Annual Meeting of the Global Buruli Ulcer Initiative

31 March to 2 April 2009
Cotonou, Benin

Common and Control Sessions – Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 31 March (Common Session)

09:00 – 10:30: Country updates I
1. Benin (Christian Johnson)
2. Australia (Paul Johnson)
3. French Guiana (Pierre Couppie)
4. Togo (Salomon Hainga)
5. Cameroon (Charles Nsom Mba, Earnest Njih)

11:00 – 12:30: Country updates II
1. Ghana (Edwin Ampadu)
2. Côte d’Ivoire (Henri Asse)
3. DRC (Anatole Kibadi)
4. Gabon (Bayonne Manou)
5. Congo (Damas Obvala)

14:00 – 15:30: Antibiotic treatment I
1. Impacts of dosing frequency of the combination rifampin-streptomycin on its Bactericidal and Sterilizing Activities Against Mycobacterium ulcerans in mice (Baohong Ji)
2. Comparison of rifapentine and rifampin based oral regimens in treatment of Mycobacterium ulcerans infection in mice (Deepak Almeida)
3. Serum neopterin during antibiotic treatment of Buruli ulcer disease; evidence of macrophage activation (Steven Sarfo)
4. Analysis of histopathological changes and local immune responses in the course of R/S chemotherapy in the experimental Buruli ulcer mouse model (Marie-Thérèse Ruf)
5. Severe multifocal form of Buruli ulcer after streptomycin and rifampicin treatment: a case report with comments on possible dissemination mechanisms (Ange Dossou)
16:00 – 17:30: Antibiotic treatment II

1. Preliminary results of a clinical trial of eight-week daily treatment with the combination rifampin-clarithromycin for patients with Buruli ulcer (Annick Chauty & Baohing Ji)
2. Prognostic indicators associated with the clinical response after 4 weeks of treatment of suspected Buruli ulcer cases with rifampicin and streptomycin in Allada, Benin
3. Response to treatment with combination rifampicin-streptomycin for 5 days per week for 8 weeks for Buruli ulcer (Richard Phillips)
4. Antimicrobial treatment for Buruli ulcer: the Burulico trial final results (Tjip van der Werf)
5. Patterns of healing and paradoxical reactions during antimicrobial treatment of Buruli ulcer – data from a drug trial in Ghana (Willemien Nienhuis)

Wednesday, 1 April (Control Session)

08:30 – 10:30: Laboratory confirmation of cases (10 minutes each)
1. The value of diagnosis of M. ulcerans infection by Fine Needle aspiration (Viviane Cassisa)
2. Confirmation of cases of Buruli ulcer at the National Buruli Ulcer Reference Laboratory (LNRUB) of the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB-Kinshasa) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Anatole Kibadi)
3. Buruli ulcer molecular diagnosis routinely performed in Cotonou, Benin (Dissou Affolabi)
4. Confirmation of Buruli ulcer in Central African Republic (Fanny Minime-Lingoupou)
5. Overview and prospect for the National Buruli Ulcer Reference Centre (CNR-BURULI) in the Buruli ulcer control effort in Côte d’Ivoire (N’Guetta Aka)

10:30 – 12:30: NGOs
1. ANESVAD, Spain (Almuneda Mendez Morante)
2. Raoul Follereau Foundation, France (Jacques Grosset)
3. Raoul Follereau Foundation, Luxembourg (Emile China)
4. SCOBU, Japan (Yuki Shimomura)

14:00 – 15:30: Health system
1. Integration of Buruli ulcer control activities into primary health care: the case of the control programme of the Institut Médical Evangélique (IME)/Kimpese in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) (B. B. Imposo)
2. Decentralization (Felix Sagno)
3. Organization of case management for Buruli ulcer patients in Kouilou department in the Republic of the Congo (Jean-Martin Mabiala)
4. Three years of implementation of early detection activities in Amansie West District of Ghana (Joseph Adomako)
5. Early detection and management of Buruli ulcer in the Upper Denkyira district of Ghana (Erasmus Klutse)
16:00 – 17:30: Health system
   1. Functional limitations after surgical or antibiotic treatment for Buruli ulcer in Benin (Yves Barogui)
   2. Basic training in POD: Experience from Cameroon (Valarie Simonet)
   4. Wrist contractures following BU: the place of proximal row resection (Patrick Meredith)
   5. Multicenter Surgical Outreach for Management of Buruli ulcer (Pius Agbenorkou)
   6. Modern dressings (Felix Sagno)

Thursday, 2 April

09:00 – 10:30: Surveillance
   1. Analysis of the BU 01 in Benin for 2008–lessons learnt (Yves Barogui)
   2. Mapping of Buruli ulcer cases in Benin shows highly focalized nature of the disease (Ghislain Sopoh)
   3. Surveillance of Buruli ulcer in Ghana (William Opare)
   4. Analysis of factors associated with seeking treatment among Buruli ulcer patients (Alphonse Um Boock)
   5. Care and treatment given to patients and results obtained from the district of Akonolinga (Francois Sihow)
   6. New foci of Buruli ulcer, Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo (Anatole Kibadi)

11:00 – 12:30: Other presentations
   1. Cost of case management of Buruli ulcer cases at the Buruli ulcer Detection and Treatment Centre (CDTUB) at Allada in Benin (Patrick Makoutode)
   2. Buruli ulcer: Perception of the disease and study of risk factors in endemic and non-endemic zones in Côte d’Ivoire (Emmanuel Tia)
   3. Investigation of hematologic parameters in patients suspected of Buruli ulcer in two endemic areas in Benin (Evelyne Lozes)
   4. Extra Cutaneous Manifestations Of Buruli Ulcer (K. Kadjo)
   5. Yaws activities in Congo (Damas Obvala)

14:00 – 15:30: Finalization of report
   1. Preparations of control and research reports (Chair and Rapporteurs)
   2. Group work to finalize a draft roadmap for implementation of the Cotonou Declaration

16:00 – 17:30: Closure
   1. Plenary: presentation of conclusions and recommendations
   2. Closing remarks: TBA