MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING
September 16, 2015

Date: 16.9.2015  Duration: 15.00 – 17.00
Location: NIJZ, Zaloška 29, Ljubljana

Meeting agenda:

1. Review of previous meeting’s conclusions
2. Options for a rational use of Palivizumab in Slovenia
3. Meningococcal vaccination in patients receiving Eculizumab
4. Vaccination against pertussis in adults
5. Provision of medicines for the implementation of vaccination programmes (BCG vaccine, hepatitis A, and tuberculin test)
6. Preparations for influenza vaccination
7. Acquaintance with the declared side effects after vaccination (July 2015 - September 2015)

Meeting summary:

Ad 1.
The NIJZ representative explains that contact with the International Rotary Club regarding the conference on vaccination on 24.10. in Maribor was established.

Ad 2.
The organization of the Palivizumab vaccination was introduced. It is decided to control the consumption in the future and to re-evaluate if problems arise.

Ad 3.
The Immunization Advisory Group members agree that the implementation guidelines for the vaccination programme points to vaccination against meningococcal infection under the indication of "complement deficiencies" and adds the explanation in brackets "also because of the drugs, for example. Eculizumab".

Ad 4.
Discussion on the vaccination against pertussis for adults or which other groups would be most appropriate to recommend for the vaccination. With the vaccination against pertussis, we especially want to protect infants because they experience the most adverse effects of the disease.

The Immunization Advisory Group members have agreed to make a recommendation for out-of-pocket payments by pregnant women for vaccination against pertussis in the 2017 programme year.

Ad 5.
Solutions for the provision of medicines for the vaccine implementation programme for the BCG vaccine, hepatitis A and tuberculin test were presented. Members of the Vaccine Advisory Group consider that the BCG vaccination programme as appropriate and that the BCG vaccine is indispensable for the smooth and safe implementation of the vaccination programme.
Ad 6.
Distribution of influenza vaccine begins in early October. We will publish a contribution/promotion of the influenza vaccination in the Bulletin of Medical Chamber of Slovenia. The NIJZ will examine the options to include the contents regarding influenza in the programme of the conference this autumn, which will be organized with the help of the media. For the presentation of severe cases of influenza the clinics will be requested.

Ad 7.
Side effects after vaccination collected during the period from 10. 6. 2015 to 15. 9. 2015, were presented.