



## INGID NEWSLETTER

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This short INGID Newsletter is to tell you about new developments to the website.

First of all, we apologise for the fact that the INGID forums have not been working lately. Unfortunately people who are not members of INGID were able to hack into the site and some of them were advertising very offensive material. Consequently the decision was made to close down the site until we could remove these people from the site and find what we hope would be a more secure way of running these forums.

I am now happy to say that we have been able to do that. First of all we have removed all the spammers and other intruders from the site. Secondly, when you register for the forums, you will need to use a password unique to INGID as well as registering your own personal password. you will need to type in this INGID password when you are asked for a VIP password.

However, the security of this site depend upon you, the members, not letting anyone else know what this password is, therefore we would ask you to be very careful with it. To keep the password private, we will not

be including it in this Newsletter, but will include it in the email accompanying this INGID Newsletter.

The second development you will notice with regards to the web site is that there is a new area called Learning Webs.

These are available for you, the members, to access. They are part of the INGID desire to improve the knowledge of all nurses who are involved in the care of patients with primary immunodeficiencies. They are very simple to use, and the first very basic teaching unit on the simple anatomy and physiology of the immune system is accessible to everyone. However, the other 2 units are only able to be used by members of INGID because you will require a password to access them. This is because, as a Board, we feel that you deserve something special for paying your INGID fees and so being members of INGID. Again, we would ask that you do not let anyone else know what the password is that is necessary for anyone to be able to look at these 2 teaching units. When you do access them, you will see that one of them is a more advanced look at the immune system (although not too difficult), and the second one is an introduction to primary immunodeficiencies.

You do not have to have any knowledge of computers to work through these programmes, all you need is a

computer mouse, and an interest to learn more about your specialty.

Ideally, these programmes would be in languages other than English to make them more available for many more nurses who look after patients with primary immunodeficiencies, but until we can get funding for this purpose, we will have to leave them in English.

We hope that you will find these learning and teaching web sites useful, and we would welcome any comments that you have about them. A lot of work has gone into preparing and writing these learning web sites (as well as the INGID forums) and so we hope that you will use them and find them useful. Again, the password for these will be given to you in the accompanying email.

Finally, you will notice on the list of Board Members of INGID that there is a new name. The Board have co-opted Jolanda van Esch from the Netherlands to help us to prepare for the 2008 INGID Conference. Jolanda works with Esther de Vries who is organising the conference for ESID, and so Jolanda will be able to act as our representative locally, as well as helping us to organise the INGID conference so that it turns out to be the best one yet. The Board have already welcomed Jolanda as a new Board Member, and we hope that you will also do so.

As work progresses on preparing for the 2008 conference in 's-Hertogenbosch, we will keep you all fully up to date on what is happening.

**The INGID Board/Peter Vickers  
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