19-21 September, 2014. A new site, advertising the event, has been made (<a href="http://www.zygomycosis2014.eu">www.zygomycosis2014.eu</a>)</p>