

Minutes of the of the meeting in person of the committee of IATDMCT on Clinical Toxicology/ Drugs of Misuse held in Prague (Czech Republic) September 21st 2022, 12:00-13:30h (UTC+2)

present: Eric Franssen (Amsterdam, NL.) (chair), Peter Zweipfenning (Pijnacker NL) (minutes), Alain Verstraete (Gent, B.), Vanessa Steenkamp (Pretoria, RSA), Hans Maurer (Homburg, D), Loralay Langman (Rochester, NY, USA), Souleiman El Balki (Limoges, F), Lei Fu (Toronto, Can.). As of 12.35h Benjamin Jung (Toronto, Can.) took part.

On Sept. 20d 2022 Eric has send a proposal for today's agenda:

The agenda for our CTC meeting (12:00-13:00) is:

- 1) Opening (5 min)
- 2) Invitation to contribute to "Toxics" special issue on clinical and post mortem toxicology (flyer included, EF) (5 min)
- 3) Aims of the committee (Hans Maurer) (10 min)
 - a. Demands executive board
 - b. Input new members
- 4) Sharing toxicological cases (5 min)
 - a. Tox-time webinars (Daan Touw)
 - b. 4-times annually; chairs?
- 5) IVDR and consequences for lab's (Alain)
 - a. Feelings, experiences and current activities (max 10 min)
- 6) Update website CTC (all) (10 min)
- 7) Minutes of our last meeting (2 min)
- 8) Closure (5 min)

1. Opening by the chairman

- a. Eric has sent an agenda by email to all potential participants on Sept. 20t 2022 at 01:30h.

7. The minutes of the E-meeting of Oct. 8th 2021 (12:30- 13:15h UTC+1) (Attached to the mail mentioned at 1.a.) are approved by acclamation.

2. "Toxics" Eric Franssen asks for articles and/or case reports for this journal he is editor of.

3. Hans Maurer notes that until now too much work of individual members (however of good quality) is presented as achievements of this committee. That is not what this committee is meant for. He puts the question of the aim of this committee. Vanessa Steenkamp states that only work done for/on request of the committee should be considered as work of the committee EF states that there have been no demands nor instructions of the Executive Board on this matter. So the members in meetings can define this (anew).

The following themes were named as aims:

- a) minimum requirements for understanding results of analysis by the users (e.g. clinicians)
- b) Minimum analytical requirements for clinical drug testing.
- c) Minimum requirements for tox-screen
- d)further ideas to be send to the chairman (EF)

The items were welcomed by the participants. There were already volunteers to participate. EF wants a first draft of a guideline before Christmas 2022.

Although not required yet, Vanessa St. states that it would be possible to get funding from the Exec. Comm. when needed.

action: Benjamin Jung as new comm. member is asked by EF for an article in Compass, besides his Curriculum Vitae and his idea of his possible contribution to this comm.

4. Daan Touw (Groningen, NL, not present) proposed via EF the idea of Tox-time webinars. The themes could be case reports and other themes interesting for (young) members of IATDMCT.

Also certain themes of the coming conference next year in Oslo (N.) could be recorded in order to have them for later educational use as webinars. **action: The organisers of the 2022 Oslo-Conference of this idea will be informed by PZ.**

Other requests to the Oslo-organisers are:

- A workshop Clin. Tox cases.
- Illegal selling of medicinal drugs via the www.
- A symposium on heavy metals in coop. with the Toxicology and Environmental Health Committee (chair S.e.B.)
- Therapeutic uses of recreational drugs (e.g. N₂O, GHB, ketamine, paddy's).
- Alcohol: Biomarkers and Hepatic Toxicity.

5. Alain V. reminds the members of the new European legislation about IVD (In Vitro Diagnostics Regulation ⁽¹⁾). This means that only materials ("kits") that carry a "CE"-logo are allowed to be used (in EU-countries) for diagnostic (medical) analysis (Like Clin. drug tests, NB not forensic), T.D.M. as well as all Clinical Chemistry parameters and in Clinical-Microbiology. E.g. when a lab has a completely validated LC/MS method for determining a large number of psychopharmaceuticals and an immuno-assay kit with CE marking comes available than this lab has much administrative work to do to formally motivate extensively why the LC/MS method is the method of choice. There are diagnostic companies already preparing kits of e.g. an LC-column + ready to use eluent + sample pre-treatment materials too to be used with a lab's own LC(MS) apparatus.

action: AV proposes to share documents about this regulation on the www. AV will draft an information letter from this comm. for all members of IATDMCT (specially the Europeans). The documents (or links to the documents) will be posted on the website of IATDMCT (members section)

Is there information from other countries? Dr. Lei Fu will send the committee members the regulations that apply for US and Canadian laboratories.

6. This committee will renew the information about itself on the website of IATDMCT in contact with the directors of education of IATDMCT.

action EF. EF had contacted Christophe Stove (Gent, B). He will let us know when the new website of IATDMCT will be available for sharing information.

AV notes that the Exec. Comm of IATDMCT is working on a new website at this moment.

¹ The English version: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/746/oj> and as amended-update of Jan. 2022 even before it was practically implemented: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/746/2022-01-28>.

7. for acceptance of the minutes, see above.

Evaluation scientific Program IATDMCT2022

Last year, EF has sent the proposal of the CTC to the Prague organizers for the scientific program in Prague. This procedure has been transparent and was also approved by the members of the CTC. Surprisingly a cannabis symposium in Prague was not sent in by CTC and was accepted by the organizers. This may have caused that our toxicology symposia and workshops by other CTC members were not selected by the organizers. Therefore, it was decided to send symposia and workshops proposals exclusively by the chair of CTC (i.e. EF).

Procedure proposals scientific committee.

Proposals for the Oslo meeting can be send to EF before 1 December 2022

8. A virtual meeting of this CT&DoM committee, at least every 6 months is agreed to. The meeting was closed at 13:30.