



IMIG

NEWS LETTER

INTERNATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA INTEREST GROUP

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Editorial

In September of 1991 an international conference on mesothelioma was held in Paris. A group of interested medical scientists from different countries met during that conference to discuss the formation of an International Mesothelioma Interest Group to improve communication and collaboration amongst workers interested in this disease. The decision to formulate the group was unanimous. The aims of the group are as follows :

1. To hold an international mesothelioma conference on alternate years, alternating between Europe and the USA, generally as a satellite to either the respiratory or cancer research meetings on either continent.
2. To improve collaboration by generating a list of available resources such as cell lines, monoclonal antibodies, probes etc. as well as making available a list of current research projects and other laboratory techniques that might facilitate collaboration.
3. To produce a newsletter for members on a regular basis.

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4. To foster international interest groups to address specific issues of importance, e.g. early diagnosis, thoracoscopy, comparison of national mesothelioma registers etc.

A nominal membership fee of 100 FF was chosen to cover secretariat costs.

The second annual mesothelioma meeting will be held in 1993 on the weekend prior to the American Thoracic Society meeting in San Francisco.

It is hoped that the membership of the IMIG will support these initiatives by making available resources and expertise, by encouraging collaboration and by supporting the biennial international mesothelioma conference.

Malignant mesothelioma is, by virtue of its known aetiology and long incubation period, a fascinating disease scientifically. Mesothelioma is also, by virtue of its resistance to surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy and its dramatic increase in incidence over the past 20 or 30 years, a major health problem for which only continued active research and substantial collaboration are likely to improve diagnosis and therapy.

It is the dream of the organisers of this group that in years to come we will be able to look back on an era of rapid advance in understanding the biological basis for mesothelioma and the development of effective therapy.

Bruce Robinson

This first IMIG Letter has been created by some members of the Executive Committee and some of the registered members. We should like the second Letter to arise from a greater participation of the IMIG members to be more representative of and more informative concerning research on mesothelioma.

Planned in the next issue :

- * Editorial.
- * The effect(s) of the first IMIG Letter mailing.
- * The point on mycoplasma testing.
- * Results on call for Informal Interest Groups.
- * Informations.

Do not hesitate to contact us !

Marie-Claude Jaurand

Book information

New Book

MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA

Editor : **Douglas W Henderson** - Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, Adelaide, S.A., et al.; 1992

Dangers to human health due to the mining and widespread use of asbestos have been recognized since the early part of this century. Despite the warnings of occupational and environmental hazards, asbestos continued to be used, causing and explosion in the cases of malignant mesothelioma. Australia may have the highest incidence of mesothelioma in the world, due to the blue asbestos industry at Wittenoom in Western Australia. This work discusses the scientific and medical aspects of mesothelioma (pathobiology, diagnosis, investigation, and treatment) together with the epidemiology, medicolegal problems and ethical dilemmas. The subjects is approached from a global perspective, though the editors have been influenced by their dealings with mesothelioma in Australia and by cases submitted to the Australia Mesothelioma Surveillance Program. Though intended primarily for pathologists and clinicians, this book can also be an aid to lawyers, epidemiologists, and all others with interest in mesothelioma.

Partial Contents :

Preface
Introduction and Historical Aspects -
with Comments on Mesothelioma
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