EUCAST steering committee meeting  
Summary of minutes of meeting in Glasgow, 9th May 2003

1 Members present were:
   Dr Derek F.J. Brown  DB  Scientific Secretary  United Kingdom
   Dr Fred W. Goldstein FG  SFM  France
   Dr Gunnar Kahlmeter  GK  Chairperson  Sweden
   Dr Anders Österlund MK  SRGA  Sweden
   Professor Alasdair P. MacGowan AM  BSAC  United Kingdom
   Dr Johan W. Mouton JM  CRG  The Netherlands
   Dr Martin Steimbakk  MS  NWGA  Norway
   Dr Alkiviadis Vatopoulos AV  EUCAST  Greece

   Apologies:
   Dr Arne Rodloff  AR  DIN  Germany
   Dr Pavla Urbaskova  PU  EUCAST  Czech Republic

2 Minutes of meeting of 29 January 2003. Accepted as a correct record.

3 EUCAST websites. The MIC wild type distributions website is operational. EUCAST official site is being updated.

4 Definitions for clinical breakpoints and epidemiological cut-off values. To be presented to national committees for comment.

5 ECCMID Glasgow. A EUCAST symposium on harmonization of quinolone breakpoints in Europe and a poster on EUCAST will be presented.

6 EUCAST procedures for setting breakpoints. Comments from national committees on procedures for harmonization of clinical breakpoints were discussed. A draft document on the EUCAST process for setting breakpoints has been prepared and will be modified following discussion by the Steering Committee.

7 Finance. A grant application to DG-SANCO to support EUCAST activities has been submitted.

8 CEN. The CEN technical committee on MIC methods will meet on 20 June 2003. EUCAST methods will be proposed.

9 EUCAST documents. A discussion documents on broth microdilution is in press with CMI. A quality assurance discussion document is being worked on. The Mycobacterial Susceptibility Testing (E.Dis 8.1) and Intracellular and Cell-associated Pathogens (E.Dis 6.1) Documents need to be converted to Definitive Documents.

10 Harmonization of clinical breakpoints. Tentative breakpoints for glycopeptides and linezolid were discussed. The process has been started for aminoglycosides.

11 Next meeting. 1, 2 September 2003, Copenhagen.