AGENDA

ICSH General Assembly (Joint meeting with CLSI)

8:30 am – 5:30 pm Thursday 13th May 2010

The Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel UK

COMBINED GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

1. Welcome/Apologies/Introductions
   a. Apologies: F Stelling, G d’Onofrio, M Procheva, F Seguy, S Kitchen

2. Reason for joint meeting – B. Davis: ICSH and CLSI share a good history of working together, especially when O. van Assendelft was active in ICSH and CLSI. Of special note is that this is the first time any CLSI committee has met outside of the US. If successful discussions will be held for a further joint meeting in 2011.

3. Next Meeting Announcement - The next ICSH meeting is in Bangor, Maine October 14, 15, 2010. If you are interested in attending, please book your room at the hotel The Lucerne Inn, Dedham, Maine, USA (halfway between Bangor and Bar Harbor) by June 30. Bangor is about 3.5 – 4 hrs car journey from Boston; other ways to travel by air would be through Newark or JFK airport to Bangor. Delta connects through there as well.

4. Welcome – CLIS – D. Adcock: CLSI is a non profit organization based in the US, but is international in scope. They are one of the major standards organizations in the US whose standards are also used world wide. The Area Hematology committee is involved with Hematology, Coagulation, and Flow Cytometry.

5. Minutes from last meeting
   Hans Hoffman – was present at the last meeting, but not a part of the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were corrected and the meeting minutes sent to everyone again.

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6. Relationship with other professional bodies
a. ISLH - ICSH New Orleans Spring 2011 Meeting: Discussion was held of how the ICSH session went this year. K. Marchant suggested that 2 ICSH representatives be on the ISLH Program Committee. ICSH agreed and will propose Carol Briggs and B. Davis with S. Machin as an alternative.

b. ISH – B. Davis has not heard back from anyone regarding the ISH meeting in Jerusalem. ISH European African division will be meeting next year in Brighton in conjunction with the BSH. S. Machin will write to ISH about this and whether ICSH could make a presentation.

c. CLSI – Possibility to meet with this group in adjacent rooms again – will continue to explore.

d. EHA – No further correspondence. This group is mainly a Clinical Haematology /Oncology Group.

e. JCTLM – They are considering the proposal from J. Neukammer, regarding the secondary Red Cell Counting Reference Method. This topic will be given 30 minutes during the Autumn meeting.

f. CEN – They want to be kept up to date on our projects.

g. IJLH – S.H. Lee stated that IJLH will continue to publish our standards and allow them to be on our website for no charge. ICSH Standards articles will be submitted to S. Kitchen or S.H. Lee for external review. The Impact factor for IJLH is only 1.3.

h. WHO Report
   1.) K. Hyde - Attended 2 WHO meetings in January. WHO recognizes ICSH as the Haematology Standards Organization. WHO inquired about the Haemoglobin standard, specifically the new one from Eurotrol. WHO will contact B. Davis for further details. 2) WHO also inquired about the HGB A2 Standard. WHO will contact A. Stephens to discuss further.
   2.) R. Simon – Attended the WHO Executive Board Mtg Feb 2011. ICSH is the only Non - governmental Haematology Standards Organization recognized by WHO now.

i. JSLH – Y. Kawai presented their Differential Project and distributed the article, “Standardization of morphological criteria for blood cells” to the meeting group for comments.

j. CCS – Clinical Cytometry Society – B. Wood – There is no formal relationship with ICSH at this time. A working party proposal was requested. B. Wood will prepare a 30 minute talk for the autumn meeting. ICSH asked that if CCS would like to formalize their relationship with ICSH, let us have a detailed proposal at the autumn meeting.

3. Ongoing Approved Projects

a. Blood Doping and Haematology – G. d’Onofrio – On hold at this time.

b. Schistocyte Assessment – G. Zini – Preliminary draft paper was sent to the panel for comments. Expect to have the paper finished for the Autumn Meeting. R. Hinzmann
mentioned that there is another group in Germany also working on these standards. He will send the information to G. Zini.

c. **Sample Stability** – J.L. Vives Corrons, R. Simon presented an update. Stability slides are presently on Facebook with the ICSH logo. Multiple recommendations made to move the slides from Facebook to the secure ISLH website. The first draft of this work will be sent to the Board by October 1, 2010.

d. **Standardization of Red Cell Morphology Grading** – S. McFadden – Team has been assembled and will begin working via email. Status of panel will be given at the autumn meeting. Time Line: Preliminary recommendation for May 2011 meeting.

e. **Reference Haemoglobin material (Eurotrol)** - B. Davis stated that the labs that did the initial testing for Eurotrol will again be involved in the re-testing next year. This batch is supposed to last for 12 – 15 years.

f. **MPV Standardization** – S. Machin – Will contact the blood cell companies regarding how they derive the MPV and their normal range. He will give a 30 min talk at the autumn meeting. Additional panel members will include G. Zini (Europe), R. Simon (North America) and Y. Nagai/Y. Kawai (Asia/Pacific)

g. **Bone Marrow Standardization Project – Time Line**
   1.) Guidelines design proposal – February 2010 (completed)
   2.) Guidelines first draft – November 2010
   3.) Guidelines last draft – December 2010
   4.) Guidelines submitted for publication – January 2011

