

ISHAM Working Group Annual Report 2022

1. Title of Working Group

ISHAM Fungal Diagnostics Working Group

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4. Objectives and expected outcomes for the forthcoming year

We are planning to organize the 1st Meeting of Fungal Diagnostic WG as an educational two days' workshop in Bethesda, MD, USA, April 10-11, 2024. This two-days lecture based educational event is intended for minimum of 30 participants including PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, clinical fellows, clinical microbiologists/mycologists, pathologists, infectious disease laboratory directors, infectious disease specialists, veterinarians, or scientists from academia (or companies) who work or want to work in the field of "Fungal Diagnostics" and are looking to improve their knowledge and understanding in this area.

5. Achievements of the Working Group in 2022 (250 words) ¹⁻³

- 1- On March 15th, 2022, application submitted to ISHAM-Council to initiate 'Fungal Diagnostics Working Group'.
- 2- On April 12rd, 2022, the application was accepted by ISHAM-Council.

- 3- The first board meeting of 'Fungal Diagnostics Working Group' was organized online on Friday July 15th to discuss about current and future activities of WG.
- 4- A scientific expert session was organized 'during ISHAM-2022 at Hotel the Ashok, New Delhi, India: on Thursday 22 September.
Subject: Standardization of diagnostic mycology laboratories
<https://www.isham2022.org/september22/>

6. Publications arising from the Working Group

Efforts are under way to publish consensus diagnostic guidelines by ISHAM fungal diagnostics working group. The first publication is aimed to be out by the end of 2023.

7. Funding provided by ISHAM in the past 3 years (Budget and year)

2022: 10000 CHF

8. Composition of the working group

- Number of working group members: **324**
- Number of ISHAM members among WG members: **212**

¹ The achievement arising from the Working Group with acknowledge its status within ISHAM by explicitly including the phrase "ISHAM Working Group" in all public and professional publications, workshop programs, lectures, its website or similar activities.

² Achievements of the Working Group include but not limited to the following:

- meeting/workshop/training course/symposium of the working group,
- peer-reviewed publication,
- presentation (symposium, oral or poster paper) from working group during ISHAM congress,
- contribute material to the main ISHAM website and its regular newsletter.
- Increase ISHAM members, strengthen link between ISHAM and working group, and enhance visibility of ISHAM.

³ Supporting information for achievements are welcome.

Please complete and return to Dr. Don Sheppard, (don.sheppard@mcgill.ca) by February 28, 2023

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