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Interactive Course on

Advanced Cystic Fibrosis: best research, best care



March 6-8, 2008
Nice, France



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ERS School Courses 2008

General background

- The advanced CF course is a joint effort by the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and the European Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (ECFS)
- The course aims to develop your research skills in CF
- Research experience is not required but scientific curiosity is important
- The course consists of two parts: the 1st part is a three-day ERS school course, taking place in Nice; the 2nd part will take place on June 10th 2008 in Prague (just before the 31st ECFS meeting (11-14 June). Participation to both courses is strongly encouraged
- Registration for the one-day course in Prague will be handled by the ECFS. Registration fee for the Prague course is covered by the ECFS. Participants will cover travel & accommodation fees
- Participants who would like to attend the ECFS conference in Prague can register at a reduced fee
- Participants are expected to submit a one-page synopsis for a study in CF
- During the Nice course, positive and structured input will be given on study proposals
- Between the Nice and Prague courses, participants are expected to work on their study protocol
- The revised study protocol will be reviewed by the course's staff before the Prague course
- Further input on all protocols will be given in the course in Prague
- An ECFS award will be presented for the most promising and original study protocol

Educational aims:

- To provide an update on the importance of modifiers on the disease severity and outcome of CF
- To improve skills on how to design a clinical trial and how to write a grant application
- To update knowledge of the roles of CFTR in the pathophysiology of CF
- To update the current concept of host/microorganism interaction

- To update knowledge on the diagnostic algorithms in the diagnosis of atypical cases of CF
- To explain the basics principles of evidence-based medicine in CF and to understand the answers that current literature in CF can provide and the answers that are not yet available
- To understand the relevance of large scale randomised controlled trials for the individual
- To understand the value of databases at the level of a CF centre, and at the national and at international level
- To make you aware of the options on how centres can contribute to databases
- To understand the complexity of drug development programmes. In addition participants will learn the basics of pharmacoeconomics and the role of phase I, II, III and IV trials
- To highlight the funding opportunities available for CF-related research in a highly competitive environment.

Target audience:

- Pneumologists (paediatric)
- CF clinicians
- Internists who are involved in CF care
- Researchers involved in CF research

At the end of the course, participants will:

- Be able to put together a study protocol
- Have state of the art knowledge of important issues in the pathophysiology of CF lung disease
- Have state of the art knowledge on the diagnosis of (a)typical CF
- Understand the strengths and weaknesses of evidence based medicine
- Understand the basics of running research trials in CF
- Be able to understand the strengths and weaknesses of various CF database formats
- Understand key issues in health economics
- Have learned about the importance and future perspective of CF organisations at a regional, national and international level

Organising Committee

Stuart Elborn (Belfast, United Kingdom)

Anders Lindblad (Goteborg, Sweden)

Harm Tiddens (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

Invited Faculty

John Govan (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Kris de Boeck (Leuven, Belgium)

Jane Davies (London, United Kingdom)

Christopher Goss (Seattle, USA)

Etan Kerem (Jerusalem, Israel)

Rosalind Smyth (Liverpool, United Kingdom)

Nice – Your host city



Nice is more than just a destination for cultural and architectural discovery, quiet strolling, through museums or old palatial homes, in an art of living fine-tuned over the centuries. The capital of the French Riviera is a beautiful city, full of complicated paradoxes at just the right dose, brimming with tradition and modernity, offering a multiplicity of pleasures and emotions through its Baroque and Russian influences, gourmet tours, etc. Located in a region blessed with breathtaking natural wonders, Nice goes far beyond the standard clichés. It is also a coastal town, with the International Marine Mammal Reserve; its mountains, with their protected flora and fauna, looming just over the waters of Baie des Anges. Diving with the dolphins, or watching spouting whales, following in the tracks of the last wolves in the French Alps in the Mercantour Park, emulating Indiana Jones dangling over the void on one of the *Vie Ferrate*... These are some of the things all visitors can do when they come to Nice. And all of this, Greater Nice, provides another vision of the city, vivifying and dynamic, that, though most unexpected, is even more authentic.

Research proposals

You are expected to submit a synopsis for a CF-related study by **January 15, 2008**. This synopsis should be 1-2 pages of length (word document).

- Any topic of interest can be selected.
- We do not expect “rocket science”, any idea is a starting point.
- The deadline for submission of the revised protocol is **May 28th 2008**.

The research synopsis and the revised protocol can be submitted by e-mail to: school@ersnet.org. Please mention “CF-School Course” in the subject of your email.

Bursaries

A limited number of bursaries, covering either full attendance or registration only, will be available to selected applicants under 40 years of age from countries with economies in transition. Selection from the pool of applicants will be made by the organising committee based on the submission of:

- Curriculum Vitae*.
- A one-page personal statement explaining how you would apply the knowledge gained from this course.

