

Dear members of the ELN,

since the 9th Annual Symposium of the European LeukemiaNet earlier this year there have been a couple of changes on the ELN website content. With this newsletter we would like to give you an overview of recent updates, upcoming events, and new studies in the European Leukemia Trial Registry (ELTR).

We hope you will enjoy reading this issue.

Kind regards,

European Leukemia Information Center - ELIC

■ **Survey: Social networks**

The European LeukemiaNet is interested to be up to date and to match the website content and its functions to the ELN members' needs. As social networks are on everyone's lips these days we wondered if this issue is also of interest for our users. Please take one minute of your precious time and help to answer this question by filling in the questionnaire that we provided on http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/network_services/infocenter/polls/social_networks/. The results of the survey will be published in the next ELN newsletter.

■ **The ELN grows!**

With the enclosure of seven new participating centers the ELN now involves 189 centers in 38 countries. This includes Switzerland, Israel, USA, and Russia. Have a look at the updated ELN map on <http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/home/countries/> to see who's at it.

■ **XIX. Wilsede Meeting**

This year again, the XIX. Wilsede Meeting takes place. From June 16 to 20, international hematologists and scientists come together in the center of the Lueneburger Heide, Germany to talk about normal stem cells, ageing, and cancer; immunotherapy and surveillance; clinical gene therapy; epigenetics and reprogramming in cancer; tumor stem cells and microenvironment; molecular mechanism of leukemia/lymphoma. For detailed information on this meeting as well as other conferences and events please go to <http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/home/calendar/>.

■ **Supportive Care: Update on guidelines and recommendations - results from ECIL4**

Prophylaxis and treatment of infections is an important task in the management of patients suffering from leukemia. The latest guidelines and recommendations of the supportive care project (WP15) are now available at http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/treat_research/supportive_care/standards_sop_and_recommendations/. These standards were presented at the 4th European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL4) in September last year representing an update of the 2009 ECIL3 recommendations.

■ MDS: Minutes and activities

The MDS project (WP8) updated their minutes and activities on <http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/leukemias/mds/minutes/>. Here you can find summaries of the MDS Work Package meetings in December 2011 in San Diego and in January during the 9th Annual Symposium of the ELN.

■ New short protocol form for the European Leukemia Trial Registry

In February 2012, ELIC generated a new short protocol to ease the entry of study information. This protocol is a Word-based form that was developed for PCs and MAC, respectively. Compared to the old version the new form features an improved clarity and an extended help text. The current short protocol is provided for free download on <http://www.kompetenznetz-leukaemie.de/content/aerzte/studien/standards/#e4946>.

■ New trials in the ELTR

[UKALL 14](#) A Randomized Trial for Adults With Newly Diagnosed Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

[MARALL](#) Phase I/II study combining humanised anti-CD20 (veltuzumab), anti-CD22 (epratuzumab) or both monoclonal antibodies with chemotherapy in adults with recurrent B-precursor acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) - MARALL

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