Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to inform you about the developments and achievement of the Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP) in 2014 and important events in 2015.

In 2014 we intensified our mission to perform high quality educational event regarding disease specific topics of our Working Party. In February 2014 we performed in Leiden an exciting symposium on “The Role of Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia” in the era of novel drugs hosted by M. van Gelder and L. de Wreede.

On September 12, 2014 we performed together with the Societe Francaise de Greffe de Moelle et Therapie Cellulaire an educational event on “Stem Cell transplantation in MDS” in Lille /France, hosted by I. Yakoub-Agha and started collaboration with CIBMTR.

From September 25 -26 we launched an EBMT Preceptorship meeting on “Stem Cell Transplantation in Multiple Myeloma and other Plasmacell-Disorders” in Torino/Italy hosted by B. Bruno.

In 2015 we plan at least two further educational event in Sevilla (24.1.2015) and Helsinki (12.9.2015) (see “SAVE THE DATE”).

As planned, in April 2014 Marie Robin/ France took over the chair of the MDS subcommittee from Theo de Witte. We are happy that Dimitris Ziagkos has joint 2014 the Leiden Office as new statistician.

In 2014 the CMWP published 13 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals such as Leukemia, Haematologica, and American Journal of Hematology (see next page).

At international meetings such as ASH, EHA, EBMT or BMT Tandem meeting members of CMWP presented more than 20 oral or poster presentations.

Overall, in CMWP we have currently 10 non-interventional studies, 3 prospective EBMT sponsored or labelled studies ongoing and are working on more than 35 retrospective registry studies.

W'd like to encourage you to join our regular business meeting and educational events, submit proposals for retrospective and prospective studies, participate in lively discussions and exchange knowledge with colleagues and experts in the field.

The entire CMWP would like to express their gratefulness to all EBMT members and centers for their strong support in sending additional data for retrospective studies and including patients into ongoing trials.

Best wishes for 2015

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SAVE THE DATE

January 23 - 24
Business Meeting and educational Event (Multiple Myeloma) in Sevilla/Spain
Host: José Antonio Simon-Perez

März 24 - 25
Business Meeting during EBMT Annual Meeting: Istanbul/Turkey

März 24
CMWP: Working Party Session (16:00 - 17:30 h)
(at EBMT Annual Meeting) in Istanbul/Turkey

September 11 - 12
Business Meeting and Educational Event (MDS) in Helsinki/Finland
Host: Liisa Volin
Selected publications from CMWP in 2014

Comparison Of Unrelated Cord Blood (CB) and Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PB) Transplantation In Adults With Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) After Reduced Intensity Conditioning Regimen (RIC): A Collaborative Study From Eurocord and Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP-EBMT).


Should Patients With High-Risk or Transformed Myelodysplastic Syndrome Proceed Directly to Allogeneic Transplant Without Prior Cytoreduction by Remission-Induction Chemotherapy or Hypomethylating Agent Therapy?


Trends in autologous hematopoietic cell transplantation for multiple myeloma in Europe: increased use and improved outcomes in elderly patients in recent years.


Bone Marrow Transplant. 2014 Nov 10.

Impact of the International Prognostic Scoring System cytogenetic risk groups on the outcome of patients with primary myelodysplastic syndromes undergoing allogeneic stem cell transplantation from human leukocyte antigen-identical siblings: a retrospective analysis of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation-Chronic Malignancies Working Party.


Early administration of donor lymphocyte infusions upon molecular relapse after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for chronic myeloid leukemia: a study by the Chronic Malignancies Working Party of the EBMT.


Haematologica. 2014 Sep;99(9):1492-8.

Should the standard dimethyl sulfoxide concentration be reduced? Results of a European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation prospective noninterventional study on usage and side effects of dimethyl sulfoxide.


Outcome of allogeneic stem cell transplantation for patients transformed to myelodysplastic syndrome or leukemia from severe aplastic anemia: a report from the MDS Subcommittee of the Chronic Malignancies Working Party and the Severe Aplastic Anemia Working Party of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation.


Sensitivity of hematological malignancies to graft-versus-host effects: an EBMT megafile analysis.


Unrelated cord blood transplantation for patients with primary or secondary myelofibrosis.


Unrelated cord blood transplantation in patients with polycythemia vera or essential thrombocythemia transformed


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Business and Educational Meeting in Lille, 2014