

12th April 2011

**Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy in Europe – Strategies for overcoming hurdles to progress
National Representatives Meeting**

Satellite meeting to EASDec, Gdansk 2011

Friday 13 May 2011

1- 4.30pm

Draft programme

The Liverpool Declaration stated that:

European Countries should reduce the risk of visual impairment due to diabetic retinopathy by 2010 through:

- systematic programmes of screening reaching at least 80% of the population with diabetes
- using trained professionals and personnel
- universal access to laser therapy

- Aims of the meeting:** To report on progress so far
To focus on hurdles against which progress can be made
- Organising committee:** Deborah Broadbent (Liverpool), Simon Harding (Liverpool), Elzbieta Bandurska-Stankiewicz (Poland), Ken Swa (Edinburgh),
- Delegates:** National representatives from all European Countries –
- ideally an ophthalmologist and a diabetologist from each
Organising committee from 2005 and 2008 conferences
Moderators from 2005 and 2008 conferences
General registration will open for EASDec delegates at a later date depending on space.
- National Representatives:** A structured 400 word statement on current status will be required from each country
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Programme

12.00 Lunch and Registration

13.00 Welcome and Introduction

13.05 Problems and Tips – discussion with reference to national abstracts

13.45 Workshops A and B - session 1

14.45 Tea/coffee break

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15.15 Workshops A and B - session 2

16.00 Conference discussion/summary – where next?

16.30 Close

Workshop A - Can we set up screening in countries where eye care is provided predominantly in a health insurance setting?

Workshop facilitators - Simon Harding, Heinrich Heimann (Liverpool), Klaus Lemmon (Germany)

It has proved difficult to develop screening in countries where health services are structured around insurance based funding with delivery by private ophthalmologists. This workshop will review the issues facing the establishment of systematic screening in these countries. Cases from countries including Germany, France, Spain and Italy will be utilised to illustrate the issues and explore possible solutions with experience and input from and other countries with similar systems. Representatives from key stakeholders have been invited including:

- Health Insurance sector
- Private ophthalmologists
- Rural areas with poor ophthalmology cover
- Diabetologists
- University sector

Methods to ensure coverage of the population at risk will also be reviewed and a synopsis prepared. Topics to be included are:

- Development of robust call recall systems
- Incentivising private ophthalmologists
- Identifying champions – pilot sites

Workshop B - Can we make systematic screening more affordable?

Workshop facilitators - Deborah Broadbent (Liverpool), Ken Swa (Scotland)

Where systematic screening has been or is being established cost issues are causing difficulties with sustainability and implementation. Methods of improving cost-effectiveness will be explored including varying screen intervals and introducing new technology. Topics to be included are:

- Annual vs 2 year screen interval for patients with no retinopathy or individualised risk-based screen intervals
- Software options - automated grading

We encourage colleagues who attend this satellite to join us for the full EASDec programme which is available at www.easdec.org

Further information

For regular updates on the satellite meeting visit www.drscreening2005.org.uk

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