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Dear colleagues and friends,

this short newsletter wants to drive your attention on a few issues: the oncoming IELSG Meeting, a remind of ongoing protocols and the next activation of some future trials.

1. IELSG ANNUAL MEETING 2002

It will be held in **Lugano**, Switzerland at the end of the 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MALIGNANT LYMPHOMAS, on **Saturday, June 15, 2002 at the Palazzo dei Congressi** from **1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. The 2002 IELSG meeting will update on accrual and results of ongoing studies. Future proposals will also be discussed and launched.

Registration: registration is free. Please fill in the enclosed form and send it back by fax (0041 91 811 9182) or by e-mail (ielsg@ticino.com). **Registration closing date: May 15, 2002.**

Travel and accommodation: the IELSG will not cover travel and hotel accommodation.

Program:

1. Introduction and general report on the accrual of the ongoing studies (F. Cavalli, Bellinzona CH)
2. Head and neck NHL: proposal for a retrospective study (S. Cortelazzo, Bergamo I)
3. Gastric Irradiation for MALT Lymphoma: proposal for a retrospective study (A. Wirth, Melbourn, AU)
4. IELSG 19: Addition of rituximab to chlorambucil in MALT lymphoma (E. Zucca, Bellinzona CH)
5. Primary CNS lymphoma: from the workshop to the future: can we do a randomized multicentric trial? (A. Ferreri, Milan I)
6. Conclusions and remarks (F. Cavalli, Bellinzona CH)

2. NEW ENTRY

IELSG 18: Retrospective international survey on primary effusion lymphomas

- The protocol is officially open. Protocol and forms will be provided upon request to ielsg@ticino.com
- Forms are intended to be filled and sent as attached documents by e-mail or by fax. Histological reports must be faxed or sent by mail as usual.
- A central pathological review will be performed.
- For contacts: A. Conconi, Novara, Italy (conconi@med.unipmn.it), A. Carbone, Aviano, Italy (acarbone@cro.it).

3. ONGOING STUDIES

The following trials are open for patient registration:

- IELSG 17: Multi-institutional retrospective analysis of intravascular lymphomatosis
- IELSG 16: RT-PCR detection of the t(11;18) translocation as a predictor of outcome in extranodal marginal lymphoma of malt type
- IELSG 15: Retrospective evaluation of primary breast lymphoma
- IELSG 14: Retrospective evaluation of primary bone lymphoma
- IELSG 11: Retrospective evaluation of cutaneous b-cell lymphomas
- IELSG 10: Prospective trial in diffuse large-cell testicular lymphomas
- IELSG 4: Prospective randomized trial of chemotherapy vs chemotherapy plus irradiation in diffuse large-cell gastric lymphomas

All protocols and forms will be provided upon request to ielsg@ticino.com.

Data collection from each study will be centralised at the IELSG Trials Coordination Centre, unless differently specified.

4. PUBLICATIONS

Now published:

“RELEVANCE OF INTRAOCULAR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM LYMPHOMAS” *Andrés J. M. Ferreri, Jean-Yves Blay, Michele Reni, Felice Pasini, Andrew Gubkin, Umberto Tirelli, Antonello Calderoni, Emanuele Zucca, Sergio Cortelazzo, Catherine Chassagne, Marianne Tinguely, Bettina Borisch, Françoise Berger, Maurilio Ponzoni, and Franco Cavalli on behalf of the International Extranodal Lymphoma Study Group (IELSG)* ANNALS OF ONCOLOGY April 2002; 13(4): 531-538

“MOLECULAR FOLLOW-UP IN GASTRIC MALT LYMPHOMAS: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE PROSPECTIVE LY03 RANDOMISED COOPERATIVE TRIAL” *F. Bertoni, A. Conconi, C. Capella, T. Motta, R. Giardini, M. Ponzoni, E. Pedrinis, D. Novero, P. Rinaldi, G. Cazzaniga, A. Biondi, A. Wotherspoon, B. Hancock, P. Smith, R. Souhami, F. Cotter, F. Cavalli & E. Zucca for the International Extranodal Lymphoma Study Group (IELSG) & the United Kingdom Lymphoma Group (UKLG)* BLOOD 1 April 2002; 99(7): 2541-2544

Accepted for publication on BRITISH JOURNAL OF HAEMATOLOGY:

“MODIFIED INTERNATIONAL PROGNOSTIC INDEX CAN PREDICT OUTCOME OF LOCALIZED PRIMARY INTESTINAL LYMPHOMA OF BOTH EXTRANODAL MARGINAL ZONE B-CELL AND DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL HISTOLOGIES” *S. Cortelazzo, A. Rossi, E. Oldani, T. Motta, R. Giardini, P. Zinzani, E. Zucca, H. Gomez, A. Ferreri, G. Pinotti, C. Chini, L. Devizzi, A. Gianni, F. Cavalli & T. Barbui on behalf of the International Extranodal Lymphoma Study Group (IELSG)*

5. LUGANO CONFERENCE (June 12- 15, 2002)

You can visit the website www.lymphcon.ch of the 8th Lugano Conference on Malignant Lymphomas, where you can find the final program and additional information.

*We thank again all the IELSG investigators. Looking forward to seeing you all in Lugano.
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**REGISTRATION FORM - 5th IELSG ANNUAL MEETING
LUGANO (SWITZERLAND) PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI - June 15, 2002**

1 Registration Form for each participant

Name

Institution (full address)

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Contact phone

Fax

e-mail

will be attending the IELSG Lugano Meeting (June 15, 2002, from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm)

Remarks

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