

Working Party on Platelet Immunobiology

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PIWP 2018 Year-end Letter

Dear colleagues and friends:

“Despite the heavy schedule of ongoing holiday and year-end activities, people are energetic and enthusiastic ... they are thoughtful, introspective and open to suggestions ... are happy and grateful and in the best of spirits.” (D. G. Phillips)

If that is true, we have picked the right time point to let you know what happened within the Platelet Immunobiology Working Party (PIWP) during 2018, and what we expect to happen in 2019 – also, or especially, with your support!

General Business

A business meeting was held during the ISBT Congress in Toronto, Canada, on June 1st, 2018, with 19 attendees, please see website for the minutes (<http://isbtweb.org/working-parties/platelet-immunobiology/>). Three new subcommittees were installed: Asian Regional Platelet Working Party, Subcommittee on Clinical Guidance, and Subcommittee on Quality (see below for details).

The Working Party will not hold any formal meetings during the ISBT Regional Congress in Basel, Switzerland. The Working Party will hold a meeting of its Asian Regional subcommittee during the ISBT Regional Congress in Bangkok, Thailand.

Asian Regional Subcommittee

This subcommittee is currently chaired by Nelson and Uli. During 2018, an organizing committee was installed. It will take care of regular, region-specific quality assessments and trainings in Asia. Yongshui Fu (Guangzhou Blood Center, China), Park Kyoung Un (Seoul National University College of Medicine, South Korea), Hitoshi Okazaki (The University of Tokyo, Japan), and Pawinee Kupatawintu (Thai Red Cross Society, Thailand) volunteered as the committee's inaugural members.

The first activity within the Asia Regional Platelet WP is a platelet training course in Tokyo on March 16-17, to be held together with the Japanese Platelet and Granulocyte Workshop, and co-sponsored by the ISBT. Platelet immunology laboratories from all Asian countries are welcome to attend; please contact Nelson.

The organizing committee will held its first business meeting during the 30th Regional Congress of the ISBT in Bangkok, Thailand (November 16-19).

Nelson initiated a mailing list, and many suggestions were already received; please feel free to contact Nelson should you have any further comments.

Subcommittee on Clinical Guidance

This subcommittee is chaired by Tamam Bakchoul (Tuebingen, Germany). It held its first Business Meeting during the ISBT Congress in Toronto, Canada. Minutes are available on the webpage.

Agneta Wikman (Stockholm, Sweden) and Gérald Bertrand (Rennes, France) have prepared an Excel sheet for the follow-up of probable FNAIT cases (attached). Please get back them if you have any cases that should enter this registry.

Gail Pahn (Stafford, Australia), Lilach Bonstein (Haifa, Israel) and Agneta Wikman (Stockholm, Sweden) agreed to share national recommendations for FNAIT as a basis to identify a potential role for an ISBT guideline. No update until today.

In addition, a draft for an ISBT guideline was outlined in the meeting minutes; no update until today.

Subcommittee on Quality

This subcommittee is chaired by Brian Curtis (Milwaukee, WI, USA). It held its first Business Meeting during the ISBT Congress in Toronto, Canada. Minutes are available on the webpage.

The subcommittee will be responsible for the HPA nomenclature; the nomenclature database will be shifted from the EMBL website, where it has no longer been maintained, to a website from the Blood Research Institute in Milwaukee, with a link to the ISBT webpage, so that people can search the database through the ISBT web. The PIWP will no longer support any other database; once installed, the PIWP will inform other providers that only this webpage is considered authorized.

The subcommittee is also responsible for re-structuring the International Platelet Immunology Workshop (the next one will be distributed by Eduardo Muniz-Diaz from Barcelona, Spain). No update until today.

Webpage

Our webpage was re-designed; check it out at <http://isbtweb.org/working-parties/platelet-immunobiology>. Many thanks to Maria Therese Ahlen (Tromso, Norway) and the helpful team at ISBT Headquarters! Please mail to Uli (Ulrich.sachs@med.uni-giessen.de) or Maria Therese (maria.therese.ahlen@unn.no) if you have any specific requests or suggestions.

The HPA nomenclature shall move here during 2019.

We will also upload the names from all PIWP members who agreed to be on that side (Uli has updated the list and collected the statements of consent). Please check the attached list for your name and contact details!

Summary: What PIWP wants you to do...

When?	What?	Your Input
January 15	check PIWP Member List	get back to Uli for minor or major mistakes (Ulrich.sachs@med.uni-giessen.de)
March 16-17	Platelet Training Course Tokyo, Japan organized by the Asian Regional Subcommittee	take part if your lab is located in Asia (h-tsuno@ktns.bbc.jrc.or.jp)
March 31	FNAIT Guidelines	support the Subcommittee on Clinical Guidance (tamam.bakchoul@med.uni-tuebingen.de)
April 1	Re-Structuring of the International Platelet Immunobiology Workshop	support the Subcommittee on Quality (brian.curtis@bcw.edu)
November 16-19	30 th Regional ISBT Congress Bangkok, Thailand Asian Regional Subcommittee Business Meeting	take part if your our lab is located in Asia or if you are attending the 30 th Regional ISBT Congress in Bangkok

With warm regards and Season's Greetings

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