

Antimicrobials of the Future

Objectives

Antibiotic resistance is gaining worldwide attention as a major problem in the management of infectious disease, both in hospital settings and the community. While most major pharmaceutical companies have either abandoned or reduced efforts in antibiotic research and development in favor of areas such as chronic illness, smaller companies face many challenges but continue to pursue a wide variety of approaches.

The pharmaceutical industry, academic, and government researchers are calling for new and increased collaborations among pharmaceutical companies, academic researchers and regulatory agencies to strengthen the research and drug development process. Improved information and active networks are linking resources and knowledge.

We are providing an international platform for promoting and encouraging the effective exchange of information about research & development activities in the anti-infective field. Our platform supports information flows between academia, clinicians and industry researchers and raises awareness on all sides for the needs of the medical community as well as the problems related to developing these drugs.

Benefits

Academia: obtaining information about activities in their field of interest in other countries and other settings, facilitate collaboration with industry.

Clinicians: debating the need for and obtaining information about the potential availability of future anti-infectives and cancer drugs.

Industry: sharing information about in-out licensing and collaboration opportunities and research activities in their field, gaining visibility.

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Sample pages on:

<http://www.cefaia.com/ISC/isc-index.htm>



I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your input and suggestions.

Please **contact** Ursula Theuretzbacher if you would like more information or if you are interested in participating in our activities: utheuretzbacher@cefaia.com

Availability for a **meeting** in the network corner:

- Sunday, April 01, 2007, 3.30-4.30 pm
- Monday, April 02, 2007, 1.30-2.00 pm

Activities

The WG has organized a session at the ECCMID / ICC on Saturday, March 31st, 2007, 08.30 – 10.30 am (ISC Working session 4)

Reconciling the goals of antibiotic policy and drug development

Moderation:

Jean Claude Pechere (Switzerland),
Inge C. Gyssens (Netherlands)

- Ursula Theuretzbacher (Austria)
Antimicrobials in the future
- Robert C. Moellering (USA)
New concepts of anti-infective therapy
- Dominique L. Monnet (Denmark)
Optimal strategies for use of new antimicrobials

Panel discussion:

Moderators, speakers, M.M. Dudley (USA), W.A. Craig (USA)

The WG is creating a platform for sharing information on new drugs that will include an actively maintained database with support for searching new antimicrobials.

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