

**Protocol of the meeting of the committee on laryngotracheal stenosis (CLS)
June 22, 1:00pm – 2:00pm, ELS-congress Milan**

Members present: Fred Dikkers, Giorgio Peretti, Cesare Piazza, Chadwan Al Yaghchi, Reza Nouraei , Christian Sittel

Members excused: Guillermo Campos

Topics discussed:

- CLS activity for CE-ORL HNS Dublin 2024 is confirmed, no further action required:

Round Table “Contemporary management of acquired posterior glottis stenosis”

- Giorgio Peretti, Genova
- Chadwan Al Yaghchi, London
- Reza Nouraei, Southampton
- Guillermo Campos, Bogota

- New projects:
 - Proposal for a classification for posterior glottis stenosis. Some basic ideas are discussed. This classification should be simple and should have an obvious clinical impact.
Chad volunteers to take lead.
 - Follow-up paper on COVID-related stenosis. Some discussion why the rise of numbers predicted in the initial paper did not happen. Reza had shown in his KL excellent data on this. New data will be available to him in a couple of months. It is agreed to reevaluate in the light of these data, then to decide if a follow-up paper should be written and in which direction.
Reza volunteers to take lead.
 - Proposal for an ELS classification on tracheal resection (TR) and cricotracheal resection (CTR). Should be based on the existing classification used in Brescia, which has been published before (Piazza/Peretti). If possible, this classification should be refined, simplified and connected to the ELS grading system for laryngotracheal stenosis published in 2015.
Cesare volunteers to take lead.
 - Reza suggests conducting a multicentral prospective trial on surgery for posterior glottis stenosis. The idea is basically welcomed as very good. However, concerns are expressed that it could become very difficult to prescribe and adhere to a standard surgical procedure. Nevertheless, it is basically considered reasonable to initiate prospective studies in the future. First, a feasibility paper should be prepared to determine whether the basic requirements for such a study would be met at the individual centers and

what these requirements would be. A prospective study requires considerable additional effort for the individual departments, so that additional financial support from third parties would become necessary.

Reza volunteers to take lead.

- Committee composition

In order to maintain and, if possible, expand the activities of the CLS, it is generally considered necessary to increase, rejuvenate and diversify the membership base of the CLS. Therefore, it is unanimously proposed Ms. Marta Filauro as well as Ms. Ivana Fiz as new candidates to join the Committee. Christian Sittel will be the president of the committee for the next two years.

Christian will invite the candidates and will update the website accordingly

- Any other business

The next meeting of the committee will take place during the CEORL Congress in Dublin. Until then, the first results for the identified new projects should be presented and further coordinated.

Christian will invite to this meeting in time and will check for a meeting room.

Stuttgart, June 26, 2023

Christian Sittel
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