

Immunosuppressive drugs committee.
Minutes meeting Sept 25, 2013, Salt Lake City, USA.

Present: Maria Shipkova (vice-chair), Dennis Hesselink, Pawel Kunicki, Tomasz Pawinski, Merce Brunet, Olga Millan, Laure Elens, Satohiro Masuda, Ofelia Noceti, Carol Thompson, Eberhard Wieland, Lili Arabshahi, Eliane Billaud, David Holt, Loralie Langman, Stein Bergan, Teun van Gelder (chair, minutes).

Absent with notification: Christoph Seger, Klemens Budde, Iain MacPhee, Ron van Schaik.

1. Opening. All members present shortly introduce themselves to the others.
2. Rotterdam 2015 will be the next plenary congress. All scientific committees will receive a request for proposals from the scientific committee (roundtables, workshops, symposia, etc).
3. Teun van Gelder will step down as chair after this meeting; Maria Shipkova will be his successor. Three candidates have been nominated to become the new vice-chair (Seger, Pawinski, Hesselink). After some discussion it was decided to vote. Hesselink was selected (8 votes). Pawinski had 5 votes, Seger 2 votes. Eliane Billaud made a comment on the lack of enough clarity about the process of selection and voting. Teun van Gelder will prepare a document of the way how chair/vice-chair will be selected.
4. Our journal TDM has asked for input regarding manuscripts. Review articles are of special interest to them. Potential topics include: "PD monitoring with the Immuknow assay in transplantation" and "TDM for mTORinhibitors in transplantation and oncology". Members are asked to come up with other proposals. Loralie Langman, member of the Editorial Board and responsible for Review papers in TDM can be contacted.
5. Maria Shipkova and David Holt have been trying to set up a consensus meeting on TDM for mTORinhibitors. A particular goal is to compare the different analytical methods, and come up with recommendations. Maria and David will continue their efforts to realize such a meeting.
6. Merce Brunet gives an update in the activities of the Biomarker Working Group. An international study on biomarkers in transplantation has started, with Brunet and Budde as principal investigators. Possibly in 2nd half of 2014 in Barcelona a symposium on biomarkers will be organized.
7. Tomasz Pawinski and Pawel Kunicki mention the discussions regarding generic substitution of immunosuppressive drugs. They are involved in writing guidelines on this subject for Poland. This topic might also be suitable for a review paper in TDM, but should then not focus on registration process of generics but on implications for monitoring (correlation between C_{min} and AUC, other target concentrations?)
8. Carol Thompson asks whether our committee could play a role in standardizing assays. Especially availability of calibrators is a concern. In our Association there is at present a group of people working on identifying problems in TDM of (immunosuppressive) drugs.
9. Any other business: we are asked to supply materials for the website, including educational material. Dennis Hesselink agreed to coordinate the contributions of the committee.
10. At the end of the meeting Maria Shipkova, as the new chair, thanks Teun van Gelder for his contributions to this committee, and for the pleasant cooperation.