Applications should be submitted with a completed registration form, by fax: +41 21 213 01 03.

The deadline for applications is **December 15, 2007**

Applicants will be notified of selection results by January 28, 2008

Hotel information

For your convenience, the ERS has booked a number of rooms for the participants at the following hotel. This hotel is centrally located, enabling easy access to most of the attractions of Nice. This hotel is also the course venue.

Grand Hotel Aston*** is situated in the centre of Nice, only 10 minutes away from the Airport.

To be returned to the ERS Office by January 31, 2008 via:

Mail: European Respiratory Society
4, Avenue Ste. Luce
1003 Lausanne
SWITZERLAND

or

Fax: +41-21 213-0103
email: school@ersnet.org

Hotel Information & Reservation

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) has reserved a number of rooms at the Grand Hotel Aston. Please note that room charges are not included in the registration fee. However, for your convenience, hotel bookings can be made through the ERS at the same time as registration for this course. The ERS cannot guarantee the rate nor the availability of the hotel rooms for persons registering for the course after **January 31, 2008**.

If you would like the ERS to reserve your hotel room, please provide the required information below:

Grand Hotel Aston**** (12, Avenue Félix Faure – 06002 Nice Cedex 1)

o Single Room: € 130 / night

o Double Room: € 150 / night

Rates include breakfast and city taxes.

Arrival Date: Departure Date: Total number of nights:

Special requests:

Name of accompanying person if any:

Hotel Cancellation Policy: All cancellations have to be made in writing.

In case of a no show, the whole amount of your stay will be charged.

Reservations can only be made by providing credit card information below:

Credit Card: o Visa o Euro/MasterCard

Credit Card number

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This course will be limited to 70 participants. Applications will be accepted on a "first-paid, first-served" basis. You will receive acceptance and confirmation by e-mail.

Upon receipt of a written cancellation, a refund of fees will be applied up to 4 weeks before the course. After this date no refund will be made for cancellations.

Please note: the ERS will not directly debit any deposit or penalty payments from your credit card for your hotel booking. All payment information submitted will be supplied to the hotel, which will charge you directly. The ERS will only act as a customer service intermediary between the hotels and the participants. The ERS will not bear any liability, nor financial responsibility towards the hotels, nor the participants.

Preliminary Programme

Preliminary Programme Nice



Thursday, March 6th 2008

Morning

J. Davies

CFTR and innate immunity

S. Elborn

Inflammation, state of the art

J. Govan

Microbiology and inflammation: why is one bug more inflammatory than the other

K. de Boeck

Diagnosis of (a)typical patients

Afternoon

Workshops

3 parallel groups

H. Tiddens, A. Lindlbad, C. Goss

End-points in clinical trials

E. Kerem, , S. Elborn, K. De Boeck

Strengths and weaknesses of centre, and (inter)national databases

R. Smyth, J. Davies

The basics of trial design



Friday, March 7th 2008

Morning

R. Smyth

Study design dos and don'ts

C. Goss

Drugs for CF in (pre)clinical development

R. Smyth

From evidence based medicine to patient care and back again

Panel discussion I

Afternoon

Workshops

3 parallel groups

Critical reading of recent important studies

General discussion of submitted study proposals



Saturday, March 8th 2008

Morning

TBA Ethical Issues
C. Goss Setting up your research centre and running trials
TBA Funding for dummies, peer-review by dummies
Pannel discussion I

Afternoon

Pannel discussion II
Summary

Preliminary Programme Prague



Tuesday June 10th 2008

Morning

S.Elborn The role of CF organisations in research; regional,
European, American, global
K. de Boeck Eurocare CF, a network for collaboration
TBA EMEA, the European big brother
Protocol discussions round 1
Presentation of 5 selected protocols

Afternoon

Protocol discussions round 2
Presentation of 5 selected protocols
ECFS Price for best protocol



ERS School Courses Series 2007-2008

- GRACE Course
Prague, Czech Republic | October 22-24, 2007
- Spirometry training
Amsterdam, The Netherlands | November 15-17, 2007
- Practical issues in pulmonary rehabilitation
Pisa, Italy | February 21-23, 2008
- Advanced Cystic Fibrosis Course:
best research, best care
Nice, France | March 6-8, 2008
- Pulmonary embolism
Pisa, Italy | March 13-15, 2008

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Accreditation Statement

The European Respiratory Society is accredited by the European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology (EBAP) and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

EACCME Credits are recognized throughout Europe and can be exchanged for National CME credits by contacting your National CME Authority.

In the USA, EACCME credits are automatically converted into American Medical Association (AMA) credits upon presentation of the certificate of attendance enclosing the EACCME formula to the AMA.