

We will be holding a pre-meeting Workshop on the Development of a multicenter, international collaborative network for the study of rare eosinophil-mediated disorders at the Snowbird, Utah on July 18th, 2007. We plan to begin with a dinner on the evening of July 17th and finish by 5 pm on July 18th, prior to the opening reception for the 5th Biennial Symposium of the International Eosinophil Society. This will be the third pre-meeting workshop that we have held in conjunction with the biennial IES meeting - a summary of the prior two meetings can be found at <http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/html/workshops/> using the search term "eosinophil."

The purpose of the 2007 workshop is to bring together clinicians and scientists with expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of the various idiopathic hypereosinophilic disorders in order to:

- 1) Develop a consensus research definition for the hypereosinophilic syndrome(s)
- 2) Outline the steps necessary to form a research network for the study of eosinophil-mediated disorders
- 3) Formulate a clinical research agenda

We anticipate that this workshop will lead to the identification of high priority research questions that can best be answered using a multicenter approach and begin to provide the tools necessary to accomplish these sorts of studies. A draft of the preliminary program is attached below. In addition to the group leaders, we anticipate 20-25 attendees with expertise in eosinophilic disorders, who will participate in the discussions.

If you would like to attend or desire more information, please contact Dr. Amy Klion at aklion@niaid.nih.gov for more information as space is limited.

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP AGENDA

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| 08:00 - 08:30 | BREAKFAST |
| 08:30 - 08:45 | Opening remarks/Introductions |
| 08:45 - 10:00 | Consensus Research Definition for HES
Moderator: Hans-Uwe Simon |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | Development of a Research Network for the Study of
Eosinophil-mediated Disorders
Moderators: Michael Wechsler and Florence Roufosse |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | LUNCH |
| 13:00 - 15:30 | Focus group discussions |
| I: | Diagnosis
Moderators: Peter Weller and Thomas Nutman |
| II: | Eosinophil-mediated pathogenesis
Moderators: Amy Klion and Andrew Wardlaw |

III: Organ-restricted eosinophilic disorders
Moderators: Marc Rothenberg and Kristin Leiferman

IV: Mechanisms of eosinophilia and eosinophil activation
Moderators: Judah Denburg and Bruce Bochner

V: Treatment
Moderators: Alex Straumann and Gerald Gleich

15:00 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 - 16:45 Presentation of focus group conclusions (15minutes/group)

16:45 - 17:00 Closing remarks