MINUTES OF DIGESTIVE DISEASE WORKING GROUP MEETING

AGENDA

Digestive Diseases Working Group Business Meeting
18th December 2020
Roger Feakins and Irene Esposito

Agenda
- Welcome
- Introduction of Chair and co-Chair
- Minutes of previous meetings, if available

Items
- Status of Digestive Diseases Working Group
- ECP 2020 feedback
  - Digestive Disease Sessions
  - General
- Current Working Group activities
  - ECP 2021
  - Webinars, education
  - Other
- Collaborations
  - UEGW
  - ECCO
  - GIPS
  - Others
- Audience suggestions
- Any other business
MINUTES

Attendance:
Roger Feakins and Irene Esposito chaired the session from 9:00 am to 9:50 am. There were up to 38 participants.

Roger delivered a PowerPoint presentation covering the agenda items above (see end of this document for selected slides).

Roger and Irene summarised the items.

Questions from participants were mostly via text messages, with occasional verbal questions and discussions.

Working group status
The working group is healthy and increasing steadily in size and reach, with nearly 300 members from a wide range of European and non-European countries. Italy has the most members, followed by Germany and the UK.

Activities
Activities are outlined in the PowerPoint slides below.

A successful Digestive Disease WG webinar took place in September 2019. ESP webinars are continuing. Another Digestive Disease WG webinar will take place in 2021 and will be a joint production with UEG.

Digestive disease sessions at the 2020 ECP (online) were a success. Two of the sessions attracted more than 950 attendees. All sessions were of high quality and included speakers with an international reputation.

Collaboration with other groups
Current collaborations with ECCO, UEG, USCAP, and GIPS exist.

• UEG(W) = United European Gastroenterology (week)
• ECCO = European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation – an IBD society
• GIPS = Gastrointestinal Pathology Society – a North American group
• USCAP = US and Canadian Academy of Pathology

ECCO has an IBD Masterclass supported by ESP.
ECCO and ESP hold joint symposia most years at the ECP.

UEG has multiple collaborations with ESP. Irene assist with UEGW preparations on behalf of the ESP.

Joint symposia with the US GIPS occur annually at the ECP.

There is a companion meeting with USCAP in March 2021 (online). Roger will speak at this meeting, along with representatives from other Working Groups.
Collaborations seem popular among participants.

All collaborations occur formally via Society administrative processes.

There was a suggestion that the Working Group could collaborate with the US pancreatobiliary pathology society.

**Discussions**

We welcome more members of the Working Group, not only from Europe but also from outside Europe and particularly from less wealthy countries.

Having heard about the IBD histology Masterclass at ECCO Congresses, one participant suggested that we might hold more Masterclasses in specific topics.

Another suggestion was to hold seminars on difficult or interesting cases. Other members had previously suggested a similar forum. This may be less easy at an international level than at a local/regional level but is an idea worth exploring.

Diagnostic advice on clinically active cases is currently outside the remit of the ESP.

Irene and Roger emphasised their availability by email and their openness to suggestions.

**ICCR datasets**

There was some discussion about the use of ICCR datasets, all of which pass through the ESP and through multiple other organisations for approval.

Recently, several draft ICCR datasets were sent to digestive disease working group members for comments.

Usage of the datasets varies between and within countries. The UK adheres to RCPath guidelines but is discussing how RCPath datasets will relate to ICCR in the future. In Germany there is less national guidance and some centres use ICCR. Many other countries appears to use ICCR guidance already, while some use CAP guidelines. This area would benefit from harmonisation globally. Translations into local languages are useful and are increasingly available, although some countries, e.g. the Netherlands, opt to use the English version.
1. Status of WG

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DD WG: 20 countries with highest membership

- Italian Republic
- Federal Republic of Germany
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Kingdom of Spain
- Republic of Turkey
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- French Republic
- Portuguese Republic
- Romania
- Hungary
- Spain
- Russian Federation
- Republic of Slovenia
- Republic of Austria
- United States of America
- Czech Republic
- Republic of North Macedonia
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Canada

**Session Titles**

- Developments in gastrointestinal tumours and the WHO Blue Book
  - Session Date: 7 December 2020
  - Count: 596

- New technologies and practices in gastrointestinal pathology
  - Session Date: 6 December 2020
  - Count: 1535

- Recent advances in hepatobiliary and pancreatic neoplasia
  - Session Date: 7 December 2020
  - Count: 661

- The evolving role of tumour biopsy in IBD
  - Session Date: 7 December 2020
  - Count: 613

- Pests in pancreas pathology
  - Session Date: 8 December 2020
  - Count: 100

- IBD & ECCO: Challenges in colorectal inflammatory disease
  - Session Date: 7 December 2020
  - Count: 560

- Digestive Diseases Pathology & GIPS: When what you tell your clinician about upper GI biopsies matters
  - Session Date: 8 December 2020
  - Count: 393
3. Current Working Group activities

Ongoing series of ESP webinars

- Colorectal and pancreatobiliary precursor lesions – September 2020 (Iris Nagtegaal and Giuseppe Zamboni)
- Another digestive disease webinar is planned – jointly with UEG

3. Current Working Group activities

ECP 2021

- Planning stage

Other education

- ECP/IAP 2020: lectures are still available to view
- ESP website: seminars, educational portal

4. Collaborations

Societies

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- ECCO = European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation
- GIPS = Gastrointestinal Pathology Society (US)
- (USCAP)

Other

- ICCR datasets for approval
- Questionnaires