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Major achievements

The first scientific and educational meeting took place at the Hotel Inside in central Leipzig on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th January. Following a busy day reviewing and discussing ongoing and planned studies, our local host, Professor Uwe Platzbecker, organised a very enjoyable dinner in the Leipzig Ratskeller located in the New Town Hall. This was followed by a Saturday morning educational

symposium spanning novel antibody-based myeloma therapies, the merits of bridging patients with myelodysplasia prior to allogeneic transplantation and the future of cellular therapies.

By March, it was clear that COVID-19 was going to change our lives. Following the deferral of the Annual meeting to September, the CMWP board members got to grips with Zoom and other teleconferencing technologies. The learning curve was steep over the following few months as headphones were purchased and we began to appreciate the importance of knowing when to mute ourselves. However, as the end of 2020 approaches, we have all learned that we can work collaboratively without having to travel as much. Subcommittee Chairs, Principal Investigators and the Leiden Office data managers and statisticians have continued to advance a broad range of studies across the diseases covered by the Working Party: (1) Myelodysplasia including CMML (2) Plasma Cell Diseases (3) Ph. Neg Myeloproliferative Disorders (4) CML (5) CLL and (6) Practice Harmonisation and Guidelines.

The 46th EBMT Annual Meeting took place virtually from 29th August to 1st September and featured several CMWP studies. The second scientific and educational meeting, also virtual, was held in early October and was a great success, thanks in no small part to the excellent technical support provided by Núria Planagumà and colleagues from the EBMT Education and Events Department.

Principal research studies

1. Phase III: Vidaza vs allogeneic SCT in patients 55 to 69 years (N Kroger, U Platzbecker)

Key publications

[2020](#)

[Outcome of Patients With Fanconi Anemia Developing Myelodysplasia and Acute Leukemia Who Received Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: A Retrospective Analysis on Behalf of EBMT Group](#)

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[Severe Aplastic Anaemia Working Party \(SAAWP\)](#)

Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP)

1st listed author

Stefano Giardino

Journal

Am J Hematol.

2020

Are Autologous Stem Cell Transplants Still Required to Treat Myeloma in the Era of Novel Therapies? A Review from the Chronic Malignancies Working Party of the

EBMT

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Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP)

1st listed author

Laurent Garderet

Journal

Biol Blood Marrow Transplant.

2020

Determinants of Survival in Myelofibrosis Patients Undergoing Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation

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Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP)

1st listed author

Juan Carlos Hernández-Boluda

Journal

Leukemia.

2020

Allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation for patients with TP53 mutant or deleted chronic lymphocytic leukemia: Results of a prospective observational study

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Chronic Malignancies Working Party (CMWP)

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Johannes Schetelig

Journal

Bone Marrow Transplant.

2020

European wide survey on allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation practice for myelofibrosis on behalf of the EBMT chronic malignancies working party

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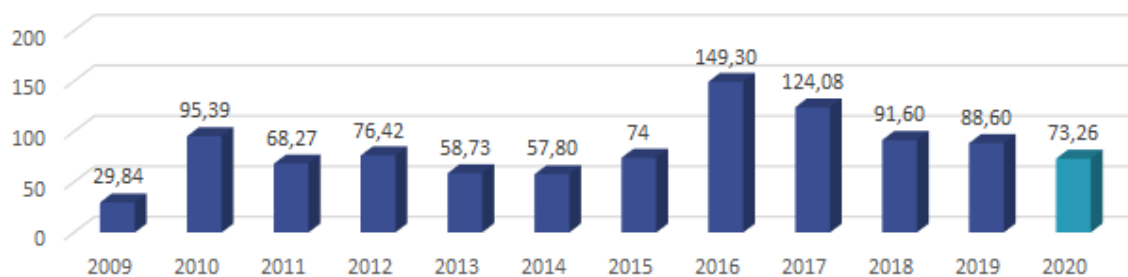
[Journal](#)

[Curr Res Transl Med.](#)

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Impact factor
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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Oral presentations	33	16	12	13	9	1
Poster presentations	12	16	14	17	8	12
International educational events	2	4	2	2	1	2

Major educational courses

1. CMWP Scientific & Educational Meeting – Jan 24-25, 2020 / Leipzig, Germany.
2. CMWP Autumn Educational Meeting - 10 Oct 10, 2020 / [Virtual].