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ILTE - Imatinib Long Term Side Effects ***Study***

Dear ILTE investigators,

the ASH presentation was a huge success: a lot of discussion, > 70 requests for the poster left at the site and >400 pdf files downloaded from the ILTE web site.

I also want to let you know a couple of important information:

- FOLLOW UP FORMS: the 2008 follow-up forms (together with 2007 queries) will arrive between February 1 and 15, to be returned by March 31st 2009.
- funding: a small grant from the Lombardy region (60,000 E) will be available in 2009 to cover the 3 year extension of the study; this money will be distributed to all center according to enrollment of eligible patients:

1,000.00 E to centers with 5-10 pts
2,000.00 E to centers with 11-40 pts
3,000.00 E to centers with 41 pts and over

The funds will be distributed in the second half of 2009; we will work toward an administrative solution that will not require too much of your time and will avoid taxes on the grant. Probably we will need an invoice from your center.

I know this is only a small amount of money but I hope you will consider it as a sign of consideration for all the important work you are doing.

- PCR: the data generated so far showed that we can detect $1/10E-6$ cells. We plan to test the first samples (already received) within 3 months.

Thanks again for your participation in ILTE.

Happy Holidays.

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