

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

**Tuesday 3rd July 2007, 1-2pm, Lyon**

### **1. Summary of the Consortium meeting held on Saturday 30th June 2007**

1. Data collection VII is due to be finished soon and will be sent to HR.
2. Four working groups have been set up, one on PGS (chaired by Joyce Harper), a second one concerning the paediatric follow up (chaired by Alison Lashwood), the third one concerning quality assessment (chaired by Alan Thornhill and Sjoerd Repping) and a fourth one on Accreditation for PGD (chaired by Karen Sermon)
3. See also abridged PGD Consortium minutes sent with this mail

### **2. Report of the second "Basic Genetics for ART practitioners" course**

This course, organised by Alison Lashwood, took place the 23rd of March in London. It was well attended with around 50 participants, many of them gynaecologists. Unfortunately, ESHRE did not provide the evaluation questionnaire, but people seemed to evaluate the course positively. In 2008 the course will take place in Athens (5<sup>th</sup> of April) and the next one after this in Strasbourg (2009). There was already a candidacy to organise the one in 2010 and in Italy. A discussion arose when Andreas Schmutzler proposed to organise it as a video conference, so that 2 or 3 different places could assist at the same time but from different places. It was concluded that direct interactions between the speaker and the attendants was of a great importance especially in basic courses such as this.

We invite the other members of the SIG RG to give their opinion on this.

### **3. Proposal for the PCC in Amsterdam**

For Barcelona the programme is ready and will concern the mode of transmission of the X and Y chromosome. There is a need for proposals for the PCC in Amsterdam in 2009. Karen Sermon proposed to come back to PGD since it has not been treated since a long time. Proposition accepted.

### **4. Proposal to set up a working group on the genetics of infertility.**

Following a fruitful collaboration, Stéphane Viville, Jan Kremer and Sjoerd Repping would like to set up a working group in charge to recruit familial cases of male infertility. The goal of the proposed project is to get families and try to isolate the gene(s) contributing to their phenotype. A SIG letter will be posted on the web, the andrology SIG will be contacted and so on.

SIG RG members who are interested to participate can contact Stéphane Viville (viville@titus.u-strasbg.fr)

### **5. Updating of the web site.**

Last year, a committee (Peter Vogt, Kristiina Aittomaki and Karen Sermon) was set up to update the web site. The updating will be yearly from now on.

The web site is not often visited; all SIG members are invited it regularly for news and updates.

## **6. Change of co-ordinator and deputies of the SIG**

Karen Sermon will step down next year in Barcelona and one of the current deputies will take over. According to EHSRE rules, two new deputies are needed. One will be chosen by the co-ordinator and the other one has to be elected by the SIG RG members. So far one candidate is known: Filipa Carvalho from Porto, Portugal. We hereby call for more candidates from the SIG RG members.

## **7. Embryo biopsy laser workshop**

A workshop was organised by Alan Thornhill and Stephane Viville on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July in Lyon, just following the ESHRE annual meeting. This meeting was well attended and received a positive feed back. All three manufacturers of lasers for embryo biopsy were there to demonstrate their material.

## **8. Other business**

Nathalie Rives complained that there were no talks on male/female or reproductive genetics. It was answered that it was due to the absence of abstracts, but also that the next PCC in Barcelona will deal with this topic.

All SIG RG members are called upon to send in abstracts so that at least some sessions at the annual ESHRE meeting are on genetics.

### **Present at meeting:**

Nathalie Rives  
Filipa Carvalho  
Pierre Ray  
Hihke van Doorninck  
Andreas Schmutzler  
Stéphane Viville  
Joyce Harper  
Karen Sermon