

## EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting Summary of minutes of meeting in Amsterdam, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2002

1	<p>This was the first EUCAST Steering Committee meeting. Members present were:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Dr Derek F.J. Brown</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Scientific Secretary</td> <td style="width: 30%;">United Kingdom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Fred W. Goldstein</td> <td>SFM</td> <td>France</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Gunnar Kahlmeter</td> <td>Chairperson</td> <td>Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Mats Kalin</td> <td>SRGA</td> <td>Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professor Alasdair P. MacGowan</td> <td>BSAC</td> <td>United Kingdom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Johan W. Mouton</td> <td>CRG</td> <td>The Netherlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Arne Rodloff</td> <td>DIN</td> <td>Germany</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Martin Steinbakk</td> <td>NWGA</td> <td>Norway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Pavla Urbaskova</td> <td>EUCAST</td> <td>Czech Republic</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Alkiviadis Vatopoulos</td> <td>EUCAST</td> <td>Greece</td> </tr> </table>	Dr Derek F.J. Brown	Scientific Secretary	United Kingdom	Dr Fred W. Goldstein	SFM	France	Dr Gunnar Kahlmeter	Chairperson	Sweden	Dr Mats Kalin	SRGA	Sweden	Professor Alasdair P. MacGowan	BSAC	United Kingdom	Dr Johan W. Mouton	CRG	The Netherlands	Dr Arne Rodloff	DIN	Germany	Dr Martin Steinbakk	NWGA	Norway	Dr Pavla Urbaskova	EUCAST	Czech Republic	Dr Alkiviadis Vatopoulos	EUCAST	Greece
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2	The revised EUCAST structure and constitution were discussed and confirmed.																														
3	The decision making process as outlined in the constitution was discussed and confirmed.																														
4	<p>The relationship between EUCAST and other groups is as follows:          The Steering Committee will attempt to coordinate efforts of national breakpoint committees.          ESCMID is the convener of EUCAST.          EUCAST has a permanent representative on the EARSS Advisory Committee.          The NCCLS has nominated the Chairperson of EUCAST as an official advisor.          Relationship to EMEA will be established in forthcoming discussions with EMEA.          CEN will be approached to establish future relationships.          Agreed that EUCAST should be instrumental in encouraging EQA in Europe and setting up a collection of strains without and with defined resistance mechanisms and with defined MICs.</p>																														
5	ESCMID will finance EUCAST for two years. Alternative sources of funding are being sought.																														
6	The EUCAST website is part of the ESCMID website <a href="http://www.escmid.org">www.escmid.org</a> but will soon also be reachable via <a href="http://www.eucast.org">www.eucast.org</a> . A Steering Committee website is for Steering Committee business.																														
7	EUCAST documents and Sub-committees were reviewed. Apart from the Fungal Methods Sub-committee all have been closed as the original proposed work has been completed or is near completion (see website for details of documents). Agreed that documents should be published in CMI and a pdf version included on the EUCAST web site.																														
8	A public reference database of MIC distributions of wild type bacteria will be set up on the internet.																														
9	A proposed revised EUCAST process for setting breakpoints for new agents was agreed and will be discussed with the EMEA.																														
10	A process for harmonization of established breakpoints was agreed and will be applied in the first instance to quinolone agents.																														
11	A scientific session on "Harmonization of quinolone breakpoint in Europe" will be offered for the ECCMID meeting in Glasgow, 2003. The EUCAST business meeting follows the scientific session.																														
12	New definitions of the terms "Susceptible", "Intermediate" and "Resistant" were proposed, as were definitions of "wild type" and "non-wild type" and "microbiological/epidemiological" breakpoints.																														
13	Agreed to contribute to the ESCMID Newsletter rather than produce a EUCAST Newsletter.																														
14	Next meeting will be 28 January 2003, in Frankfurt.																														