

ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group

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Annual report for 2019

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:

The first meeting took place in June 2018 in Belgrade during the annual European Cystic Fibrosis Conference. The agenda has been designed and forwarded to the ECFC organizing committee. The second meeting took place in June 2019 in Liverpool during the ECFC. Find the agenda below:

Agenda

1. Aspergillus Survey - ECFS/CFF
2. Projects
3. LEAD Meeting in Berlin 2019 – Topic Fungal pathogens
4. ISHAM/ECMM Meeting in Berlin 2020

Work plan:

A joint survey of ECFS and CFF was run until the beginning of 2020 and has been analyzed already. An abstract was accepted for the ECFC in Lyon. Abstract can be read in the JCF abstract publication. In addition, a publication of the results is planned for 2020.

In December 2019 a LEAD meeting with the topic Fungal pathogens in CF has been joined by many ECFS working group members. A consensus report is in preparation.

The planned ISHAM/ECCM/ECFSFPWG Meeting for June 2020 had to be cancelled due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic situation. Independent of the ECFC cancellation the working group continuous to work on the aforementioned publications.

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the ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group