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4. **Ongoing approved projects**
   
a. **Extended differential reference method** – B. Wood – 50 samples completed in both US and France labs. Data analysis complete in US, 90% complete in France. Expect to submit the publication prior to meeting in autumn. We had applied to the Wallace Coulter Foundation a few years ago, but now ICSH will apply again and they may now contribute funding. Publication including protocol will be sent to all companies paid up with a 2 week period to comment. FTP server at Renne can be accessed in a secure manner.

b. **ESR Standardization** – J. Jou – H2 CLSI document has been sent round to their member organizations for voting. The period of comment should be completed by July. ICSH Document has been sent to the working panel. The CLSI document does not conflict with the ICSH document. Dr. Jou will send the CLSI document to the ICSH ESR panel members for review.

c. **Evaluation of automated haematology analyzers (update of 1994 document).** CLSI H26 document will be available at the end of July 2010. ICSH update – suggestion made to wait on this project until the flow Differential has been completed to review. C. Briggs will now chair, G. Zini, co-chair along with M. Roussel.
d. Update on HGB A2 (and HGB F) Methods and Standards (Update of 1978 document) – A. Stephens –

HGB A2: Update of steps to complete the project includes more on CE and refine the references. The draft will be circulated by September 2010 with final paper at the Autumn meeting. Commercial Companies having this testing equipment have been contacted verbally in the last 2 weeks. The contact names and email information was given to secretary. ICSH will send a formal letter to these companies requesting support for this project.


e. Discussion regarding similar documents from ICSH and CLSI – S.H. Lee will write to B. Davis to invite S. Machin, D. Adcock and B. Davis to write a joint editorial for the IJLH outlining the relationship between the ICSH and the CLSI.

5. Potential new projects

a) PNH Diagnostic guidelines – B. Davis – Preliminary guideline published by Cytometry (journal for the Clinical Cytometry Society) is an opinion (not consensus) regarding what testing for PNH needs to be. CLSI H52 Guideline was originally written for fetal hemoglobin to include flow cytometry of red cells. B. Davis and B. Wood will work together to find 2-3 strong international individuals who know the most about this subject to co-chair this panel. ICSH will try to make this a joint document with CLSI. CLSI has already inquired for interested people and expect to have a group formed by the end of May.

b) Recommendation regarding differential reporting – (David Zwick issue) - Discussion regarding pros and cons of reporting only the absolute differential count. Most of the attendees stated issues surrounding physician agreement with this. G. Bourner stated that the three reference labs in Canada only report the absolute differential, not percentage. The secretary will write to D. Zwick to welcome him to come to our meeting in Maine to discuss this proposal further.

c) Submitted proposals:

Guidelines for how to develop home brewed lab tests. Evidence based recommendation first, then perhaps a CLSI document. B. Davis (lead for the moment), B. Wood will find someone from the cytometry association to work with this project. Volunteers: G. Bourner, J. Jou, JY Han and Y. Nagai. B. Davis to write CAP and cc FDA to inform them that ICSH has begun a standards panel to address this issue. Update: Autumn mtg.

6. Future Meetings

2011 Spring - May 9, 2011 (Monday) New Orleans

2011 Autumn – Suggestion: Nyon Switzerland (2 day meeting in October) R. Simon to put together a proposal to be given at the Autumn 2010 meeting

7. Harmony – Carol Briggs reported that Pathology Harmony (pathologyharmony.co.uk) was set up in 2007 by clinical chemists for the Department of Health in the UK. Their initiative is to look at harmonization of several aspects of work within the clinical laboratory, such as units of measurement, reference intervals, test name harmonization, a standard procedure for phoning results to primary care and standardized advice on protocols for simple tests. The first phase looked at clinical pathology but the group has now started work on
8. **Feedback on combined meeting**
   Overall, positive feedback. Some felt that they would have liked to attend both sessions. CLSI: fewer people attended this area committee, some due to volcano and also some people were in the ICSH meeting.

Meeting Closed at 14:40

**ICSH Management Board Meeting**

1. **Financial Report** – Report given by B. Davis and filed with the Secretary. Available to Board Members upon request.

2. **Association with Industry** – Annual Dues for 2011 for both affiliate societies and corporate sponsors will remain the same as the 2011 rates.

3. **Formal Membership of Management Board and Council** – Representatives from affiliate societies and corporate sponsors were reviewed and updated (updated list below).

Meeting Closed at 15:00

**ICSH Management Board Membership: Updated May 13, 2010**

Chairman – SJ Machin
Treasurer – B Davis
Vice Chairmen – J Jou, SH Lee
Scientific Secretary – C Briggs
Meeting Secretary – S McFadden
Working Party Chairman – G d’Onofrio, G Zini, A Stephens, B Woods (or M Roussel), JL Vives-Corrones
IJLH Editor - S Kitchen / SH Lee
JSLH – Y Kawai
ISH – ISHEAD: A. Kamel
    ISHAPD: S.H. Lee
    ISHIAD: To be nominated
UK Neqas – K Hyde
ISLH – M Porchova / JY Han
ICSH representative at JCTLM- H Hoffman
WHO – K Hyde / R Simon
CLSI – D Adcock /D Sterry

**Industry Representatives**
Beckman-Coulter – R Hebert / P. O'Neill
Sysmex Corp – K Funakoshi / A Shirikami
Siemens – F Stelling / S Mead
Nihon Kohden – Y Nagai
Abbott – A Beshiri / H Hoffman
Horiba ABX Medical – F Seguy