

## Joint meeting between ESCMID and the Asociación Panamericana de Infectología (API) in Caracas Venezuela on 12-13 June 2009



For the second consecutive year, ESCMID joined forces with scientists from Latin America to organize a workshop on antimicrobial resistance. This joint meeting focused on '*Resistencia Bacteriana: Mecanismos, Detección y Epidemiología Molecular*'. The ESCMID delegation was composed of Prof Giuseppe Cornaglia, Prof Jordi Vila and Prof Luis Martínez-Martínez. The workshop was organized by Dr Manuel Guzmán Blanco and attended by more than 100 young attendees, mostly microbiologists in training, part of which could also attend afternoon sessions with practical demonstrations of laboratory techniques.

The ESCMID delegation also visited the northernmost part of Venezuela to participate in the workshop '*Mecanismos de Resistencia Bacteriana en Patógenos Hospitalarios*', organized by Dr Lorena Abadía Patiño at the Universidad de Oriente in Cumaná. Roughly one hundred young microbiologists attended the workshop and discussed local issues of antimicrobial resistance with the ESCMID delegations and possible cooperative initiatives between European centres and the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory run by Dr Abadía Patiño at the Instituto de Investigaciones en Biomedicina y Ciencias Aplicadas de la Universidad de Oriente (IIBCAUDO, <http://www.iibcaudo.com.ve/>, Director, Dr Benjamin Hidalgo-Prada).



The ESCMID delegation in Caracas with Dr Manuel Guzmán Blanco (left picture) and in Cumaná with Dr Lorena Abadía Patiño (right picture).