Summary of minutes of EUCAST Steering Committee Meeting
Lille, France 30-31 January 2012

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1 Chairman’s welcome The term of office of MI ends at the next meeting in London. MI was thanked for her significant contribution over the past two years.

2 Minutes of meeting of 21-22 November 2011 The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

3 Matters arising from minutes of 21-22 November 2011 (items not covered by agenda) EMA has provided a list of registered agents and those scheduled for harmonisation of SmPCs. Gonococcal breakpoints and methods will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting in July.

4 New agents The current status of several agents was discussed.

5 EUCAST rationale documents The current status of outstanding documents was reviewed.

6 Subcommittees Antifungal susceptibility testing: Breakpoints and rationale documents for posaconazole, itraconazole and amphotericin B have been published. The revised broth microdilution method for yeasts has been released for wide consultation. Breakpoints for antifungal agents will be in the same spreadsheet format as antibacterial agents. A new “EUCAST Subcommittee on the detection resistance mechanisms of clinical and/or epidemiological importance” was formally formed.

7 Breakpoint issues Breakpoint tables, Version 2.0 have been released on the EUCAST website. Meningitis and non-meningitis categories for benzylpenicillin with pneumococci will be maintained. Previously agreed removal of fosfomycin breakpoints for Pseudomonas spp., changing vancomycin breakpoints for coagulase-negative staphylococci to S ≤4 mg/L, R >4 mg/L and restriction of the nitrofurantoin breakpoints for Enterococcus spp. to E. faecalis only were discussed and confirmed. Presentation of breakpoints for Enterobacteriaceae and ampicillin, amoxicillin and inhibitor combinations in version 2.0 of the breakpoint tables has been changed to Ss8 mg/L, R>8 mg/L, in line with practice in the large majority of countries. The alternative of reporting non-R as intermediate is given in the notes. Enterobacteriaceae and amoxicillin-clavulanate breakpoints for UTI are under discussion. A note will be released on reporting inhibitor combinations for ESBL-producing Enterobacteriaceae. Breakpoints are being considered for Acinetobacter spp. and sulbactam. Use of fluoroquinolones for enterooccal UTI is being reviewed. Clinical breakpoints for nalidixic acid and Enterobacteriaceae in UTI will not be included in tables as it is rarely used and would be confused with screening breakpoints. A draft table of ECOFFs for topical agents will be released for general consultation. A note on breakpoints for oral cephaplosporins will be published to explain the limitations. Discussion of benzylpenicillin breakpoints for Neisseria meningitidis are continuing.

8 Organisms without EUCAST breakpoints
Campylobacter spp.: A multicentre project is in progress.
Legionella spp.: More MIC distributions are needed. Variation in test conditions is a problem.
**Pasteurella multocida**: An MIC and disk diffusion study is planned for spring 2012.

**Burkholderia cepacia** and **Actinomycetes** spp studies are underway.

**Stenotrophomonas maltophilia**: A guidance note is about to be published.

**Corynebacterium** spp.: Work should be completed by spring 2012.

**Yersinia enterocolitica**: An MIC and disk diffusion study is planned for spring 2012.

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### EUCAST methods

French translations of disk diffusion documents will be produced.

Broth microdilution MICs for streptococci in MH-F broth are to be investigated.

Screening with norfloxacin 2µg disks appears to be a reasonably reliable method of detection of ciprofloxacin resistance in *Salmonella* spp.

Recommendations on screening for β-lactam resistance in *H. influenzae* are expected soon.

Tests for cefoxitin susceptibility of *S. saprophyticus* are to be investigated.

A study is underway on screening for β-lactam resistance in viridians streptococci based on the 1unit benzylpenicillin disk.

Noted that abbreviations in EUCAST tables should be clearly explained.

Noted that *Brucella* agar should be used for MIC testing of anaerobes until otherwise indicated.

Resistant control strains are to be listed on the EUCAST website.

A consultation document on direct susceptibility testing will be released soon.

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### Implementation of EUCAST breakpoints

A new version of the table on preparedness of manufacturers for EUCAST breakpoints and methods is on the website.

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### EUCAST website

Under the Calibration and Validation section new files covering different groups of organisms have been added.

Multiple MIC-zone diameter distributions have been added to the MIC and zone diameter distribution website.

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### Publications

A draft paper explaining ECOFFs is being prepared. Expert rules and Pk/Pd papers have been published in CMI.

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### Questionnaire on dosages

A questionnaire is being prepared to send to the General Committee.

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### List of agents recommended for testing

Recommendations for surveillance based on EARS-Net pathogens for blood cultures will be prepared in collaboration with ESGARS.

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### ESCMID

At ECCMID London, 31 March to 3 April 2012 there will be a EUCAST table in the ESCMID area, a Meet the Experts session on frequently asked questions, a EUCAST poster session plus a EUCAST poster in the Network Corner and a Workshop on susceptibility testing.

Registration for the Postgraduate Course in Madrid in September 2012 is now open.

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### EMA

No new information.

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### CLSI

There was a meeting in January 2012.

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### ECDC

The new EUCAST grant contract from ECDC is now in operation.

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### Any other business

A draft proposal to extend GC representation on the Steering Committee will be presented to the General Committee at the ECCMID on 1st April 2012.

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### Next meetings

- **3-4 April 2012**, London, UK (after ECCMID)
- **9-10 July 2012**, Stockholm, Sweden
- **24-25 September 2012**, Madrid, Spain (before Postgraduate Educational Workshop)
- **11-13 November 2012**, Rome, Italy (10 year Anniversary meeting)
- **4-5 February 2013**, Brussels?
- **30 April-1 May 2013**, Berlin (after ECCMID)
- **8-9 July 2013**, Stockholm

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