

ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group

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Annual report for 2017

The ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group (ECFS FPWG) was established in 2017 and the following aims have been consented:

Aims

- a) Establish diagnostic and identification methods for fungal pathogens
- b) Evaluate the influence of fungal pathogens on worsening of clinical condition and patients` outcome
- c) Establish treatment guidelines and treatment indications for CF patients
- d) Establish guidelines for mycological screening/monitoring and the diagnosis of fungal pathogens in the respiratory tract of CF patients

Meetings:

As this working group been established only some month ago, the first meeting will take place in Belgrade during the annual European Cystic Fibrosis Conference. The agenda has been designed and forwarded to the ECFC organizing committee (see ECFC 2018 program).

Work plan:

First step will be to implement a representative for each participating country.

Members of the ECFS FPWG have been asked to discuss this topic in their country.

During the ECFC 2018 this topic will be discussed.

The second step will be to establish a task force for defining fungal infections in CF. This topic will also be discussed during the ECFC 2018. Single persons have been asked already to join this task force.

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the ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group