

ESCMID Newsletter

28 July 2009

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to send you highlights of our programme below. The ESCMID Executive Committee and staff wish you a nice summer! The next newsletter will follow in September.



ESCMID Summer School 2009

60 participants took advantage of numerous topical plenary lectures, pro-contra sessions and small-group tutorial sessions in Porto from 11 - 17 July. The next Summer School will take place in Cappadocia, Turkey.

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European travellers continue to put their health at risk

ESCMID has just released a communication on travel-related illness, which will be distributed among the press to raise awareness among the public.

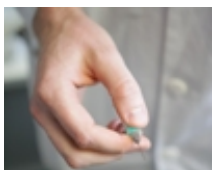
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Upcoming conference on influenza in the Asia-Pacific

This conference called 'Preparing for Influenza: from Strategy to Operation' takes place in Beijing, China from 21- 23 August. ESCMID formally endorses this Lancet event and is offering 10 complimentary passes to ESCMID members on a first-come first-served basis.

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The European Commission asks for a Council recommendation on increasing seasonal influenza vaccination coverage

On 8 July 2009 the Commission adopted the proposal to increase vaccination coverage in risk groups to 75% by 2015. The proposal is available for download in English, French and German.

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ESCMID General Assembly of Members 2009

109 Members attended the Assembly during ECCMID. The officers presented last year's successful achievements and the new Executive Committee, led by President Prof Javier Garau, was inaugurated. Find the minutes on our website in the member-only area.

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Forthcoming ESCMID Events

[17 - 20 August 2009](#)

Medical Biofilm Techniques 2009

ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Copenhagen, Denmark

Application is closed

[3 - 5 September 2009](#)

Acinetobacter Infections: Microbiological, Clinical and Therapeutical Aspects

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Istanbul, Turkey

Application is closed

[7 - 8 September 2009](#)

Histopathology in Experimental Neuroinfection

ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Berne, Switzerland

[12 September 2009](#)

Vaccination and Preventive Measures for LRTI in the Community

GRACE Postgraduate Education Course
Vienna, Austria

[22 - 25 September 2009](#)

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococci in Animals: Veterinary and Public Health Implications

ASM/ESCMID Conference
London, UK



European Council 2009 meeting

In the minutes from the 17 May 2009 meeting in Helsinki, Finland you can read about projects such as planned joint symposia with national European societies.

[download minutes](#)



ECCMID 2009 Opinion Poll - 599 participated

We thank all those who took the time to fill out the poll. Numerous suggestions were given that will be evaluated for inclusion into next year's programme.

[results of multiple-choice questions](#)



Apply now for the ESCMID Conference on Antibiotic Treatment Failure in the Absence of Bacterial Resistance

This conference is held on 25-27 October 2009 in Freiburg, Germany. It focusses on mechanisms and effects of non-inherited antibiotic resistance and on approaches to mitigate the effects of non-inherited resistance factors.

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New EUCAST website gives harmonized susceptibility testing breakpoints

Find detailed information including harmonized MIC breakpoints for all widely used agents as well as breakpoints for new agents. Information on current development of a EUCAST disk diffusion method is also given.

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ESCMID approved its fortieth Collaborative Centre

We have now a network of 40 Collaborative Centres in Europe in beyond which are designated by ESCMID to host Observerships. The first Observership has already taken place and further are currently being planned.

[search for Collaborative Centres](#)



EU calls and other funding

See the webpage for important European funding programmes and the latest calls for proposals.

[Human Frontier Science Program \(HFSP\): Call for fellowships](#)

[1 - 3 October 2009](#)

Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

2nd ESCMID/ASM Workshop
Cairo, Egypt

[4 - 8 October 2009](#)

From Microbial Pathogenesis to the Discovery of Antivirulence Drugs

ESCMID/FEMS Conference
Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland

[14 - 16 October 2009](#)

Zoonoses and Vector-borne Diseases in Europe

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Grenoble, France

[21 - 23 October 2009](#)

Antibiotic Resistance and Healthcare-associated Infections

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Sibenik, Croatia

[22 - 24 October 2009](#)

Diagnosing and Treating Fungal Infections: from Neonates to Adults

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Thessaloniki, Greece

[23 - 24 October 2009](#)

New Challenges in Primary Care: Back to the Future

GRACE Workshop
Rome, Italy

[25 - 27 October 2009](#)

Antibiotic Treatment Failure in the Absence of Bacterial Resistance

ESCMID Conference
Freiburg, Germany

[7 - 11 November 2009](#)

ESCMID-SHEA Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid), Spain

[More ESCMID events](#)

Best regards,
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