

## **Definition and Classification Subcommittee**

### **I. Organization**

- a. Definition subgroup: Captain- Gary N. Foulks**
- b. Classification subgroup: Captain-Michael A. Lemp**

### **II. Provisional goals**

#### **a. Definition:**

To develop a contemporary definition of dry eye

Pertinent questions:

Why is there a need to develop a definition?

Is there a need to update the NEI/Industry definition of 1995?

Which elements should be included in a definition?

Is dry eye a disease or a syndrome?

To what end should the definition be directed?

#### **Classification**

To develop a contemporary classification schema for dry eye

Pertinent questions:

On what basis should a schema be developed e.g. pathogenetic mechanisms, clinical features, available diagnostic tests, etc?

Shall the schema be exhaustive and detailed?

If so, should an abbreviated schema be developed for clinical use?

Should a schema address the issue of overlap?

How can a schema be made useful in the everyday clinical setting?

#### **Both subgroups:**

To complete a report with recommendations to the Steering Committee by March 13 for presentation to the DEWS meeting in May 2006

Interactive review (completion by Friday April 7-proposed)

Circulate harmonized draft to total DEWS Membership (Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>)

Feedback received from DEWS membership until April 24<sup>th</sup>