

International PSC Study Group (IPSCSG) Annual report

In Oslo June 2010 a total of 45 active PSC researchers from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK, Ireland, the US and Canada met and established the International PSC Study Group (IPSCGS, www.ipscsg.org, password required).

MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Prof. **Michael Manns**, Hannover, Germany
Prof. **Keith Lindor**, Rochester, MN, US *
Prof. **Konstantinos Lazaridis**, Rochester, MN, US *
Prof. **Peter Jansen**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Prof. **Michael Trauner**, Vienna, Austria
Prof. **Roger Chapman**, Oxford, UK
Dr. **Tom Hemming Karlsen**, Oslo, Norway
(coordinator/secretary)

* Prof. Keith Lindor was replaced in November 2011 by Prof. Konstantinos Lazaridis, Rochester, MN, US.

- Regarding the cholangiocyte Cre project the ASBT is now done (Prof. Arthur Kaser) and under evaluation. The cholangiocyte transcriptome sequencing is ongoing and will be completed in 2012.
- Different funding opportunities have been discussed, like EU FP7/FP8 and HEALTH program 2013, but so far there has been no call perfectly matching the needs of the group.

Representation in IPSCSG is based on active participation in ongoing studies and meetings are held biannually at the International Liver Congress™ by the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) and the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) annual conferences. During 2011 the group first met in Berlin during the International Liver Congress™ March 30th and then in San Francisco during AASLD November 7th.

DURING 2011 THE GROUP HAS MADE PROGRESS ON SEVERAL TOPICS:

- In the Immunochip project a preliminary analysis was presented and the further strategy was discussed. Working groups for each individual subproject with a specified leader was proposed.
- The IPSCSG database format was sent to all study groups in April, and most groups have now modified their database according to the final IPSCSG format. A summary article on the total IPSCSG study population of 4,500-5,000 PSC patients is in the planning. In the Dilstent2 project the first patients have been included.
- Questionnaires were completed in the “itching” (cholestatic pruritus) genetics project, and answers from parts of the UK and Canadian PBC and German and Norwegian PSC populations are presently available and analysis presently being performed.

PLANNED MEETINGS IN 2012:

During the International Liver Meeting™ in Barcelona Friday April 20th, in Hamburg 11th-12th for the second focus group meeting and during the AASLD in Boston in November.

INTERNATIONAL PSC STUDY GROUP NETWORK

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Austria Graz Vienna	Medical University of Graz Medical University of Vienna
Belgium , Leuven	University Hospital Gasthuisberg
Canada Alberta Calgary Toronto	University of Alberta Health Research and Innov. Centre/Univ. of Calgary Toronto Western Hospital/University of Toronto
Finland , Helsinki	Helsinki University Central Hospital
France , Paris	Université Pierre et Marie Curie
Germany Düsseldorf Hamburg Hannover Heidelberg Kiel Tübingen	University Medical Center Düsseldorf University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf Hannover Medical School University Hospital of Heidelberg Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel University Hospital of Tübingen
Ireland , Dublin	St. Vincent’s University Hospital
Iceland , Reykjavik	The National University Hospital of Iceland
Italy Ancona Rozzano (Milan) Padua	Università Politecnica delle Marche IRCCS Istituto Clinico Humanitas University of Padua
Japan , Tokyo	Teikyo University School of Medicine
Norway , Oslo	Oslo University Hospital/University of Oslo
Poland Szczecin Warsaw	Pomeranian Medical University Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center
Spain , Barcelona	Hospital Clínic i Provincial
Switzerland , Zurich	University Hospital Zurich
Sweden Stockholm Uppsala Gothenburg Linköping	Karolinska University Hospital Uppsala University Hospital Sahlgrenska University Hospital University of Linköping
The Netherlands Amsterdam Groningen Rotterdam	Academic Medical Center/University of Amsterdam University Medical Center Groningen Erasmus University Medical Centre
UK Birmingham Cambridge London Newcastle Norwich Oxford	University of Birmingham Addenbrooke’s Hosp./The Wellcome Trust Sanger Inst. Univ. Col. London/Royal Free Hosp./Imp. Col. Hosp. Newcastle University Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital John Radcliffe Hospital
US California Connecticut Minnesota Pennsylvania Tennessee	University of California Davis Medical Center Yale University Mayo Clinic College of Medicine University of Pennsylvania Memphis Medical Center