



5th International Symposium on Pediatric MDS and Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



Introduction

Dear colleagues,

Childhood Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML) have gained increasing attention during the last decade. Standardized diagnostic procedures, reference centers and prospective collaborative studies facilitate a firm diagnosis early in the clinical course. More importantly, with recent concepts of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation a substantial number of children and adolescents with MDS and JMML can be cured. Future progress will depend at least in part on a better understanding of the underlying disease mechanisms and development of novel targeted treatment regimens. Since 1997 the European Working Group on MDS (EWOG-MDS) has hosted 4 very successful International Workshops on these malignancies in childhood.

Moreover, recently acquired and congenital bone marrow failure (BMF) syndromes have gained interest within the EWOG group. This 5th International Symposium on MDS in Childhood, April 22-24, 2009 will focus on most recent advances in cellular and molecular biology in MDS, JMML and Severe Aplastic Anemia (SAA) and other BMF syndromes. It is our great pleasure to invite you to Rotterdam, one of the largest world harbour cities.

Looking forward to meet you in Rotterdam!

Marry van den Heuvel-Eibrink

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Chairs of the Local Organizing Committee

Topics:

- JMML
- Advanced MDS
- Refractory Cytopenia
- Therapy related myeloid neoplasia
- VSAA
- Leukemogenesis in congenital bone marrow failure disorders
- Morphology and classification
- Stem cell biology
- Molecular aberrations and potential targets
- Novel therapeutics
- Stem cell transplantation

Organizing Committee

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Location

The symposium will take place at the World Trade Center, Beursplein 37, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Registration and accommodation

Deadline for early registration is February 15, 2009. Early registration is advisable, the registration fee will be 250 Euros (300 Euros for late registration). (PhD) students rate is 150 Euros For information on registration and accommodation find the symposium information via the website www.ewog-mds.org.

Abstract submission

Participants are invited to submit abstracts. The deadline is December 8, 2008. Abstracts can be submitted through the online submission system of EHA for which the link can be found on the EWOG website: www.ewog-mds.org. Accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement of Haematologica. Notification of abstract acceptance and time of presentation will be provided by e-mail.

