

Minutes of the business/lunch meeting of the SIG Reproductive Genetics

Tuesday 20th June 2005, 1-2pm, Copenhagen

1. The minutes from the meeting in Berlin, 2004 were approved.
2. **Matters arising**
 - a. Data collection IV has been published (Sermon et al, Human Reproduction, 2005, 20(1):19-34) and V is due to be finished in July.
 - b. The guidelines have also been published – Thornhill et al, Human Reproduction, 2005, 20 (1):35-48
3. **Summary of the Consortium meeting held on Saturday 18th June 2005**
 - a. Overview of data VI. The preliminary data was presented and has been sent to all consortium members.
 - b. ESHRE are going to take on a new member of staff on a full time basis. Part of their role will be to help with consortium matters, including checking the data collections.
 - c. Problem with filemaker Pro 7. You can open filemaker Pro 5/6 in 7 but not vice versa. This will be a problem in the future and hopefully the ESHRE person can deal with this.
 - d. Discussion on quality control. It was agreed that this would be useful and we are going to start with FISH as this will be easier. Concurrently, the PCR quality control will also be set up, but will request more time.
 - e. Proposal for long term follow up of babies. Centres have been invited to enrol on this study.
 - f. Study on translocations. This is going to be set up.
 - g. New chairs of the PGD consortium. Joep Geraedts is standing down as deputy and Alan Thornhill is taking over.
4. **Joint document on Interface between genetics and ART with ESHG**

We have had two meetings. A background document has been put on the ESHRE web site (<http://www.eshre.com/emc.asp?pageId=632>) and the ESHG web site. Recommendations are being written which will be just 2-3 pages. Please read these documents and make comments within the next three months. The aim is to publish both of the documents in both societies' journals.
5. **Change of co-ordinator and deputies of the SIG**

Joep Geraedts has stepped down as co-ordinator (after 5 years) and Joyce Harper as deputy chair. Karen Sermon will take over as co-ordinator and the two new deputies are Stéphane Viville and Peter Vogt. ESHRE have new regulations for SIG co-ordinators and deputies. Past co-ordinators will stay on in an advisory role for 2 years. Co-ordinators and deputies will be in post for 3 years. Co-ordinators will select one of the deputies and the other will be voted for by the SIG.
6. **Pre congress course during Copenhagen**

The genetics of male infertility was fully booked and there were many people who could not get on.

7. Pre congress course in Prague

This will be on the genetics of female infertility. The programme for this course is attached.

8. Post congress workshop on PGS

Also in Prague will be a post congress workshop on PGS for two days. This will be on Thursday and Friday after ESHRE.

9. Basic genetics training for non-geneticists

We are designing a 1-2 day course in the basics of reproductive genetics. The first one will take place in Brussels.

10. Pre congress course in Lyon

Karen has been discussing running a course with the SIG stem cells (Anna Veiga). If anyone has any suggestions for topics for this PCC please let Karen know.

11. Lack of PGD sessions at ESHRE Copenhagen

There was some discussion about the lack of PGD sessions at this ESHRE. This may well be due to the recent PGDIS congress in London. We can only encourage PGD groups to send in abstracts to ESHRE next year. From the Annual Meeting in Prague onwards there will be a session where the data from the ESHRE PGD Consortium is reported (Tuesday 14.00-15.00).

12. Embryo biopsy laser workshop

It was discussed at the Consortium meeting that it would be useful to have a workshop for people working in PGD to learn how to use the laser for biopsy as this was not as simple as following the manufacturers instructions. Joyce Harper suggested tagging a one day workshop onto her annual PGD workshop at University College London. She has already discussed this with the laser manufacturers and they are pleased to do this. Details to follow.

13. Other pre congress courses

If anyone has any ideas for future PCC please let Karen Sermon know.

14. Any other business

Trouble shooting Filemaker Pro course

For PGD consortium members we will run a filemaker Pro trouble shooting course in the same room as the SIG lunch/business meeting at every ESHRE from 11.45-1pm on Tuesday. People can email their own problems at least 2 weeks before and we try and solve them.

SIG lunch and business meetings

This will always be from 1-2pm on Tuesday at ESHRE. We will arrange for lunch to be given. In the Prague programme a business meeting is planned on Sunday at 17.30, immediately following the pre-congress course. This will be rectified in the next programme versions.

Present at meeting:

Fanny Vidal
Peter Vogt
Andreas Schmutzler
Milan Macek
Carmen Rubio
Sjoerd Repping
Stephane Viville
Fulco van der Veen
Ingrid Rodi
Jos Dreesen
Joep Geraedts
Joyce Harper
Karen Sermon