

ELN WP7 / ERIC Breakfast Meeting at ASH 2010 – Agenda and Minutes

Date: Sunday 5th December
Time: 08:00 – 10:00
Venue: 52nd ASH Annual Meeting, Orlando, USA
JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes Hotel
4040 Central Florida Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32837 USA

Chairpersons: *Eva Kimby* and *Emili Montserrat*

Agenda

08:00 - 8:30 General Information Session

- Introduction – *Eva Kimby*
- ERIC during 2010 review – *Carol Moreno*
- Upcoming membership survey – *Sarka Pospisilova*

08:30 – 09:50 Working Groups/Projects Update Session

- Towards a modified, more efficient organization of ERIC Projects – *Paolo Ghia*
- IG gene analysis in CLL: dealing with troubles and introducing innovation
– *Kostas Stamatopoulos*
- p53 related projects – *Thorsten Zenz*
- The MRD harmonisation approach by flow cytometry – *Andy Rawstron*
- Update on ZAP harmonisation project – *Florence Cymbalista/ Remi Letestu*
- Update on clinical trials registry – *Barbara Eichhorst*

09:50 – 10:00 Any other business

Minutes of the meeting

The meeting started at 8:20 and ended at 10:05.

Attendance was recorded as 40 ERIC members.

The main points discussed during the meeting were as follows:

1. Funding was one of the burning issues. New ideas came up:
 - To explore de possibility of a kind of ERIC certificate for laboratories involved in the harmonization of different techniques (MRD, P53 mutations,etc)
 - Possible support from Pharma (small molecules)
 - ELN to continue supporting ERIC activities until 2015 (?)
2. An upcoming membership survey was presented and well accepted by attendees. The survey will be distributed to ERIC members shortly after the meeting.
3. The idea of *resetting* the “old” Working Groups on a specific project by project basis, with clear and specific objectives, was also communicated and explained during the meeting. An update of the ERIC website is planned and an application form will be made available on the ‘Projects’ webpage for submitting new proposals. All attendees agreed with the new idea.
4. Updates on the different projects involving IGHV gene analysis, p53, MRD, ZAP-70 and clinical trials were presented - with the presentations to be made available shortly on the webpage (pending informed consent). Various pieces of work are scheduled for the New Year (will hopefully leading to future publications). The topics include IGHV gene sequences of difficult interpretation for prognostic significance, MDM2-SNP, a comparison between 4 and 6-colours for the detection of MRD, ZAP-harmonization (still some technical issues to be solved!), creation of a common CRF and creation of a database for clinical trials registry. Data exchange and a meta-analysis have been coordinated between UK and Germany and are ready to extend to other countries.
5. The Educational Conference on IGHV gene analysis is planned for 6-7 April 2011.

The next ERIC meeting will be held in Mannheim on the 1st or 2nd February 2011