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Re: Report on the Multilateral Conference Differentiated Thyroid Cancer held January 2018

We are pleased to report on the outcome of the Multilateral Conference. Representatives of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, European Thyroid Association and American Thyroid Association were selected by our respective societies to meet in Martinique 13-14 January, 2018 for the Multilateral Conference on Differentiated Thyroid Cancer in order to deliberate issues related to the care of patients with thyroid cancer with particular focus on radioactive iodine therapy. The activities included review and discussion of four topics: 1) formalizing dialogue and activities between the four societies; 2) indications for RAI adjuvant therapy; 3) optimal prescribed activity of RAI for adjuvant therapy and 4) definition and classification of radioiodine refractory thyroid cancer.


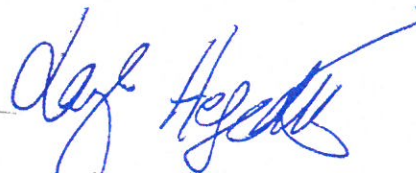
The intent of this endeavor was to delineate common ground in these areas, define areas where controversy exists and identify clinical questions which require additional study to include potential future research efforts which would aid in answering the questions at hand.

The group held 2 days of presentations combined with associated, robust debate and discussions moderated by Dr Laszlo Hegedus. The group then synthesized the proceedings into what we plan to refer to as the "Martinique Principles." The final list of Martinique Principles are expected to consist of 8-9 major points on which the attendees agreed and are meant to define terminology, outline areas of controversy and aspirational goals for future study.

The group has agreed to compose a white paper with the intent to publish in the journal *Thyroid* and propose to have corresponding editorials published in the three other respective society journals as to make members aware of the results of these proceedings.

The attendees unanimously agreed that these proceedings were very valuable and very successful. Representatives from all four societies feel strongly that continued collaborations are indicated and recommend that the leadership from our respective societies consider establishment of a formal framework which would support additional meetings of this group with the proceedings to occur in the next year.

Sincerely,

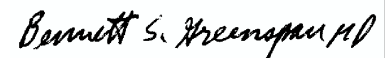
  


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