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Dear colleagues,

the 1st of June 1999 we have completed an other successful IELSG Meeting in Lugano. We had about 70 people attending with many new institutions represented.

At this workshop all the ongoing and new IELSG protocols have been presented and discussed. We are happy to inform you that 6 trials (described below) are open for IELSG accrual. For each ongoing trial you will receive a separate mail with the essential information: principal investigators, protocol or summary, forms to fill in, centre of collecting data.

ONGOING PROTOCOLS

IELSG 3

Randomized trial of observation vs chlorambucil after anti-Helicobacter-Pylori therapy in low-grade gastric lymphoma. This UKLG, IELSG and GELA trial is the first randomized study to assess treatment in this disease. The recruitment is excellent (210 cases June 1999) and the accrual continues.

IELSG 4

Prospective randomized trial of chemotherapy vs chemotherapy plus irradiation in diffuse large-cell gastric lymphoma.

IELSG 5

Retrospective evaluation of primary testicular lymphomas.

IELSG 7

Retrospective evaluation of Central Nervous System lymphomas.

IELSG 8

Retrospective evaluation of intestinal lymphomas.

IELSG 9

Retrospective evaluation of primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphomas.

PROTOCOL TO ACTIVATE

IELSG 6

The Suisse ROCHE Company agrees to study in a Phase II trial, the role of Rituximab (IDEC C2B8-Mabthera/Rituxan) in patients with CD20 + marginal zone lymphomas. The interested centers are invited to contact the IELSG by e-mail for further information.

CLOSED PROTOCOLS

IELSG 1

Retrospective analysis of low-grade MALT lymphoma primarily arising at non-gastric site. A manuscript of this topic is in preparation.

IELSG 2

Retrospective analysis of patients with primary localized diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the stomach. A manuscript was submitted to "Annals of Oncology".

PATHOLOGY PANEL

At the last pathology review, held on the 31th of May 1999 in Locarno, subgroups of pathologists were constituted.

The principal roles of these panels are to review all the slides of each ongoing IELSG study and to elaborate a diagnostic consensus. Particular cases or slides with interesting findings will be discussed during the plenary pathology session that will be held at least once or twice a year in Locarno.

This list below is not exhaustive and in the future it's possible that other pathologists can join the panels (IELSG is growing).

IELSG 1 - RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF LOW-GRADE MALT LYMPHOMA PRIMARILY ARISING AT NON-GASTRIC SITE:

E. Pedrinis (chairman), S. Ascani, G. Fraternali, R. Barbazza, E. Campo, S. Cogliatti, F. Menestrina, B. Piatti, A. Pilatti, L. Carnevali, P.G. Isaacson

IELSG 2 - RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY LOCALIZED DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA OF THE STOMACH:

C. Capella (chairman), S. Cogliatti, T. Motta, D. Rahal, G. Tomasic, G. Viale, L. Carnevali, B. Piatti, A. Pilatti

IELSG 5 - RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF PRIMARY TESTICULAR LYMPHOMAS:

M. Harris (chairman), S. La Rosa, D. Novero, B. Patterson

IELSG 7 - RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM LYMPHOMAS: (the chairman will be designed by the panelists)

B. Borisch, GELA group, M Ponzoni

IELSG 8 - RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF INTESTINAL LYMPHOMAS:

R. Giardini (chairman), T. Motta (chairman), R Barbazza, E. Campo, F. Fachetti, E. Pedrinis, P. Rinaldi, P.G. Isaacson

IELSG 9 - RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF PRIMARY MEDIASTINAL LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMAS:

F. Menestrina (chairman), S. Pileri, F. Fachetti, G. Fraternali, S. Ascani, R. Giardini, G. Pruneri, D. Rahal, M. Paulli

IELSG 10 - PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED TRIAL IN DIFFUSE LARGE-CELL TESTICULAR LYMPHOMAS: (the chairman will be designed by the panelists)

M. Harris, S. La Rosa, D. Novero, B. Patterson

IELSG is grateful that more and more participants are willing to invest time and effort in the overall activities of the group.

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P.S.

In order to simplify and accelerate the mutual contacts inside the IELSG, in the future we'll have to work essentially by e-mail. Therefore all members of IELSG should activate an e-mail address and transmit it to the coordination center.