

## Minutes of the MEN section meeting

**March 20th, 2019, 2-3 PM – Brussels Rue Bélliard 19**

Present: Mette Berger (MB), Valentin Fuhrman (VF), Elisabeth DeWaele, Xavier Forceville, Carole Ichai, Stephan Jakob, Heleen Oudemans v.S., Pierre Singer, Jan Wernerman, Martin Padar, Olav Roojackers, Sergio Ruiz-Samana, Stefan Schaller, Angelique Spoelstra-de Man, Alexander Wilmer.

There were 15 of us for this mid-year busy MEN meeting – great that so many could come

- LIVES 2019: MB provides an update on the current status of the congress preparation and presents the preliminary program with MEN-participation. There will be numerous changes compared of previous congress. The changes aim at increasing the number of new and young speakers, a general reduction of speakers to about 250, the importance of the H-index, and the aim to increase the diversity at LIVES 2019. At the time of the meeting there were 4 “full MEN” sessions chosen by us, and there was hope that additional 3-4 sessions would include a MEN contribution. There will be simulation/discussion sessions with indirect calorimetry, muscle ultrasound and BIA in an Arena format.
- The MEN-section will not have a separate master-class but will participate in the AKI-master-class („metabolics in renal failure“). Discussion of the pros and cons to establish a masterclass course in April 2020 independently of LIVES: difficult to attract people “only” for metabolism & nutrition.
- MB reports that the actualised e-learning modules related to the MEN-section: o a) nutrition - close to release, b) pancreatitis- released, c) GI-failure - released and d) liver failure should be released in Berlin.
- S. Jakob provides an update of the GI-failure working group. Preliminary results of the iSOFA-study are presented. The study group will submit an abstract to LIVES 2019. Furthermore, S. Jakob provides an update on the current status of the research agenda on GI-function: the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of voting is nearly finished.
- MB gives an update on the VITALIZED-study, provided by K.Amrein. The study is currently recruiting patients in Austria and Belgium; in the meantime > 200 patients have been enrolled.
- VF provides an update on the research committee activities. The new head of the RC is Jan de Waele. The research committee is searching for reviewers for award applications and reviews. Applications can be made online (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CallForReviewers> ).The deadline for ESICM-award-application is March 25th, 2019.

General comment: members express their worries about the issues observed in 2018 regarding prize handling. All hope JdW will be able to correct the problems.

- VF provides an update on the WG liver failure. Recent activities were contribution to a webinar and the submission of a systematic review proposal (joint application MEN/AKI). The SCOTCH-trial continues to recruit patients (contact P Meersseman & A Wilmer - [philippe.meersseman@uzleuven.be](mailto:philippe.meersseman@uzleuven.be)). Multinational data collection pf patients with cirrhosis at the ICU is in preparation (contact [vfuhrmann@outlook.de](mailto:vfuhrmann@outlook.de))

Next session meeting will be held in Berlin – See you there ☺! Best MB and VF