

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consortium newsletter with an update of our activities

### **Veerle Goossens**

Our scientific officer, Veerle Goossens, is back from maternity leave – so please look out for regular emails from her.

### **Data VI now published**

The 2003 data paper is now available on line [Hum Reprod.](#) 2007 Feb;22(2):323-36. Epub 2006 Nov 28,  
[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=pubmed&cmd=Retrieve&dopt=AbstractPlus&list\\_uids=17132677&query hl=2&itool=pubmed\\_docsum](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=pubmed&cmd=Retrieve&dopt=AbstractPlus&list_uids=17132677&query hl=2&itool=pubmed_docsum)

### **Positions available on the steering committee**

Karen Sermon will be leaving the consortium this year after being Chairman for 8 years. I would like to give a huge thank you to Karen for all of her extremely hard work in getting the consortium where it is today. She is currently Co-ordinator of the SIG in reproductive genetics and so she will still be involved in ESHRE activities.

As a result we have two positions free on the steering committee. The position of deputy chair is vacant and we will also need a new steering committee member. If you are interested in either of these positions, please can you email Veerle ([Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com](mailto:Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com)). Closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007. All applications will be considered by the steering committee.

### **Training courses 2007**

There will be a Genetics for ART practitioners course on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Guys and St Thomas' Hospital, London. If you would like to find out further information please visit the consortium web page <http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pagelid=879>.

## **LYON 1-4 July 2007**

### **Next Consortium meeting**

The next meeting of the consortium will be at the ESHRE annual meeting in Lyon on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. More details will be send to you as soon as possible.

### **Biopsy trouble shooting day**

The aim of this meeting is for people who do biopsy to get together and discuss their experiences with biopsy and problems they have encountered. Participants are invited to email any questions they have to Veerle before the meeting so that they can be added to the agenda. The provisional timetable is attached. This is open to all staff of registered centres and will take place on Thursday 5th July 2007 in Lyon (after the annual meeting). This course is being organised by Alan Thornhill and Stephane Viville. There is no charge for the course but it will be on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to attend please contact [Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com](mailto:Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com) stating your name, centre name and centre number.

### **Data collection**

#### **Data VII**

The steering committee have almost completed the paper on data VII. As soon as it is accepted for publication in HR, centres whose data is included will be sent a copy of the paper and all of the filemaker pro files that were used for data VII.

#### **Data VIII**

You should all have received information about the collection of data from 2005 (data VIII). Karen sent instructions on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2006. The deadline for submission is 16<sup>th</sup> March. Karen asked if centres that had already sent in data could transfer their data to the new filemaker pro files and send it in again. Our apologies for this being late. Karen also sent a manual with instructions about completing the files. Please can you all read this, even if you have sent in data many times before, as the steering committee spend many months trying to sort out incorrect entries. Please remember that if you have sent in data before, you should only be sending in cycles performed in 2005, and for all centres no cycles from 2006 should be sent in. You will see that the filemaker Pro files have been simplified. The steering committee is very aware of recurring problems with entering data and so the information about cycles cancelled prior to the ovum pickup and the fate of the untransferred embryos have been removed.

### **Consortium Certificate**

There have been a number of requests from centres to obtain a certificate. These will be processed at the next Consortium meeting in Lyon.

### **SIG Reproductive Genetics**

The SIG has organised a pre congress workshop on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Lyon and is a joint meeting with the SIG stem cells. It is on the (Epi)genetic aspects of human embryonic and germ stem cells. Please go to the ESHRE web site for further details (<http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pagelD=310>).

The business meeting, which is an open meeting for all SIG members, will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 1-2pm.

## General Info

### **Steering Committee**

The members of the steering committee are:

Chair, Joyce Harper, Deputies, Karen Sermon and Alan Thornhill  
Joep Geraedts, Netherlands, Stephane Viville, France, Christine deDie, Netherlands, Leeanda Wilton, Australia, Paul.Scriven, UK, Gary Harton, USA  
Celine.Moutou, France, Alison.Lashwood, UK, Sioban SenGupta, UK, Sjoerd Repping, Netherlands, Joanne Traeger-Synodinos, Greece, Katerina Vesela, Czech Republic, William Kearns, USA

### **Email list**

If there is anyone at your clinic who would like to receive this newsletter, please send their email address to [Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com](mailto:Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com) quoting your centre number

### **Centre number**

We would like to ask that in every E-mail you send, concerning the PGD Consortium, your centre number is quoted. This makes the administration and communication a lot easier.

### **Further information**

If you would like to make any comments, suggestions or need any further information about the consortium please email [Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com](mailto:Veerle.Goossens@eshre.com)