

## EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting

### Summary of minutes of meeting in Nice, France, 30-31 March 2006

**Attending**

Dr Derek F.J. Brown	DB	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom
Prof Gunnar Kahlmeter	GK	Chairperson	Sweden
Dr Johan W. Mouton	JM	CRG	The Netherlands
Prof Inga Odenholt	IO	SRGA	Sweden
Prof Arne Rodloff	AR	DIN	Germany
Prof Claude-James Soussy	C-JS	SFM	France
Dr Martin Steinbakk	MS	NWGA	Norway
Dr Olga Stetsiouk	OS	EUCAST	Russia
Prof Alasdair P. MacGowan	AM	BSAC	United Kingdom
Dr Francisco Soriano	FS	EUCAST	Spain

**Apologies**

Dr Fred Goldstein	FG	SFM	France
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<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman's welcome</b> C-JS represented SFM in place of FG.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting of 30-31 January 2006</b> With minor corrections the minutes were accepted as a correct record.
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising from minutes of 30-31 January 2006</b> A footnote has been added to the cefotaxime/ceftriaxone breakpoint table indicating that a high dose was needed for central nervous system infections for pneumococci  Possible CEN/ISO methods for fungi will be discussed at the next TC 140 meeting.  A note has been added to breakpoint tables indicating that clicking the antibiotic name provides a link to the wild type distributions.  The EUCAST document on mycobacteria is being updated and that on intracellular pathogens is being discussed.  Vancomycin breakpoints for <i>S. aureus</i> will be left as they are for the moment.  Problems were noted with cefepime treatment of ESBL-producers if MICs are $\geq 2$ mg/L.  Dosages used to calculate EUCAST breakpoints are now included in rationale documents.  MIC distributions for $\beta$ -lactam inhibitor combinations will be separated on whether fixed inhibitor concentrations or ratios were used.  Noted that there are currently no good linezolid Pk/Pd data on enterococci.  Rationale documents for antimicrobial groups with published breakpoints are close to completion and some changes to format have been made.  An additional Steering Committee post of Clinical Data Co-ordinator has been agreed and the main role will be to co-ordinate data collection and presentation for EUCAST.  An option to produce an ISO document setting breakpoints is being pursued.  CMI has accepted the daptomycin technical note and a leading article on the technical notes.  The EUCAST Subcommittee on expert rules (chaired by Roland Leclercq) has been asked to produce a draft report by September 2006.

	<p>Draft iv penicillin breakpoints have been distributed for comment by national committees.</p> <p>Version numbers have been added to breakpoint tables.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Information for pharmaceutical companies</b> A document advising pharmaceutical companies on the process of obtaining breakpoints through EUCAST is available on the EUCAST website.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>New tetracycline</b> The tigecycline breakpoint table has been amended. Technical note is to be completed.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Fluconazole breakpoints</b> Further information from the Antifungal Subcommittee is awaited.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>New agents</b> The current status was reviewed.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>CEN/ISO</b> MIC and assessment of in vitro devices documents yet to be distributed for international vote.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Breakpoints for cephalosporins, carbapenems and aztreonam</b> Final comments were discussed and it was agreed to release breakpoint tables.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Intravenous penicillin breakpoints</b> There was brief discussion of comments on the first draft table of penicillin breakpoints. The objective will be to finalise breakpoints by the end of 2006.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>New glycopeptide</b> There was a preliminary presentation by the company.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>New cephalosporin</b> There was a preliminary presentation by the company.</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>New carbapenem</b> There was a preliminary presentation by the company.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>EUCAST at ECCMID, Nice</b> The symposium and workshop have been organised.</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b> Invitation to contribute to ECC in Oct. 2006 was declined as members are fully committed.</p> <p>The possibility of EUCAST being part of ECDC is under consideration.</p>
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Next meetings</b> 12-13 June 2006, Copenhagen 11-12 September 2006, Munich 20-21 November 2006, venue to be decided</p>

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