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Europe's Fight against Tick-Borne Encephalitis

Austria's successful vaccination campaign –
a good example of a public health project
Europe-wide establishment of
a new TBE/FSME patients' platform

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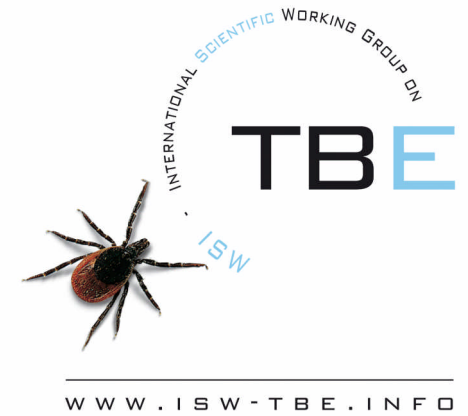
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”Introduction”

The main aims of the ISW-TBE* are

- ❖ To promote national and international collaboration on TBE: scientific, medical and regulatory
- ❖ To stimulate and co-ordinate applied and basic research on TBE
- ❖ To contribute to training and educational programmes in the field
- ❖ To provide high-quality information on TBE and promote appropriate distribution
- ❖ To promote and align international standards on epidemiological TBE surveillance
- ❖ To define and promote proposals to harmonize national and international policies on TBE prevention
- ❖ Through the above activities to gain recognition as an independent advisory committee to national and international health authorities as well as to scientific and medical professions

Publications on:

❖ TBE in children (ISW 2004)



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Conference

1 Tick borne encephalitis in childhood: conference report
 2 and consensus of the International Scientific Working
 3 Group on tick-borne encephalitis (ISW-TBE)

of the disease in children [3]. The data presented at the conference have shown that the course of the disease in children is generally milder than in adults. Nevertheless many countries reported some cases of severe illness in children, also with the risk of neuropsychological

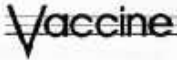
❖ TBE in the Golden Agers (ISW 2005)



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Meeting report

Tick-borne encephalitis in the golden agers: A conference report of the International Scientific Working Group on Tick-Borne Encephalitis (ISW TBE)

myelitis dominate in the age group > 50 years [4,5]. Also this age group suffers significantly more sequelae, has a need of longer rehabilitation and a higher case fatality.

1. Introduction

3. Conclusions

Still

Underdiagnosed

Under-prevented

Awareness

- People
- Medical system

Recommendations

- Diagnosis
- Prevention - vaccination

“10-Point Action-Plan” of the International Scientific Working Group on TBE *

1. Generate a common European definition on “endemic TBE area” and “TBE case”
2. Bring TBE area/TBE case definitions to the attention of national health authorities and international health committees
3. Invest in better diagnostics - investigate each suspected TBE case
4. Harmonize national TBE vaccination schedules
5. Establish European recommendations on TBE vaccination
6. Establish European travelers` recommendations on TBE
7. Increase degree on information on TBE as well as on the severity of the disease in the general population
8. Increase awareness on TBE with local health authorities
9. Implement school vaccination programmes against TBE
10. Strive for public financial support for European TBE projects

* ISW-TBE meeting, Munich, March 2006