

MINUTES OF THE FIRST STRATEGIC EGS OCULAR BLOOD FLOW (OBF) SIG
MEETING
Leuven, Jan 30th 2009

Attendees:

- The EGS President: Clive Migdal
- The OBF SIG steering committee:
 - Yves Lachkar
 - Georg Michelson
 - Selim Orguel
 - Leo Schmetterer
 - Ingeborg Stalmans

1. The attendees elected anonymously the chairman (Ingeborg Stalmans) and the secretary (Leo Schmetterer).

2. A discussion followed on the aims of the OBF SIG:

Broad aim: To gain insight into the role of blood flow in glaucoma

Specific aims:

- To promote the understanding of science behind blood flow strategies in glaucoma and other optic neuropathies by encouraging dialogue between glaucoma specialists, allied clinicians and basic scientists.
- To standardize methodology to facilitate appropriate multicenter clinical trials.
- To provide hands-on training in methodology.
- To provide a brief introductory overview of the basics of ocular blood flow for educational purposes.
- To maintain a comprehensive and updated database of clinical trials and basic research in the area of blood flow.
- To consider the clinical relevance of the results of translational research.

3. A list of possible members of the OBF SIG was discussed. It was agreed that an email would be sent to all members of the OBFRA and ISOCO. This mail will contain the minutes of the OBF SIG meeting, and an invitation to become a member of the SIG. Members will be included in the mailing list, and receive updates on the activities of the SIG, including invitations for the meetings that will be organized.

4. The next meeting of the OBF SIG was then discussed. It was decided to organize this meeting prior to the EGS Closed Meeting in Lyon.

- Timing: Friday 28/08/09 morning Lyon (EGS Closed Meeting) 9-12.30 am
- Topic: booklet on OBF principles and measuring techniques
- Invitees: contributors to the booklet

5. Action points:

- Ingeborg: send minutes + invitation for membership to OBFRA and ISOCO members

- Ingeborg: look for FTP site for transfer of heavy files (EGS webmaster)
- Ingeborg: check out status EGS OBF DVD (mail to Carlo Traverso)
- Ingeborg: organize next meeting
 - o liaise with OIC (room, lunch,...)
 - o organize invitation to EGS Closed Meeting (as guest of invited members)
- Leo: send reminder about OBF booklet to contributors that have not submitted their chapter yet (deadline confirmation of contribution within 2 weeks, submission of chapter end of March)
- Leo: ask Richard for search and database compilation (Cochrane review)