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Dear all

More than two months have already elapsed since the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting we had in Lugano in February. We want again to thank all of you who participated to the meeting and contributed to its success.

Here we want to remind you the principal decisions taken by the assembly at the end of the meeting.

Some **retrospective studies** concerning **extranodal follicular lymphomas** and **primary bone marrow lymphomas** will be launched and protocols are in preparation.

Enclosed you can find a **report concerning our 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting** that will be published in the bulletin of the Swiss Cancer Research Organizations (SAKK Bulletin, SKBVCS 27 nr. 2/07).

IELSG presentation at the next **EHA meeting in Wien**:

Our abstract on the **IELSG 23 study (head and neck lymphoma)** results has been accepted for an **oral communication** and the abstract concerned the **IELSG 14 study of bone lymphoma** has been accepted for a **poster presentation**. The text of the abstracts is available online at <http://www.ielsg.org/publicfr.html>.

We are also happy to inform all of you that following papers have been accepted for publication:

*M. Ponzoni, F. Berger, C. Chassagne-Clement, M. Tinguely, A. Jouvet, J.M. Ferreri, S. Dell'Oro, M.R. Terreni, C. Doglioni, J. Weis, M. Cerati, M. Milani, P. Iuzzolino, T. Motta, A. Carbone, E. Pedrinis, J. Sanchez, J-Y. Blay, M. Reni, A. Conconi, F. Bertoni, E. Zucca, F. Cavalli and B. Borisch.* **Reactive perivascular T-cell infiltrate predicts survival in primary CNS B-cell lymphomas.** Submitted to **British Journal of Haematology**.

*J. M. Ferreri, G. P. Dognini, E. Campo, R. Willemze, J. F. Seymour, O. Bairey, M. Martelli, A. De Renzo, C. Doglioni, C. Montalbán, A. Tedeschi, A. Pavlovsky, S. Morgan, L. Uziel, M. Ferracci, S. Ascani, U. Gianelli, C. Patriarca, F. Facchetti, A. Dalla Libera, B. Pertoldi, B. Horvath, A. Szomor, E. Zucca, F. Cavalli, and M. Ponzoni.* **Variations in clinical presentation, frequency of haemophagocytosis and clinical behavior of intravascular lymphoma diagnosed in different geographical regions.** Submitted to **Haematologica**.

*M. Ponzoni, A. J. M. Ferreri, E. Campo, F. Facchetti, L. Mazzucchelli, T. Yoshino, T. Murase, S. A. Pileri, C. Doglioni, E. Zucca, F. Cavalli, and S. Nakamura* **Definition, diagnosis and management of intravascular lymphoma: proposals and perspectives from an international consensus meeting (Locarno, Switzerland; December 9-10, 2005)** Submitted to **Journal of Clinical Oncology**.

Last but not least, we want to remind you that the following studies are open for accrual:

**IELSG 19**

Multicenter randomized trial of chlorambucil versus chlorambucil plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT lymphoma)

**IELSG 20**

Randomized phase II trial on primary chemotherapy with high-dose methotrexate, alone or associated with high-dose cytarabine, followed by response- and age-tailored radiotherapy for immunocompetent patients with newly diagnosed primary central nervous system lymphoma

**IELSG 24**

A phase I study of intrathecal rituximab in patients with lymphomatous meningitis

**IELSG 25A**

Phase II Study of VELCADE™ in patients with extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT-type pretreated with one prior systemic therapy regimen

**IELSG 25 B**

Phase II Study of VELCADE™ in patients with extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT-type pretreated with more than one prior systemic therapy regimen

**IELSG 26**

A clinico-pathologic study of Primary Mediastinal B-cell lymphoma

**IELSG 27**

A Clinico-pathological phase II study with translational elements to investigate the possible infective causes of non-hodgkin lymphoma of the ocular adnexae with particular reference to Chlamydia species and the effects of MALT lymphoma treatment with tetracycline

**IELSG 28**

A retrospective international study of primary extranodal marginal zone lymphoma of the lung (BALT-lymphoma)

Further information are available at the website [www.ielsg.org](http://www.ielsg.org).

Best wishes,

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