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ECMM news

Mycoses as official ECMM journal

ECMM has decided to appoint Mycoses as official ECMM journal meaning that congress abstracts etc will be published here. The journal will be offered members of ECMM affiliated societies at a special price as follows:

Printed journals and online access: 40 euro per year
 Online access only: 5 euro per year.

Provided a sufficient number of members indicate their interest in this offer NSMM will be happy to offer this service. However, the membership fee will have to be adjusted accordingly and therefore the majority of the members need to be in favour. The proposed membership fee including online access will be 40 € / 3-year and 150 € / 3 years for printed and online access. Finally, permanent members will need to pay 50 € every 10 years for the online access.

Please state your opinion by e-mailing Maiken Cavling Arendrup at mad@ssi.dk under the topic [Mycoses journal](#).

www.ecmm.eu

At the new ECMM website lots of information has been posted including information on upcoming and past meetings working groups etc. www.ecmm.eu

8th NSMM Meeting May 25 Helsinki, FI

The eighth Scientific Meeting of NSMM will take place on Wednesday May 25 2011. The meeting is held at Meilahti Medical Campus in Biomedicum 1, Haartmaninkatu 8., Helsinki, Finland as a joint meeting with the Finnish Society for Medical Mycology. The meeting is

free of charge but require valid membership of either the FSMM or the NSMM society.

A welcome dinner will be held 19.00 the evening before March 24th at the restaurant "Sipuli", Kanalkajen 1, just in the heart of the city. Registration for the dinner is valid upon registration of the dinner fee at the Finnish NSMM account (Dinner fee: 45€)

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The key note lecture at this year's scientific meeting will be given by **Ben de Pauw** and is entitled:

Fungus; from a rarity to a regular customer with specific demands.



We are really proud to have Ben de Pauw as key note speaker. His major interests are the treatment of malignant lymphomas and the supportive care for immunocompromised patients. From 1995 to 2001 he served as chairman of "Invasive Fungal Infections Cooperative Group" of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). In 1997 he was appointed Professor of Medicine (van Vlissingen chair) and Head of the Department for Bloodtransfusion Service and Transplant Immunology of the University Medical Centre at Nijmegen. He was and is a member of many advisory and editorial boards. He delivered numerous lectures all over the world; more than 200 articles in journals and books on the treatment of bacterial and fungal infections emphasize his contribution to the field (ref www.doctorfungus.org). His most recent paper with Claudio Viscoli as coauthor is

Managing invasive fungal infections: relying on clinical instincts or on a rational navigation system? J Antimicrob Chemother. 2011;66 Suppl 1:i55-58.

Bottom line – do not miss the unique opportunity to learn from Ben de Pauw at a Nordic meeting.

The second session of the scientific meeting will focus on **Mould Building Syndrome**. Ever so often I receive a phone call from a physician taking care of a patient who complains from symptoms he or she interprets as related to a mouldy house. Take advantage of the unique opportunity to get updated on fact versus fantasy on this topic which numerous people.

The third and fourth session digs into common fungal infections. First, **superficial fungal infections "SkiNaVag"** are discussed and secondly, **imported mycoses** cases are presented by experienced infec-

tious disease physicians and microbiologists including M Broas, P Nieminen and the four colleagues below:



DML Saunte V Friman I Nordøy MC Arendrup

Thanks to support from our sponsors (see below) the meeting is also this year free of charge and open to members of the two organising societies NSMM and FSMM.

Download registration form at www.nsmm.nu or contact our Meetings Secretary and organiser

Pentti Kuusela: pentti.kuusela@helsinki.fi

The full programme is found at our web page www.nsmm.nu

Annual General Meeting 2011

The AGM 2011 will be held May the 25th at Biomedicum 1, Haartmaninkatu 8, Helsinki, at 9.00-9.30 a.m. before the 8th scientific meeting.

The Agenda is the following:

1. **Report from the president**
Maiken Cavling Arendrup
2. **Report from the general secretary**
Pentti Kuusela
3. **Report from the treasurer**
Ditte Saunte
4. **Next scientific meeting**
Topic and Venue
5. **Mycoses as official ECMM journal**
Do the NSMM members want access - consequences and membership fee?
6. **Election of board members**
The following members of the board have now served their second 3 year-term: Peter Gaustad NO (resigned), Ditte Saunte DK (treasurer, accepts re-election) and Vanda Friman SE (accepts re-election).

