MISSION

... to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases in Europe and beyond

- by promoting and supporting research, education and training in the infection disciplines
- by fostering functional integration of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and improving medical practice
- by facilitating professional exchange and stimulating an open and collaborative spirit nourished by the diversity of European culture.
ESCMID
clinical microbiology and infectious diseases
rolled into one!

Clinical Microbiologist

Infectious Disease Physician
About ESCMID

- Non-profit organisation with members in 93 countries.
- Executive Committee of 7 members
- Science and education:
  - Organises ECCMID (yearly)
  - Organises 12 - 18 postgraduate courses
  - Organises ESCMID Summer School
  - Organises 23 study groups
- Organises EUCAST (The European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing),
- Finances the development and upkeep of the EUCAST Disk Diffusion method for AST
- Work together with 52 Collaborative Centres (labs and ID clinics) and WHO and ECDC
- Supports 60 – 100 Observerships per year
- Produces the journal *Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI)*.
ESCMID's Portfolios

- Scientific Affairs
- Education
- Communication
- Professional Affairs
- CM and ID
- Publication CMI ++
Welcome to the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infection-related diseases. This is achieved by promoting and supporting research, education, training, and good medical practice.

about ESCMID

Latest News

04 February 2013

Final Programme now online - ECCMID 2013, Berlin

From Keynotes to Clinical Grand Rounds to offerings for trainees - this programme has everything for the CM and ID specialist! Make the most of your time at the Congress and plan ahead using the personal programme tool.

30 January 2013

Relaunch of the Online Lecture Library (OLL)!

Since November 2012 - New user-friendly search and navigation options make it much easier to find what you are looking for. The latest material is exclusively available for ESCMID members - older material is freely available to the public.

Look and rediscover our wealth of materials in the OLL!
Postgraduate Courses 2009-12

In 2012 ESCMID held its 100th postgraduate course – in Zagreb, Croatia.
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2nd ESCMID Conference on Invasive Fungal Infections

Venue:
Rome, Italy

Date:
16 – 18 January 2013

Organising Committee:
• Murat Akova, Ankara, TR
• Giuseppe Cornaglia, Verona, IT
• Cornelia Lass-Flörl, Innsbruck, AT
• Maurizio Sanguinetti, Rome, IT

Conference Objectives:
Participants attending the second edition of this conference will learn about the microbiological aspects, pathophysiology, clinical presentations and treatment of common and emerging invasive fungal infections.

Target Audience:
Specialists or physicians in training in infectious diseases, clinical microbiology and other disciplines dealing with immunocompromised patients (e.g. haematology, oncology, chest medicine).
Venue:
Prague, Czech Republic

Date:
22 – 24 March 2013

Conference Objectives:
As part of its multifaceted approach to infections, ESCMID strives to promote vaccination and worries that the current lack of correct information among both lay public and healthcare providers might seriously undermine the efficacy of current and future vaccine campaigns.
This conference will bring together world-leading experts to debate the many-sided correlations between vaccines, medicine and society at the dawn of the third millennium.

Target Audience:
Specialists or physicians in training in infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, hygiene, public health, vaccinology and other disciplines dealing with all aspects of vaccination.
London, United Kingdom, 23 April 2012

5th International Day for Fighting Infection

The Antibiotic Days

Scientific Programme

• Mankind and diseases in the pre-antibiotic era
  Alasdair Geddes, Birmingham, UK
• Panic in or swindling of Asia
  Tony White, Newport, UK
• Gastroenteritis and antibiotic resistance
  Giuseppe Cossiglino, Verona, IT
• Outlawed, a systematic quest
  David Hopper, Boston, US
• The evolution of antimicrobial resistance
  Richard Sjöland, London, UK
• Collateral damage, the last threat
  Patrice Nordmann, Paris, FR
• "My Antibiotic Days", the ever-changing patterns of antimicrobial therapy.
  Emilio Beneito, Madrid, ES
• Antibiotics and environment: a holistic view
  Jesper Larsson, Gothenburg, SE
• Where should we look next for antimicrobial therapy?
  Jonathan Cohen, Brighton, UK
• Which future for antibiotics?
  Alasdair MacGowan, Bristol, UK

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www.escmid.org/StGeorges
Online Lecture Library

The Online Lecture Library contains scientific and educational presentations from ESCMID events.

Here you will find:

- Materials from ECCMIDs, ESCMID conferences and courses
- Audio, video, slides & transcripts from the actual presentations

This site is available for free to ESCMID members. If you are a member, click on one of the events below to enter the library.

All material from GRACE events is freely available to the public.

- ECCMID
- Conferences
- Postgraduate Education Courses
- Summer Schools
- Workshops
⇒ New face, new software, new functions
⇒ Contain ECCMID abstracts, posters and lectures.
ESCMID Areas of Scientific Endeavour - Overview

With the increasing expansion of our Study Groups’ activities, we aim to clearly display the focus of expertise of the Study Groups and show how each Study Group places its activities within the overall ESCMID portfolio. For this goal, we have structured this portfolio as a matrix of four Sections and five Themes. Each of the nine members of the Scientific Affairs Subcommittee (SAS) oversees one section or theme.

