

# **The EASL Digital International Liver Congress**

## **Cost Action CA 17112 Management Committee updates and Working Groups meeting**

**Date:** Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:30 C.E.S.T.

**Attendees:** Raúl J Andrade, Guruprasad P Aithal, Teresa Casanovas, Ina Irina, Francisco Javier Cubero, Sindee Weinbaum, Anna Licata, Murat Hasputluoglu, Patricia Pochelon, Marina Villanueva, Cigdem Arikan, Dominique Larrey, Ann Daly, Dean Naisbitt, Julio Burman, Jozef Glasa, Guido Stirnimann, Iulian Secieru, Marko Korenjak, Diego Vergani, Giorgina Mieli-Vergani, Ismael Álvarez, Oleg Lunov, Milan Miskovikj, David Faraggi, Thomas Hammond, Bastian Engel, María Isabel Lucena, Helena Glasova, Yves Horsmans, Edmond Atallah, Hao Niu, Michel Kranendonk, Jane Grove, Ivan Capo, Anne Taegtmeyer, Antonio Grieco, Yeong Yeh Lee, Christine Bernsmeier, Riina Salupere

As the meeting was hacked, some members were not connected throughout the whole meeting: Sullivan Garreth, Einar Bjornsson, Mujdat Zeybel, Mehmet Yashin (Turkey)

### ***Opening speech***

Dr. Raúl J. Andrade and Dr. Guruprasad P. Aithal welcomed all the attendees and presented the virtual meeting within the EASL Digital International Liver Congress 2020.

### ***Collaboration with ELPA: the relevance of a patient perspective in DILI***

The first lecture was presented by Dr. Marko Korenjak, President of the European Liver Patient Association (ELPA) and Dr. Teresa Casanovas, President of the ASSCAT (Spanish liver patient organization).

Dr. Korenjak presented the work of the ELPA, the role of patient's associations in informing liver patients and the involvement of these associations in training patients. On the other hand, Dr. Casanovas focused her presentation on DILI from the point of view of a patient's association by presenting a case report of probable autoimmune hepatitis caused by a herbal and dietary supplement.

### ***The International Autoimmune Hepatitis Group (IAIHG): opportunities for mutual collaboration***

Profs. Diego Vergani and Giorgina Mieli-Vergani presented the second lecture. They presented the characteristics of drug-induced autoimmune-like

hepatitis (DILI-AIH) compared to the classical autoimmune hepatitis and talked about the opportunities for a mutual collaboration between the International Autoimmune Hepatitis Group and the PRO-EURO DILI Network.

### ***DILI in pediatric population***

In the third lecture, Dr. Arikan comprehensively presented what is known about DILI in the pediatric population. After her presentation, Dr. Lucena pointed out that, given the lack of data about this population in the ongoing prospective DILI registries, what actions could be taken within the framework of the CA 17122 to fill the gap. An opportunity to establish a collaboration between Dr. Arikan's team and PRO-EURO DILI Network was proposed.

Presentations set will be uploaded at the webpage <https://proeurodilinet.eu/>

### ***Agreements***

New scenarios of collaborations have been opened and agreed on both sides.

In summary,

ELPA should carry out a priority setting workshop, if we can fund it, Prof Aithal can try and host it through James Lind alliance which has the gold standard format of these meetings.

Prof Vergani couple have listed a huge number of connections, we need to see which are the most practical and beneficial. A priori a Consensus Conference proposed by Prof Andrade between IAIHG experts and the Cost Action members to agree upon definition and diagnostic criteria in DILI-AIH was very well welcomed.

Prof Cigdem to join too the Cost Action 17112. She could set up a working group on pediatrics to harmonize definitions, causes needed to be excluded on DILI in children taking advantage of what we have learnt from adults.

### ***Announcements***

After the presentations, Dr. Raúl J. Andrade make some announcements:

- **Working Groups meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Montpellier, hosted by Dr. Dominique Larrey. Although the meeting is still to be planned, it probably will take place in December 2020. It is still uncertain if it could be presential or virtual meeting.
- **Monothematic conference on DILI along the EUROTOX meeting.** The meeting is postponed until September 26-28, 2021. Members agreed to prepare the meeting and Thomas Hammond will take this responsibility.

- **Working Groups meeting in Vilnius (Lithuania).** Some members asked about another date for the meeting that was cancelled in March which was going to be held in Vilnius (Lithuania). There is no current plan about it, and members agreed to talk to Ms. Simona Stankevičiūtė.
- **Management Committee meeting.** Dr. Michel Kranendonk asked about the meeting to be held in Nottingham in January. The meeting is still scheduled.
- In the next newsletter a list of scheduled activities for this 3<sup>rd</sup> GP will be shared

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 C.E.S.T

**Incidences:** In the virtual context of this meeting held on Zoom, the meeting room was hacked when the first lecture has just begun. Immediately another meeting room was prepared, and attendees were admitted again.