Tuesday March 17th, 2009

10:30  Bus from the Hotel to ECDC
11:00-12:00  Registration and sandwich lunch at ECDC
12:00-12:15  Welcome and opening of the meeting
Andrea Ammon (ECDC)

SESSION 1: Epidemiology of IBI in the EU, an overview
Chairman: Lucia Pastore Celentano (ECDC)

12:20-12:40  Surveillance of IBI at the EU level: current activities and future plans
Andrew Amato Gauci (ECDC)

12:40-13:00  Epidemiology & trends of invasive disease from N. meningitidis in 2007 in the EU
Ida Czumbel (ECDC)

13:00-13:20  Epidemiology & trends of invasive disease from H. influenzae in EU, 2007 in the EU
Anna Jansson (ECDC)

13:20-13:40  Surveillance of IBI in the WHO European Region - the WHO perspective
David Mercer (WHO EURO)

13:40-14:00  Discussion
SESSION 2: Laboratory surveillance of IBI in the EU
Chairman Per Olcen (National Reference Laboratory, Sweden)

14:00-14:20 IBI Laboratory surveillance in EU: an update from the consortium members on the current and future activities
Matthias Frosch (University of Würzburg, Germany)

14:20-14:40 Molecular typing of meningococci: state of the art
Martin Maiden (University of Oxford, UK)

14:40-15:00 Real Time molecular epidemiology of meningococci:
Arie van der Ende (National Reference Laboratory, The Netherlands)

15:00-15:20 Antibiotic resistance - harmonization of phenotypic and molecular data
Muhamed Taha (Institut Pasteur, France)

15:20-15:40 Laboratory aspects of Haemophilus influenzae
Mary Slack (HPA, UK)

15:40-16:00 Coffee break

SESSION 3: Building up the IBI metadataset in TESSy
Chairman Edward Van Straten (ECDC)

16:00-16:20 The transfer of EU-IBIS: principles and process
Manosree Chandra (HPA, UK)

16:20-16:40 Experiences from 2007 data collections and steps for future data collections
Lucia Pastore Celentano & Tina Purnat (ECDC)

16:40-17:00 Discussion
SESSION 4: Surveillance updates and Country experiences
Chairman Anna Jansson (ECDC)

17:00-17:10 EpiscanGIS: an online geographic surveillance system for meningococcal disease meningitidis
Ulrich Vogel (University of Wüerzburg, Germany)

17:10-17:20 The in vitro susceptibility to 5 antibiotics of N. meningitidis strains isolated last year in Romania
Marina Pana (INCDMI Cantacuzino, Romania)

17:20-17:30 Epidemiology of invasive H. influenzae in Ireland
Piaras O’Lorcain (HPSC, Ireland)

17:30-17:40 Epidemiology and surveillance of meningococcal disease in Ireland, 2008
Piaras O’Lorcain (HPSC, Ireland)

17:40-17:50 Decreased incidence of meningococcal disease in Belgium
Francoise Carion (IPH, Belgium)

17:50- 18:00 Spanish epi_lab in meningococcal disease: keeping updated the information
Rosa Cano & Julio A Vázquez (ISCIII, Spain)

18:15 Bus from ECDC to the restaurant

19:00 Dinner hosted by ECDC

21:00 Bus from the restaurant to the hotel

Wednesday March 18th, 2009

08:30 Bus from the hotel to ECDC
SESSION 5. Working Groups (4 parallel sessions)

9:00-9:15 Summary of the previous day’s work & division into groups
Lucia Pastore Celentano (ECDC)

9:15-10:30 WG 1: Epi variables in the metadataset for the surveillance of MENI and HAEMINF in EU: what is good, what has to be modified, what is missing, what is feasible to collect (taking into account the IBI surveillance objectives)

WG 2: Lab variables in the metadataset for the surveillance of MENI and HAEMINF in EU: what is good, what has to be modified, what is missing, what is feasible to collect (taking into account the IBI surveillance objectives)

WG 3: VPD specific surveillance objectives, including IBI, and frequency of reporting

WG 4: Implementation of the 2008 case definitions for MENI and HAEMINF

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:00 WG 1: How to best to collect information on vaccination status and on vaccine failure?

WG 2: How to best organise the N. meningitidis molecular surveillance?

WG 3: How to best detect clusters and outbreaks?

WG 4: Outputs expected from the IBI surveillance (reports, publications, meetings, working groups, other activities)

12:00-13:15 Lunch at SMI

SESSION 6. Vaccine and immunisation
Chairman Pier Luigi Lopalco (ECDC)
13:30-13:45 Latest developments and experiences with the new meningococcal vaccines
Rino Rappuoli (Novartis, Italy)

13:45-14:00 Discussion

SESSION 7. Presentation of the results of the Working Groups
Chairman Anna Jansson & Ida Czumbel, (ECDC)

14:00-14:30 Summary report from WG 1
14:30-15:00 Summary report from WG 2
15:00-15:30 Coffee break
15:30-16:00 Summary report from WG 3
16:00-16:30 Summary report from WG 4

SESSION 8. Plans for the future IBI activities

16:30-16:45 Wrap up and next steps
Lucia Pastore Celentano (ECDC)