



**Belgian Section
for Upper GI Surgery**



Meeting Steering Committee 16-12-2014

Minutes

Present: C. De Decker, L. Depypere, E. Farinella, Ph. Hauters, S. Heyman, M. Janssens, G. Jutten, G. Hubens, S. Landen, P. Pattyn, J. Valk, E. Van Daele, H. Van Veer, K. Vermeiren

Excused: Ph. Nafteux, M. Thoma, MJ. Legrand, T. Vandervurst, E. van Vyve

Minutes:

1. Approval minutes meeting 12-11-2014

The minutes were briefly overrun and approved by the present committee members.

2. Meeting March 2015

a. Location

The location was already decided and will be arranged by Maximilien Thoma at the UCL because of its central location. Because of his absence we will enquire by email concerning the directions towards the foreseen auditorium.

Proposed time schedule: 20.00 until 22.00; opening doors 19.30 for a sandwich lunch (in case of sufficient funding; see later).

b. Invitation letter

The invitation flyer/letter will be foreseen by the BSUGIS secretariat and will be made ready by the beginning of January. It will be spread towards the RBSS, the BAST as well as to the Surgical Training coordinators of the different universities to maximize the amount of participating trainees. During the current meeting a 'spring' background was chosen from the prepared examples by the present members. Based on this, the flyer and the invitation will be made by the secretariat.

Moreover, the newly designed (see point 4) website of the RBSS, where the section also has its own page, will be used for publicity for the event, publicity for the 'reanimated' section, and to maximize interaction on the topic in the running-up to the event.

Accreditation will be requested.



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c. Program

The topic was decided at the first meeting to cover GEJ cancer. 3 cases have been prepared up to now: one by the team of ULB (about decision steps in treatment in a T4 cancer), one by the team of UZA (young patient, underestimation on pre-operative workup) and one by the team of UZL (elaborating on functional assessment). This would render a discussion of about 45 minutes per case.

The case of the ULB already has been mailed by E. Farinella to the meeting members. Both other case should be written out more extensively by January 10th after which they will be emailed to all members of the committee. To facilitate discussion, questions will be made by the committee members based on these documented cases. About 6 questions per case can be included in the PowerPoint to lead the case discussion. UZG/E. Van Daele will provide a voting system.

A summary of these cases will also be available on the BSUGIS webpage as teasers and warm-up for the actual meeting

The cases will be presented by one staff member of each institute –as already agreed upon at the initial meeting - and another staff member of another institution will already have an extensive look at the case to maximize interaction (names TBD next meeting).

d. Panel

A panel of other disciplines involved with GOJ cancer care will be leading the discussion, also to have their non-surgical opinion included in the case discussions. Panel members will be asked: for medical oncology Prof. M. Peeters (UZA by G. Hubens), for radiation oncology prof. K. Haustermans (UZL by Ph. Nafteux) and for surgical oncology we will ask the local host, dr. M. Thoma.

e. Funding and catering

E. Van Daele already had informal contacts with medical companies. Stöpler, J&J, Covidien and Olympus have shown their interest to fund the event but are awaiting a formal invitation before they can make any financial commitments. Once the formal invitation ready, this can be sent out to the companies. It was agreed that E. Van Daele will elaborate this further as the only contact person concerning the BSUGIS funding. Depending on the amount of funding, we will (/not) be able to provide a light diner. Location and catering company will be discussed with M. Thoma as soon as more details become available.



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3. Belgian Surgical Week: invited lecture

The BSUGIS was asked by the board of the RBSS to propose one speaker for the update on the upper GI surgery-session. Prof. De Manzoni (Verona) has confirmed his presence during the latest ESDE to Ph. Nafteux.

By mouth of Ph. Hauters, E. Van Vyve will represent the section during the live deferred surgery sessions with a case on giant hiatal hernia repair with an eventual Collis and mesh repair (together with a case on bariatric surgery and a parastomal hernia).

P. Pattyn, current RBSS president, also draws the attention to the occasion of the first nursery symposium during the RBSS. There is a session foreseen with MIE (Leuven), VATS lobectomy (UZGent) during which nurses present for other nurses, with back-up of a surgeon. The third session on HIPEC is still vacant and ideally filled in by a French-speaking nursing team. Ph. Hauters will address this with the Francophone general surgeons who are due to meet by the end of this week. The suggestion was made to inquire with J. Weerts or with the colleagues in Bordet. P. Pattyn will follow up on this.

4. Website

A new website has been designed under the care of the RBSS, which is due to go live half January 2015. It will be approachable through a more clear URL, namely www.RBSS.be. The section also has its dedicated page, and H. Van Veer received the credentials. It must be noted that currently editing of this page is limited due to the new hosting company and current chosen strategy by the web team of the RBSS. H. Van Veer will inquire with Y. Van Nieuwenhove, president web team committee RBSS to elaborate more functionality of the sub-websites. H. Van Veer already inquired an easy-to-jump-to URL for the section, namely www.rbss.be/bsugis.

In the meantime, as agreed upon higher, the flyer as well as the cases for the spring meeting will be soon made available.

5. Varia

P. Pattyn asks whether there is interest in a randomised controlled trial regarding preoperative hyper caloric feeding in patients undergoing resection for gastric cancer. It was agreed that a further worked out protocol with more specified details can be discussed at the occasion of the next meeting.

6. Deadlines and planning of next meetings

- Jan 10: cases written out extensively
- Jan 15: www.rbss.be goes live
- Feb 10: meeting Steering Committee (Novotel)
- Mar 18: 1st spring meeting (UCL)