- SAS members and their area of responsibility

**ESCMID Sections**
- Bacteria & Bacterial Diseases
- Fungi & Fungal Diseases
- Parasites & Parasitic Diseases
- Viruses & Viral Diseases

**ESCMID Themes**
- Pathogenesis & Immunology
- Epidemiology, Public Health & Vaccinology
- Clinics & Therapeutics
- Diagnostics
- Antimicrobial Resistance & Susceptibility Testing
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**ESCMID SG on Bloodstream Infections and Sepsis (ESGBIS)**
## ESCMID Medical Guidelines (R Finch)

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ESCMID Observerships

Improve your clinical and laboratory skills!

Get financial support to visit our Collaborative Centres

apply now!

www.escmid.org/observerships
ESCMID Members of any age are invited to sign up for an observership visit (3 – 30 days) with an ESCMID Collaborative Centre in another country.

The programme aims to stimulate the exchange of ideas, practices, knowhow and understanding between professionals in microbiology and infectious diseases.

ESCMID will fund the observer with up to 1 000 € (travel and board).

During 2012 more than 70 members signed up for the programme.

>95% satisfaction from both observers and ECCs.
• ESCMID has created a network of ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs).

• ECCs are Centres of Excellence in Clinical microbiology or Infectious Diseases or both together.

• ECC should be prepared to accept one or more observers per year for a 3 – 30 day visit. The observer is expected to give a 30 – 45 minute lecture on how microbiology and infectious diseases are organised in their country and is encouraged to present something ”typical” from their geographic area.

• There is no cost to the ECC.
ESCMID Collaborative Centres and Observerships

ESCMID welcomes more ECCs. If your clinic or laboratory has a special profile, sign up and advertise your institution on the ESCMID website!

Since the launch of the ESCMID Collaborative Centre (ECC) programme in early 2009, a total of 58 institutions in Europe (in the broader sense) have decided to register. In doing so, they have taken advantage of this unique chance to provide colleagues with an opportunity to visit their microbiology laboratories or infectious diseases departments (Figure 1). The countries with the most ECCs are Spain (7), the Netherlands (7), the United Kingdom (7), Turkey (6) and France (5). Many eastern, south-eastern and south-western European countries have not yet joined this initiative (Figure 2). One of the ECCs is outside Europe (Tunisia), offering visitors a chance to gain experience of infections rarely seen in Europe and to learn about their diagnostics.

The ESCMID Observership Programme started some time after the ECC programme: the visits started in the second half of 2009 and are ongoing. A total of 103 Observership visits took place up to 1 February 2012. The Infectious Diseases Service at the University Hospital (CHUV) in Lausanne, Switzerland has hosted the largest number of Observers.
ESCMID Observerships

New initiative 2013

ESCMID / WHO Observerships for ESCMID members

ESCMID and WHO together invite ESCMID members (5 clinical microbiologists and/or infectious disease specialists) from 5 different countries to visit WHO Europe (Regional Office Europe, Copenhagen) for 3 days in June, 2013.

WHO has prepared a special 3-day programme for ESCMID Observers.

To be announced soon for first visit in June 2013
ESCMID Observerships

New initiative 2013

ESCMID / ECDC Observerships

ESCMID and ECDC are planning for an ESCMID/ECDC Observership programme. More information during 2013.
New initiative 2013

**ESCMID / ASM Observerships**

ESCMID and ASM are planning to exchange observers (members of ESCMID and ASM, respectively).

ESCMID members to visit US Public Health Laboratories and ASM members to visit ESCMID ECC.

The visits will stretch over 2 – 3 weeks.

More information during 2013.
New initiative 2012-13

CAESAR project
WHO & ESCMID & RIVM (NL)

This aims to bring EARSS and EARS-Net like antimicrobial resistance surveillance to European countries not yet part of EU and to present and safekeep data in such a way that comparability with EARSS/EARS-Net data is ensured. EUCAST criteria and methodology for AST testing "exported".
ECCMID

The ESCMID yearly congress is still growing
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ECCMID - The Society's annual congress

- **24th ECCMID 2014**
  10 - 13 May 2014, Barcelona, Spain

- **23rd ECCMID 2013**
  27 - 30 April 2013, Berlin, Germany

- **22nd ECCMID 2012**
  31 March - 3 April 2012, London, UK

- **21st ECCMID/27th ICC 2011**
  7 - 10 May 2011, Milan, Italy

- **20th ECCMID 2010**
  10 - 13 April 2010, Vienna, Austria

- **19th ECCMID 2009**
  16 - 19 May 2009, Helsinki, Finland
Faculty

368 speakers & chairs (74% male, 26% female)

Scientific Programme

3,345 abstracts
(249 orals, 1,735 posters, 442 publication only, 919 rejected)

