

## **Annual report (2018) of the ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group**

**The ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group (ECFS FPWG) was established in 2018 and the following aims have been consented:**

Aims

1. a) Establish diagnostic and identification methods for fungal pathogens
2. b) Evaluate the influence of fungal pathogens on worsening of clinical condition and patients' outcome
3. c) Establish treatment guidelines and treatment indications for CF patients
4. 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 Belgrade in June during the annual European Cystic Fibrosis Conference 2018. The agenda has been designed and forwarded to the ECFC organizing committee (see ECFC 2018 program).

### **Work plan:**

**First step** was to implement a representative for each participating country. Members of the ECFS FPWG have been asked to discuss this topic in their country. A representative for each country is now available.

**Second step** was to establish a task force for defining fungal disease entities in CF (first focused on *Aspergillus fumigatus*). The task force is established. A proposal for a grant to receive financial support was written but has not been supported by the VIA Committee.

**Third step** was to create a survey regarding *Aspergillus* entities. The following topics have been included: diagnostics and treatment of *Aspergillus* entities. The survey has been finalized and will be sent to CF clinicians in May 2019.

### **Future meetings**

Future meetings are planned in June 2019 during the ECFC in Liverpool, UK, and in December 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

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the ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group