

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.

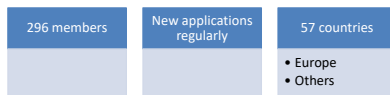
ICCR datasets

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 appear 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



DD WG: 20 countries with highest membership

23	Italian Republic
20	Federal Republic of Germany
20	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
17	Kingdom of Spain
17	Republic of Turkey
16	Kingdom of the Netherlands
15	French Republic
15	Portuguese Republic
14	Romania
10	Hellenic Republic
9	Kingdom of Belgium
9	Swiss Confederation
8	Russian Federation
7	Republic of Slovenia
6	Republic of Austria
6	United States of America



Czech Republic
 Republic of North Macedonia
 Arab Republic of Egypt
 Canada

Session Title	Session Date	count
Developments in gastrointestinal tumours and the WHO Blue Book	7 December 2020	566
New technologies and practices in gastrointestinal pathology	6 December 2020	1022
Recent advances in hepatobiliary and pancreatic neoplasia	7 December 2020	629
The evolving role of liver biopsy in 2020	6 December 2020	464
Pitfalls in pancreas pathology	8 December 2020	341
GI & ECCO: Challenges in colorectal inflammatory disease	7 December 2020	964
Digestive Diseases Pathology & GIPS: When what you tell your clinician about upper GI biopsies matters	8 December 2020	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