

ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group
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Annual report for 2020

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 during the ECFC 2020 was run virtually on **1st of July 29020, 6.00 pm** Liverpool during the ECFC.

Please find the agenda below:

Agenda

ECFS Fungal Pathogens virtual meeting

6.00 - 6.10 pm	Welcome	Carsten Schwarz
6.10 – 6.20 pm	CFF/ECFS Aspergillus survey	Carsten Schwarz
6.20 – 6.30 pm	“Fungi in CF” meeting in Berlin	Patience Eschenhagen
6.30 – 6.40 pm	“Definition of pulmonary fungal infections in CF” Position paper	Carsten Schwarz
6.40– 6.50 pm	Closing remarks	Carsten Schwarz

Work plan:

A joint survey of ECFS and CFF was run until the beginning of 2020 and has been analyzed. Posters were presented online at the NACFC 2020 and ECFC 2020.

In addition, a publication of the results is currently under review (JCF).

The meeting in Berlin has been canceled due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

As the pandemic influenced the work plan significantly and the participants are motivated to continue to work on the content of the ECFS Fungal Pathogens Working Group aims, we asked currently for extension of the duration of activity within the ECFS.

Our aims for 2021:

1. July 2021: Virtual meeting (preparing consensus meeting with topics: diagnosing fungal diseases, treating fungal diseases)

2. December 2021: First consensus meeting

Diagnosing fungal diseases

3. June 2022: Second consensus meeting

Treating fungal diseases

May, 2021

Carsten Schwarz, on behalf of

the ECFS Fungal Pathogen Working Group