



Belgian Section for Upper GI Surgery



Minutes extraordinary meeting 12-11-2014

Present: Ph. Nafteux, G. Jutten, G. Hubens, E. Van Daele, E. Farinella, H. Van Veer, M. Thoma, K. Vermeiren, L. Depypere, A. Ouazzani, T. Vandervurst, C. De Decker, J. Valk.

Excused: I. El Nakadi, P. Hauters, S. Heyman, S. Landen, MJ Legrand, P. Lissens, P. Pattyn, E. Vanvyve

1. Welcome and introduction

Ph. Nafteux welcomes all participants and defines the situation of BSUGIS.

The idea is to revitalise the section by maximizing interaction between all upper GI surgeons of Belgium. As this section starts again, we decided to keep this section open to all interested surgeons, without a board so far, as to maximize inputs from all participants. It has been decided that every surgeon will be welcome to the “steering committee” meetings.

Goals of the section will be to promote collaborations between hospitals and organize postgraduate courses or meetings. It will promote upper GI surgery and will be a platform for teaching.

In a second phase, the intention is to become the representative organ of surgery of the upper GI tract.

Developing a common database is an appealing idea but difficult to realise taking into account the current lack of financial support.

2. Activities BSUGIS

Meetings will be organized on a regular base. The main idea is to organize a full day meeting in a few years (probably two years). Meanwhile we will organize two meetings a year (evening meeting – 20.00 to 22.00) based on case discussions (max 2 or 3 cases presented by members of the group – staff members preferentially since the idea is to exchange experiences between experts, rather than residents). Covidien will be contacted for support and interactive voting system. E. Van Daele will contact Covidien.



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The first meeting will be held at UCL on Wednesday 18-3-2015 at 20.00. The theme will be **GE junction tumors**. All members are invited to prepare cases that will be discussed during the next meeting of the steering committee (16-12-2014). In September a second meeting will be organized (place and date to be defined) with the theme being Boerhaave's syndrome.

3. Website

RBSS is developing a new website based on a pre-defined template. H. Van Veer will be the webmaster and will participate to the meetings on this website. Basic information will be made available on the website including the announcement of the forthcoming meetings.

4. Participation to next Belgian Surgical Weeks

A deferred surgery session will be hosted during the surgical week (Friday 08-05-2015). BSUGIS will be represented by E. Vanvyve. He will present surgery on reflux.

The update session (07-05-2015) needs a speaker. The purpose of this session is to present the evolution in upper GI during the last year. G. De Manzoni (Verona) will be asked as international speaker.

5. Varia

Support from companies will be actively researched. Both Covidien and Johnson & Johnson have shown interest.

Candidates for representing BSUGIS at RBSS and the Collegium are welcome.

6. Planning of the next meetings

- 16-12-2014, Novotel Zaventem, 20.00 sharp.