19 Educational Workshops
1 TAE Trainees Day
19 Meet-the-Expert Sessions
14 Keynote Lectures
41 2-hour Symposia (164 presentations)
21 1-hour Symposia (42 presentations)
30 Oral Sessions (249 presentations)
22 Integrated Symposia

Exhibition & Sponsoring

3,102 m² exhibition
18 sponsors
First Announcement

European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Berlin, Germany
27–30 April 2013

www.escmid.org/eccmid2013
Dear Friends,

The summer newsletter features June’s August news at ESCMID. Among them are increasing content on the website which makes the newsletter bigger than ever. The meeting president’s wish is fulfilled. You check the new ESCMID president’s vision for the future. Also, you can read the highlights from EUCAST and CMI and get a broader view. The ESCMID 2013 Awards applications are open and ESCMID is accepting the most ambitious of the best to apply. The ESCMID 2013 Awards of Excellence are for the best and you can easily enter 1. To give you some advice, ESCMID is dealing with you some of the most promising ESCMID 2013 speakers and, as a partner of ISID for IMEID 2013, ESCMID presented an early preview of what the congress will be.

ESCMID news

**Auto-Phagocytes, Editorials**

The possible topic for you all ESCMID members and new members alike. My presidential highlight is presented here. ESCMID 2013 is in London and will be immediately after ESMO in Barcelona 2014 when ESCMID meets in Helsinki, Finland, Turkey, takes over. ESCMID has been through some tough times lately. Giuseppe Pappalardo, Verona, Italy, plodded through the difficult times, and ESCMID has survived and the old ESCMID is back. No details required. We are thankful and every year is set to be normal. What is normal? Read more.

ESCMID news

**EUCAST Headlines - August 2013**

EUCAST Headlines have been written for you all Escmid members and new members alike. The ESCMID 2013 is in London and will be immediately after ESMO in Barcelona 2014 when ESCMID meets in Helsinki, Finland, Turkey, takes over. ESCMID has been through some tough times lately. Giuseppe Pappalardo, Verona, Italy, plodded through the difficult times and ESCMID has survived and the old ESCMID is back. No details required. We are thankful and every year is set to be normal. What is normal? Read more.

**ESCMID news**

**What’s up at ESCMID**

**27 - 30 August 2013**

Copenhagen, Denmark

**16th ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop Clinical Microbiology Techniques 2012**

**30 - 31 September 2013**

Madrid, Spain

**ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop Clinical and Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis and Tuberculosis from Latinoamerica to Europe - the EUCast, EISOS and IPF 65th Anniversary**

**9 - 11 October 2013**

Athens, Greece

**ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop Clinical and Laboratory Aspects of Tuberculosis and Tuberculosis from Latinoamerica to Europe - the EUCast, EISOS and IPF 65th Anniversary**

**16 - 19 November 2013**

Istanbul, Turkey

**ESCMID Postgraduate Course Infection and Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: There Is No Such Thing as Inflammation of Wounds**

**27 - 30 April 2014**

Berlin, Germany

ESCMID 2013 Awards of Excellence - 2014

Although you can apply until 12 November 2013, the ICEP (CMI), why should you wait so long? You can be the winner of the ESCMID Award 2013! Be ambitious and apply now! Applications and applications are open for the ESCMID Excellence Award, ESCMID Young Investigator Award, TAPI Breakthrough Training Award, and Research Grants. Read more.
from Anaerobes to Zygomycosis!

A joint project between ESCMID and SFM – a European manual based on the French Remic.

Available on Amazone
• EMCM to go electronic in 2014.
• ESCMID Study Groups to take major responsibility for the regular update of chapters.
• 8 – 10 more chapters to be added.

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EUCAST – The European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

A joint venture between ESCMID, ECDC and the national breakpoint committees in Europe (BSAC, CA-SFM, CRG, DIN, NWGA and SRGA).
The European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing - EUCAST

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Most antimicrobial MIC breakpoints in Europe have been harmonised by
HARMONISED TERMINOLOGY IN AST (2002)
HARMONISED BREAKPOINTS IN EUROPE (2002 – 2008)
BREAKPOINTS FOR NEW ANTIBIOTICS WITH EMA (2003 – ……)
ON CONTRACT WITH ECDC AND EMA AS "THE OFFICIAL EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING”.
DEVELOPED A DISK DIFFUSION METHODOLOGY CALIBRATED TO EUCAST CLINICAL BREAKPOINTS (2009 - )
DEVELOPED A WEBSITE FOR ALL EUCAST RECOMMENDATIONS
DEVELOPED A WEBSITE FOR AGGREGATED MIC- AND ZONE DIAMETER DISTRIBUTIONS – FREELY AVAILABLE TO ALL.
PUBLISHED "EXPERT RULES AND INTERPRETATIVE READING IN AST”
PUBLISHED "PK/PD AS USED BY EUCAST IN SETTING BREAKPOINTS”
IMPLEMENTING EUROPEAN BREAKPOINTS AND METHODS IN EUROPE AND BEYOND (2009 - …….)
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