



Working Group Interim report 2017

1	Title of Working Group	SPOROTHRIX AND SPOROTRICHOSIS
2	Name(s) of Coordinator(s)	Leila M, Lopes Bezerra (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil); Hector M. Mora-Montes (Univ. Guanajuato, México)
3	Objectives	We have a special interest in genomic, proteomic and physiological traits that define the virulence, and the host-fungus interaction, of the causative agents of sporotrichosis. In addition, the working group seeks the study of phylogeny of <i>Sporothrix</i> species.
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>Our WG started its activities in the middle of 2011, upon the ISHAM Council approval. Since then, we have incorporated new groups and improved the collaborative work across those already part of the WG. This has reshaped our original goals, which are now more inclusive. This has been reflected in the increased number of international laboratories that are now part of the WG.</p> <p>We organized the 2nd International Meeting on <i>Sporothrix</i> and Sporotrichosis, held on Sept 11th and 12th in Guanajuato México. We have a total of 77 delegates from 8 different countries, 9 invited speakers, 9 oral communications and 20 poster presentations. The event was supported by the host institution, Universidad de Guanajuato, the Mexican Government, via CONACYT, and ISHAM. There was no registration fee and we offered 12 grants to cover lodging. The main topics covered during the event include human and feline sporotrichosis, new alternatives for diagnosis and treatment, basic aspects of phylogeny, immune response and the host-fungus interaction.</p>

		<p>Finally, we secured a spot for the WG in the next ISHAM Congress 2018, in Amsterdam. This will include three invited speakers and one or two selected from the offered abstracts.</p>
5	<p>Is there any achievement you would like highlighted by General Secretary during the General Assembly at ISHAM Amsterdam?</p>	<p>The 3rd International Meeting on <i>Sporothrix</i> and Sporotrichosis to be held In India, and hosted by Prof. Arunaloke Chakrabarti in 2019.</p> <p>Also, Dr. Leila Lopes Bezerra is organizing the 1st Brazilian Meeting on Sporotrichosis to be held in 2018 and hosted by Universidade de São Paulo (USP). The main goal is to establish diagnostiuc and treatment protocols for feline and human sporotrichosis.</p> <p>Another goal and we count with the ISHAM support for that is to set up an active Website for the WG.</p>
6	<p>Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?</p>	<p>YES, but we have a change of coordinators. Hector Mora-Montes asked to be released from his duty and the coordinator from 2018 onwards is Leila M. Lopes Bezerra.</p> <p>Dr Sahan LI, President of Department of Dermatovenerology, The First Hospital of Jilin University, China, already accepted to replace Dr. Hector Mora-Montes in the WG Coordination. T</p> <p>The new Coordinator for 2018-2020 Dr. Leila Lopes-Bezerra (Brazil) and Dr. Sashan Li (China), will be announced in the nest ISHAM Congress, 2018. The WG will keep an international representation.</p>