



Working Group Interim report 2016

1	Title of Working Group	SPOROTHRIX AND SPOROTRICHOSIS
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3	Objectives	We have a special interest in genomic, proteomic and physiological traits that define the virulence, and the host-fungus interaction, of the causative agents of sporotrichosis. In addition, the working group seeks the study of phylogeny of <i>Sporothrix</i> species.
4	Achievements of the Working Group in last year (250 words)	<p>Our WG started its activities in the middle of 2011, upon the ISHAM Council approval. Since then, we have incorporated new groups, and improved the collaborative work across those already part of the WG. This has reshaped our original goals, which are now more inclusive. This has been reflected in the increased number of international laboratories that are now part of the WG.</p> <p>We are organizing a WG Symposium for the next ISHAM Congress, in 2018. Also, we succeed to get funds from the Mexican Government (CONACYT grant number 279524) for the next International Meeting on <i>Sporothrix</i> and Sporotrichosis to be held in September 2017, in Guanajuato, Mexico. The University of Guanajuato has agreed to be the venue for this event.</p> <p>The invited speakers are from Europe, Asia and Latin America and the meeting will mainly cover aspects of the biology and genomics of the new pathogenic species, <i>S. brasiliensis</i> and <i>S. globosa</i> besides <i>S. schenckii sensu stricto</i>.</p>
5	Is there any achievement you would like highlighted by General Secretary during the General Assembly at	The 2 nd International Meeting on <i>Sporothrix</i> and Sporotrichosis to be held In Guanajuato, Mexico.

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6	Is your Working Group going to continue for the next three years?	YES