

May 28, 2006  
Meeting Minutes  
International COPD Coalition

Embassy Suites Hotel, San Diego, CA 92101  
Saturday, May 20, 2006: 6:30 \_ 7:30 pm

Participants ICC: J. Walsh (US), Chair; P. DeBoer (Netherlands), T. DeGuia (Phillippines), S. Giordano (US), Y. Fukuchi (Japan), L. Grouse (US), N. Hakamada (Japan) S. Hurd (US), C. Lenfant (US), R. Masferrer (US), M. Mishimi (Japan), S. Stoloff (US), L. Tartell (US), G. Turino (US).

Participants ICC Sponsors: A. Fink–Wagner (Altana Pharma); J. Book (AstraZeneca); C. Justus (Boehringer Ingelheim); A. Maruyama, Y Horiuchi, I. Shoji, G. Nadeau (GlaxoSmithKline).

## I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Larry Grouse welcomed the participants and thanked them for their continued interest in the work of the International COPD Coalition. He indicated that the attendance at this meeting in San Diego was expected to be quite low as so many of the groups were not able to travel such a long distance. He anticipates that more people will be present for the meeting in Munich in September.

## II. ICC Program Update

Dr. Grouse indicated that Dr. Claude Lenfant recently assumed the role of Executive Director, ICC and has written to many of the participants. There continues to be discussion of where the program should be headed and what activities the ICC should consider as priority. Dr. Lenfant plans to continue to hold discussions on this topic with ICC members and hopes to have a report to present at the September meeting. However, feedback and input from members is essential to assure that all participants have an opportunity to provide their recommendations.

Dr. Grouse indicated that the major goal of the ICC is to facilitate communications between international and local groups interested in COPD. One mechanism to accomplish this is through the development of a website that will have materials of partner

organizations including translation of information of interest to COPD patients. Many of the ICC partner organizations have very excellent websites, and perhaps it would be more efficient if the ICC website provided links to other, well established sites. In summary, the ICC needs to determine the future goals and directions of its website and the value of building links with websites from partner organizations.

### III. World COPD Day 2005

Many ICC organizations participated in the 2005 World COPD Day which had the theme "Breathless not Helpless." A large amount of material was posted on the GOLD website, linked through the ICC website, to reach a variety of audiences. It is not clear, however, how much of this information was of use, and what should be continued/expanded for future World COPD Day activities. It was suggested that it would be useful to try to do an evaluation before current materials are updated, or additional materials developed. It was also suggested that ICC members be invited to comment on whether, or not, materials posted on an ICC website are of use to them, or if other modes of dissemination/communication would be more effective.

### IV. November Meeting Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR)

On November 19, in Kyoto, Japan, the ICC will partner with the APSR in a press conference about COPD. It was suggested that the ICC explore the possibility of doing this through a webcast so that it can be widely viewed, with patients at the local level providing testimony related to their life as a COPD patient and importance of early detection and good management.

### V. Summary

All participants agreed that the ICC needs to articulate clear goals and identify steps to take to reach these goals. It was suggested that again representatives from ICC partner groups be engaged in discussions about future goals and that this be the major agenda item at the next meeting at the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski MÜNchen, Maximilianstrasse 17, Munich Germany, September 2, 2006, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, the site of the annual meeting of the European Respiratory Society.

John Walsh  
Chair, ICC

Larry Grouse, MD, PhD  
ICC leader

Claude Lenfant, MD  
ICC Executive Director