ISHAM Working Group Annual Report 2017

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| 1 | Title of Working Group | *Scedosporium* /*Pseudallescheria* |
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| 3 | Website URL for external website (if relevant) | NA |
| 4 | Objectives for the forthcoming year | Our focus for 2018 centres on ISHAM 2018 Amsterdam, where a symposium incorporating the major aspects of *Scedosporium* and Lomentospora infections and of the biology and genetics of these fungi will be held. |
| 5 | Achievements of the Working Group in 2017 (250 words) | Following on from a well attended and successful 5th working group meeting in Bilbao, Oct 6-7 2016 hosted by Dr. Andoni Ramirez-Garcia and Dr. Fernando Hernando, working group members contributed to a workshop and meeting In Osuna, of the ISHAM WG on cystic fibrosis (CF) (organised by Jean-Philippe Bouchara). A joint publication was written of the salient new aspects of diseases caused by these organisms and of fungal biology (**1**).  The members then, in collaboration with the CF WG contributed to a special edition of fungal infections in CF (published 2017) which included reviews and original research on topics including: Ecological studies, challenges in fungal diagnostics, Rare moulds  in CF, genetic studies, virulence studies, therapeutics and bacterial/fungalinteractions. (see 2) |
| 6 | Publications arising from the WG | **1.** Ramirez-Garcia et al. *Scedosporium* and Lomentospora: an updated overview of an underrated opportunist. *Med Mycol* (accepted 11-09-17).  2. Articles appear in issues of “Mycopathologia” from May through July 2017. |
| 7 | Is your Working Group going to continue for the next year? | Yes |

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