

Working Group 4:

Surveillance, risk assessment and allergens

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Recap: “Main approach”

- “Add the focus of work related allergies to the already existing non-funded European Surveillance System of Contact Allergy (ESSCA).”
- “All European centres performing patch tests in patients with OSD will be asked to join the Action and follow the to-be-extended protocol based on the electronic documentation of the ESSCA network.”

Recap: Work plan

- “A data form addressing especially occupational exposures will be developed”
- Comment: no further details yet given! Thus, we need to develop a realistic work plan at the WG meeting – issues summarised in the draft agenda later in this presentation.

Recap: Contribution to StanDerm Objectives

- “Develop targeted prevention with regard to various occupations and risk profiles according to the needs of each country.”
- “Design clinical experimental studies, which will establish thresholds of exposure to the identified main allergens ... the extended ESSCA network can serve as a platform for joint collaboration in such specialised ‘add-on’ studies.”

Recap: Expected outcomes

- Identification of risk occupations, risk exposures and culprit allergens.
- Identification of trends of contact allergy after e.g. EU wide regulatory interventions
- Joint open access database containing new workplace allergens and their test modalities
- Data which will feed regulation (e.g. REACH) improving risk assessment and management

Draft agenda for WG meeting

- Welcome and short introductory round, including any potential conflicts of interests
- ESSCA as a starting point (W. Uter)
- Present occupational results from ESSCA (W. Uter on behalf of FIOH)
- Co-operation with COST action ‘modernet’

Draft agenda, part 2

- Discussion / brainstorming:
 - Categorisation of job titles (ISCO-88/COM etc.)
 - Multi-centre studies on new occupational allergens (with extended exposure information)
 - Which occ. exposure information is useful / needed / feasible to document?
 - PT results with special series / patients' own material
 - Technical issues (how to collect data)
- Any other business