

# **ISHLT Pulmonary Scientific Council Conference Call Minutes December 19, 2011**

## **Participants:**

Lianne Singer (Chair)  
David Weill (Vice-Chair; Standards and Guidelines Workforce)  
Michael Mulligan (Secretary)  
Geert Verleden (Past Chair)  
Chris Wigfield (Education Workforce)  
Duane Davis (Board Liaison)  
Debbie Levine (ISHLT 2012 Program Committee; AMR Working Group)  
Christine Lau (Communications Committee)

## **Regrets:**

Shaf Keshavjee (Registries and Databases)  
Patrick Evrard (Development Liaison)  
Roger Yusen (Quality of Life)

## **Standard and Guidelines**

Follow up on proposals at the annual business meeting in April 2011 for Guidelines to be produced by the Pulmonary Council. These proposals included:

1. Post transplant Care Guidelines – Has been discussed by Standards and Guidelines. Concern re level of evidence available for a guideline. ACCP Transplant NetWork is also working on an evidence based literature review of non-pulmonary complications led by Dr. Denis Hadjiliadis. Potential focus area for next Lung Academy. For further discussion.
2. Ventilator Management of the Lung Donor (Keshavjee/Mulligan) – Many have volunteered to work on this; need to pare down to an effective working group. Drs Mulligan and Keshavjee plan face to face meeting in January; plan to have draft for Prague.
3. Guidelines regarding the efficacy of double vs. single lung transplant – Dr. Singer to follow up with those who brought this forward in San Diego.

## **Registries and Databases**

1. DCD Registry update. The database has been set up and data entry is beginning. 10 centers have initially been invited to participate.

## **Communications**

1. Plan to resurrect this group within the Pulmonary Council, work on liaison with Dr Valentine and contribution to ISHLT Links newsletter
2. Suggestions for Dr. West other societies interested in lung transplant to work with ISHLT. Dr Singer already suggested – ACCP, ERS, ATS; new suggestions PHA (Levine) and AATS (Mulligan) – to send contact info to Dr. Singer.
3. ISHLT Links November issue was focused on lung transplant; all encouraged to read this.

## **Quality of Life**

1. QUILT Registry (Singer) – Need to reconnect with registry staff re data linkage; currently only Tier 1 data for specific subjects are available for export. Dr. Singer to follow up.

## **Development Liaison**

1. Dr Davis emphasized need to leverage existing industry relationships to help support the Society. Comments/suggestions should be brought forward to Dr Heather Ross who is Society Chair of Development Committee.

## **Education**

1. Lung Transplant Academy (Wigfield): 2011 Academy was a success, plan for next Lung Academy in 2013 or 2014, for further discussion within Education Committee. Important to not have similar topics overlap and to allow enough time between Academies for turnover of trainees and junior faculty who would be most interested in attending. It was mentioned that Post-Transplant Care could be a topic area of focus for the next Academy.
2. ISHLT 2012 Topics (Levine): Good representation at symposia and concurrent sessions, both stand-alone and in collaboration with other Councils. The preliminary program is online and includes symposia. The program committee has a call today and plans to finalize the program in the coming days. Meetings at ISHLT 2012 to work on Council projects should be planned well in advance and booking forms need to be submitted.

## **Update on Current Projects**

1. BOS paper (Verleden) – update received from Dr. Keith Meyer who is leading this initiative. Final draft is written and will be circulated to authors; to S and G committee in new year and then to AJRCCM for publication.
2. BAC paper (Weill) – Article requested and in preparation by Dr. Weill for ISHLT Links. Dr. Weill has a study in progress to collect data re BAC transplants worldwide.
3. AMR working group (Levine) – working with Pathology Council to define agenda; plan for conference call in new year to have progress by Prague meeting.
4. Palliative Care Survey – with ACCP. Final draft almost ready for circulation to authors then ACCP review committee. To be submitted to Chest for publication.
5. Pulmonary Rehab Survey – with ATS. No new information.
6. Google group – Up and running moderated by Dr. Remzi Bag. Many did not receive an invitation and do not know how to join. Non-industry ISHLT members of any discipline who wish to join should send an introductory e-mail to the moderator - remzi.bag@emory.edu from his/her professional e-mail address with credentials (name, professional title, affiliation and full contact information). Dr. Singer to request adding this information to the Council's website.

## **New business**

1. Elections/workforce chairs and membership 2012 (Singer). It was agreed that workforce chairs and members should turn over to allow involvement of new members, as it has been about 3 years with the current membership. The current workforce chairs would remain involved as past chairs and we will turn over 50% of workforce members at a time to maintain continuity. We will plan to solicit applications for workforce chairs and new members, and invite current workforce members to volunteer to vacate their positions. Dr. Singer will send an email to the council membership. The council will also require a new secretary and we will work to get nominations and complete an election prior to the meeting in Prague.
2. Lung transplant program staffing and compensation survey (Davis). Dr. Davis will require help from council members in designing questions, especially pertaining to non-US centers. Others expressed support for this initiative.