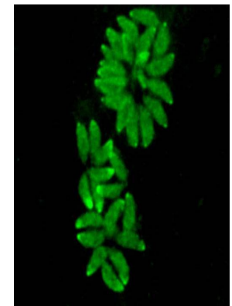
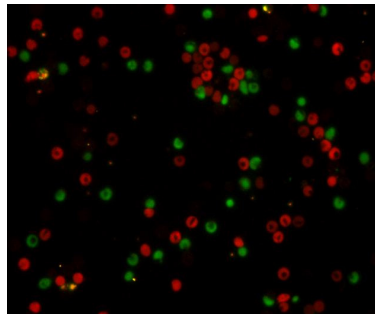
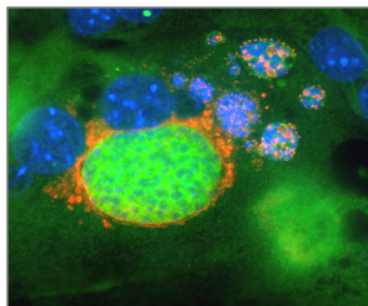


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Positions

At this meeting (those present at the meeting are shown in **bold**) it was agreed to elect Professor **Sue Welburn** (United Kingdom) as the Chair of the group and Professor **Stephane Picot** (France) as Vice-Chair.

At present, the other members of the Management Committee are Professor **Fred Opperdoes** (Belgium), Dr. Jens Hoeg (Denmark), Professor Marja-liisa Hanninen (Denmark), Professor **Patrick Bastien** (France), Professor **Michael Duszenko**, Dr **Ger van Zandbergen** (both Germany), Professor **Shula Michaeli**, Professor Dan Zilberstein (both Israel), Professor **Donatella Taramelli**, Dr Carlo Severini (both Italy), Dr **Shahid Khan** (Netherlands), Professor **Antonio Jimenez- Ruiz** (Spain), Professor **Nicolas Fasel** (Switzerland) and Professor **Hilary Hurd** (United Kingdom) Substitute members consist of Dr **Anne-Lise Bienvenu** (France), Dr Carsten Luder, Dr Volker Heussler (both Germany), Dr **Ewan MacLeod** and Dr Sarah Reece (both UK).

Those waiting to join the MC are Dr **Efstathia Scoulica** and Dr **Ketty Soteriadou** (both Greece) and Professor Noel Murphy (Ireland). Dr Michael Duchene (Austria) and Oguz Kul are awaiting funding and intend to join. Julius Lukes (Czech Republic) has contacted his national COST office and should be onboard soon. The Rapporteur of the Action is Professor **Pedro Moradas Ferreira** (Portugal) and he has suggested that there is interest from Portugal as well. Due to an agreement between COST and Australia/ New Zealand we have Professor Nick Smith (Australia) on board

A map (Figure 1) showing countries involved is shown below. We are also looking to recruit new members and if you know of anybody who is interested in joining do let us know.

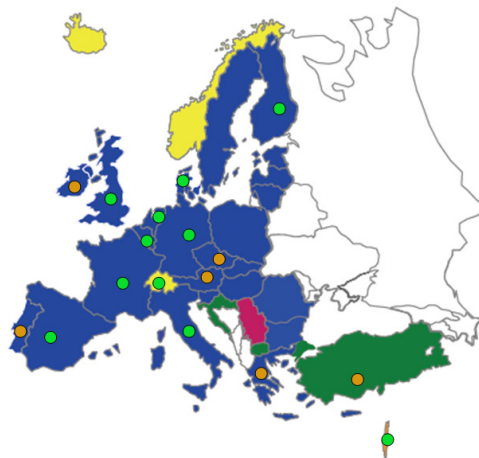


Figure 1 Shows Countries with a place on the MC of BM0802 in green circles and those wishing to join in orange. Australia/ New Zealand are not shown on the map.

Work Groups and Work Group Leaders

The leaders for the four Work Groups were also elected. The remit of Work Group 1 is the characterisation of programmed cell death markers in protozoan parasites. The Chair of this Work Group is Hilary Hurd who will be assisted by co-Chair Michael Duszenko and junior member Ewan MacLeod. Work Group 2 will unravel the molecular mechanisms of parasite life or death decisions. The Chair of this Work Group is Efstathia Scoulica who will be assisted by co-Chair Antonio Jimenez and junior member Magali Casanova. Work Group 3 will investigate the evolutionary aspects of ancient death mechanisms. The Chair of this Work Group is Sarah Reece who will be assisted by co-Chair Nicolas Fasel and Junior member Ger van Zandbergen. Work Group 4 will look at the impact of PCD in parasites on pathogenesis and parasite-host interactions. The Chair of this Work Group is Stephane Picot who will be assisted by co-Chair

Work Group	Subject	Chair Co-chair Junior Member
1	Characterisation of programmed cell death markers in protozoan parasites	Hilary Hurd Michael Duszenko Ewan MacLeod
2	Molecular mechanisms of parasite life or death decisions	Efstathia Scoulica Antonio Jimenez Magali Casanova
3	Evolutionary aspects of ancient death mechanisms	Sarah Reece Nicolas Fasel Ger van Zandbergen
4	Impact of PCD in parasites on pathogenesis and parasite-host interactions	Stephane Picot Ketty Soteriadou Anne-Lise Bienvenu

Short term scientific missions

STSMs allow the exchange of researchers between BM0802 COST country members. The chair of this committee is Stephane Picot and he will be assisted by Shula Michaeli and Ketty Soteriadou. If you think that any of your researchers could benefit from this please let Stephane know (picot@rockefeller.univ-lyon1.fr).

BM0802 What next

Profiles : Cost What I do

A form has been sent around asking group members for information on their background in PCD and their future work.

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Lyon, France between the 18th and 20th of March, 2009. A programme will be distributed by Stéphane in the new year.



Other meetings of interest in 2009/2010

The British Society of Parasitology (BSP) Spring Meeting will be in Edinburgh in April 5th-8th. Details of this meeting can be found on the BSP website

<http://www.bsp.uk.net/>

The Leishmania/Trypanosome joint meeting will take place in Montreux, Switzerland April 11th-14th 2010.

At the Brussels Kick-off meeting it was discussed having a BM0802 meeting either just before or just after the Montreux meeting in collaboration with CM0801 Action New Drugs for Neglected Diseases.