So far we have received nomination of one Norwegian candidate:



Nina Friman currently at the department of Clinical Microbiology in Tromsø, Norge. Nina Friman was born in Ängelholm, Skåne in Sweden in 1979 and graduated from Attended Aviation College of Sweden in

Västerås (combined high school / pilot training school) in 1998.

Nina Friman has studied Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic at Cambridge University, England in 1999 and Medicine at Lund University, Sweden from where she graduated January 2006. Nina Friman has been living in Tromsø, Norway since 2008 and previously worked briefly in occupational health, general medicine and clinical pharmacology before entering Medical Microbiology.

Currently Nina Friman undergo specialist training in medical microbiology at the Department for Microbiology and Infection Control, University Hospital of North Norway (UNN) in Tromsø where her special interests are medical mycology and antimicrobial therapy.

Nina has been warmly recommended by her current boss Gunnar Skov Simonsen.

Any other members interested in joining the board and contributing to the activities of the NSMM activities – please contact any one of the board members for more info and nomination (e.g. mad@ssi.dk).

According to the statutes, the candidates for the new Board should be nominated no later than three weeks before the AGM. Nominations to the board can be made by any two members of the Society. If more than one nomination is received, the Society shall proceed to elections by ballot at the AGM.

Board members not on election this year:

Maiken Cavling Arendrup (President)	2013
Lena Klingspor (Vice president)	2013
Pentti Kuusela (General Secretary)	2012
Ingvild Nordøy	2012
Eira Poikonen	2012

7. **Propositions from the members**
8. **Any other business**

ESCMID-EFISG treatment guidelines

Guidelines for the treatment of candidiasis

EFISG (European Fungal Infection Study Group) is a study group under ESCMID (European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) has been appointed to produce guidelines for the treatment of fungal infections. Currently guidelines for the treatment of candidiasis are under development. These practice guidelines will provide recommendations for treatment of various forms of candidiasis. It is being elaborated by more than 30 European experts and will be presented at the ECCMID/ICC conference in Milan, May 7-10 2011. More information is available at

http://www.escmid.org/research_projects/study_group_s/efisg/

European Guidelines for the Treatment of Rare Fungal Infections

These practice guidelines will provide recommendations for treatment of various forms of rare fungal infections and will be done in 2011-12.

Revision of CLSI breakpoints

Ever so often the question why CLSI and EUCAST breakpoints differ so much has been raised. At the recent CLSI antifungal susceptibility testing committee meetings revised breakpoints for antifungal compounds and *Candida* were approved. This revision means that CLSI has established species specific breakpoints, that the breakpoints have been lowered and chosen taking epidemiological cut of values into account and thus that the revised breakpoints are much more sensitive in order to detect emerging resistance. The revised CLSI breakpoints are as follows:

Echinocandins: (given as S / R)

<i>Candida</i> species	ANF*	CSF*	MCF*
<i>albicans</i>	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1
<i>glabrata</i>	≤0.125 / ≥0.5	≤0.125 / ≥0.5	≤0.06 / ≥0.25
<i>krusei</i>	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1
<i>tropicalis</i>	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1	≤0.25 / ≥1
<i>parapsilosis</i>	≤2 / ≥8	≤2 / ≥8	≤2 / ≥8
<i>guilliermondii</i>	≤2 / ≥8	≤2 / ≥8	≤2 / ≥8

*ANF: anidulafungin, CSF: caspofungin; MCF: micafungin
Pfaller et al. Drug Resistance Updates. 2011. In Press.

Fluconazole:

Species	S	SDD	R
<i>C. albicans</i>	≤2	4	≥8
<i>C. glabrata</i>		≤32	≥64
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	≤2	4	≥8
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	≤2	4	≥8

Pfaller et al. Drug Resistance Updates. 2010. 13 (6): 180-195.

