

## International IACMAC/ESCMID Conference on Antimicrobial Therapy organizers welcomed more than 1000 participants



For the fifth consecutive year, ESCMID has joined the Interregional Association for Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (IACMAC), chaired by Prof. Roman Kozlov, to organize an International IACMAC/ESCMID conference on antimicrobial therapy. The conference was held on 24-26 May 2005 in Moscow, Russia and was attended by over 1'000 participants from 36 regions of Russia.

The ESCMID delegation was composed of Prof Giuseppe Cornaglia, Prof Fernando Baquero, Prof Gian Maria Rossolini and Prof Cornelia Lass-Flörl.

IACMAC (<http://www.iacmac.ru/iacmac/en/>), which is an ESCMID-affiliated Society, has established programmes of regional and interregional antibiotic resistance monitoring in Russia and is now developing plans for further expanding these programmes to the national level.

Most activities are organized by the Institute of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (IAC), founded in 1999 by the late Professor Leonid S. Stratchounski at the Department of Clinical Pharmacology of Smolensk State Medical Academy, and aimed at increasing the level of scientific research in clinical microbiology and antimicrobial chemotherapy.

The Conference was followed by a ceremony held in Smolensk, during which a monument to Prof Stratchounski was inaugurated in the presence of ESCMID representatives.



Fernando Baquero and Roman Kozlov (l. and r.) chairing session on multi-resistant Enterobacteriaceae



Unveiling of the monument to Leonid S. Stratchounski



Cornelia Lass-Flörl gave a lecture on 'Pathogenesis of fungal infections'.



Participants during registration



Giuseppe Cornaglia's lecture covered 'Current epidemiology of MRSA'.



Opening of conference