



The Intensive Connection

Translational Biology Section Meeting

Meeting: LIVES 2021 Meeting

Date: 4th Oct at 5pm CET

Format: ZOOM Meeting

Minutes of TransBio ZOOM meeting on digital ESICM LIVES 2021 on 04-10-2021

1. New structures for ESICM Section.

An update was given explaining that the role of deputy chair within the ESICM structure has been eliminated. The role of NJ as interim 'deputy chair' has now ended, and this role will not be replaced.

In regard to the Chair of the Section, JL will continue as Chair for the next 2 years, i.e. until the end of LIVES 2023.

The election of a 'chair-elect' will take place next year (Autumn 2022) and he/she will serve 1 year in this role. The chair-elect will commence as section chair at the end of LIVES 2023.

Currently, there is a need to nominate people who can represent TransBio in ESICM activities and committees. These are:

- i. The Research Committee. Tasks are to attend the research meeting and report back to the TransBio section, to evaluate grant submissions, express input from TransBio into this committee etc.
- ii. The Social Media and Digital Content Committee. Tasks are to provide content about TransBio related activities/output to be put on twitter
- iii. The eLearning Committee: Task was not clear but NJ asked the office, task is to provide content for the eModules (all online)
- iv. The Clinical Training Committee: task was not clear, but NJ asked and task is to develop training courses. Currently, a course 'How to do research' is being developed. Thereby, this is a very important committee to fulfill!
- v. The NEXT Representative. Mariangela can remain linking person but cannot take up an official role because she has another official role within ESICM structure.

People are called to nominate themselves for any of these roles, by email to John. Together, this group governs the TransBio section. It is important that we use all the positions that is offered, because this increases our influence.

2. Group Abbreviation

There is a need for a different abbreviation than TBG, but not TB (i.e. Tuberculosis!). TransBio is proposed, perhaps not unambiguous but no other best option is offered so far. Please email alternative suggestions to John.



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3. Update on Papers and Publications Plan.

We had 2 papers as an output of the TransBio group but we are really looking for more 'position papers' to establish the importance of this group. A position paper around the standard of translational ICU research was discussed, including 3R principles, Felasa, transparency, reproducibility. A call was made to form a working group to work on such a paper. You can also put someone from your group forward. Also, a call was made to take initiative to write a paper on relevant models, such as frailty, comorbidities, long term models etc. If submitted at ICMx, a waiver can be offered (please contact NJ before).

4. Intensive Care Medicine Experimental Update.

Usage of the journal is increasing, and citations are steady. Calculated IF is around 3 but due to recalculation of the IF to reflect online papers, we now need a minimum of 3.4 to apply. This can only be obtained if you submit your work and if work is cited. Thereby, a policy to 'wait' until the journal has an IF is not effective, whereas submission of good work is effective. ICMx will promote your work online as well as on ESICM LIVES. Follow @ICMexperimental. A list is provided of ICMx papers that can easily be cited in introduction of papers.

5. NEXT Group Initiatives

MP highlighted the mentorship initiatives and the aim to set up exchange Programs. At the research committee, NJ briefly put forward the idea to provide for a structural funding for exchange programmes. A more detailed proposal needs to be made, in collaboration with the research representative.

6. Conference Related Activities

TransBio has 12 sessions with 2-6 VODs on LIVES 2021 – which is a lot.

We had 1 successful webinar but currently not sure if another one is possible this year.

OP gave an update on INSPIRES to be held in Getafe in 2022 and highlights that this congress is a very good place to interact, also for young researchers. It was felt that these initiatives may leave little room for a dedicated TransBio meeting at the current time.

On behalf of the TransBio section membership, John Laffey thanked Nicole Juffermans for her foundational work, initially in helping set up the TBG within the ARF Section, and later as the inaugural Deputy Chair of the section. Thanks very much Nicole for your great work! Of course, we look forward to continuing to work closely with you in your role as Editor-in-Chief of Intensive Care Medicine Experimental.

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