Voriconazole:

Species	S	SDD	R
<i>C. albicans</i>	≤0.125	0.25-0.5	≥1
<i>C. glabrata</i>		Note	
<i>C. krusei</i>	≤0.5	1	≥2
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	≤0.125	0.25-0.5	≥1
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	≤0.125	0.25-0.5	≥1

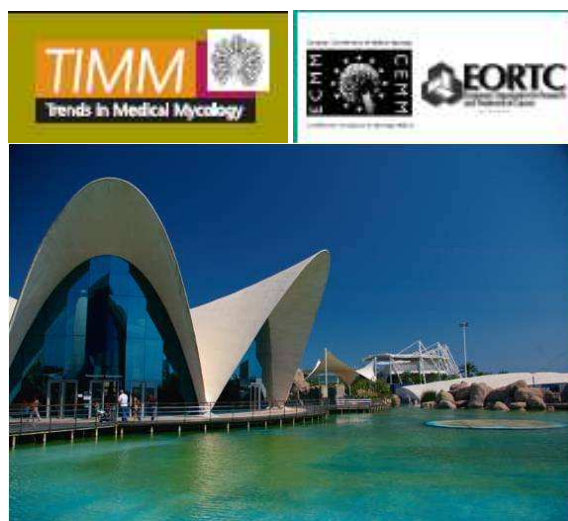
Note: the current data is insufficient to demonstrate a correlation between in vitro susceptibility testing and clinical outcome for *C. glabrata* and voriconazole. The epidemiological cutoff values (MIC, ≤0.5 µg/ml; zone diameter, ≥16 mm) may be used to differentiate wild-type (WT) from non-WT (strains with acquired or mutational resistance mechanisms) strains of this species.

CLSI meeting Atlanta June 2010. www.clsi.org

Obviously these breakpoints are in close agreement with the EUCAST breakpoints which we see as a major step forward. The choice of breakpoint should of course be driven by the method used, but with that in place susceptibility classification will in the future be identical for the vast majority of isolates. EUCAST breakpoints can be found at <http://www.eucast.org/>

TIMM 2011

The 5th TIMM will be in Valencia, Spain, 2- 5 October 2011. Information on the conference can be found at <http://www.timm2011.org/>



TIMM 2013

The NSMM society has been appointed as local host for the Trends In Medical Mycology (TIMM) conference in 2013. The conference will be held at a brand new conference venue "The Tivoli Congress Centre" in Copenhagen appropriate for 1500 participants in the centre of Copenhagen close to the Tivoli Gardens and the harbour. <http://www.tivolicongresscenter.com/>



The TIMM 2013 conference has been scheduled for Oct. 11-14.

Friday Oct 11 is the "Night of Culture" in Copenhagen and thus museums, galleries etc. will be open all night

and lots of entertainment opportunities will be offered at cafes streets and more.

We see this as a possible opportunity to put the Nordic Society at the global map and hope to see as many as possible to this event which will also be the 10-year anniversary of the NSMM society.

Web updates

The www.nsmm.nu website has been updated. Please find important information on the upcoming meeting in Helsinki, the AGM and take advantage of the updated extensive calendar including 22 fungal meetings and courses over the next 10 months. We hope you find the calendar useful.

Membership and Payment

Please remember to pay your membership fee directly to any of the 3 bank accounts listed below.

Individual member (three years):

20 € / 150 DKK / 200 NKK / 200 SEK

Alternatively membership for life can be obtained by registering for permanent membership

Life member:

70 € / 500 DKK / 500 NKK / 500 SEK

Corporate member :

700 € / 5000 DKK / 5000 NKK / 5000 SEK.

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Please note that no personal reminders are sent out and that it may take a while before you appear on the membership list as this is only updated a few times a year.

New members: Go to our web-site www.nsmm.nu and register online. Membership is valid as soon as the membership fee is received at any of the NSMM banc accounts.

Unless there are directions to the contrary, membership nominations approved before September 1st are credited to the current year. Nominations approved after September 1st will become effective the following January.

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Sponsors

Again this year it has been possible to raise sponsor support for this year's meeting in Helsinki. We gratefully thank our sponsors:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Helsinki!

On behalf of the Society:



Maiken C. Arendrup,
President NSMM