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Dear ESCMID and Affiliated Society Member

We are pleased to inform you about the following activities:

1. **ESCMID Collaborative Centres: Call for Expression of Interest**

ESCMID invites departments of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases throughout Europe to apply for the status of an ESCMID Collaborative Centre.



This is a unique opportunity to be listed on the ESCMID website and to present your staff, services and main interests to colleagues and the public, say Robert Read and Gunnar Kahlmeter. In addition, Collaborative Centres will welcome ESCMID Observers, the second part of this initiative to be launched by the end of this year.

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2. **ESCMID Educational Programme 2009 is now online**

For the first time, ESCMID has set a fixed programme of educational events for the coming year to facilitate the planning of your agenda for 2009. We thank all contributing Study Groups and Affiliated Societies for their help in generating a rich and diverse programme for the benefit of all future participants.

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3. **19th ECCMID: Abstract Deadline is 7 January 2009**

You are invited to submit an abstract for presentation at the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki (16-19 May 2009).

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4. **Impressions from the Professional Affairs Workshop in Rome - Moving forward in Co-operation**

"There were some great ideas and it provided a solid basis for future work" as stated by one of the participants. Visit our website for the images of this well attended event and don't miss our report in the next issue of ESCMID News.

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5. **ESCMID Summer School 2008 - presentations & pictures**

"It was an experience we will never forget!" said one Summer School participant. You can find the lecture PowerPoints and pictures on the website. The detailed report will appear in the upcoming ESCMID News.

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6. **Do you have a ground-breaking research idea?**

Apply now for one of the ESCMID Research Grants! Deadline for the ESCMID Award, Grant and Fellowship Programmes 2009 is 1 November 2008.

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7. **President's tip**

The IMED 2009 (International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance, 13-16 February 2009, Vienna, Austria), organized by the International Society for Infectious Diseases, is endorsed by ESCMID. You can find more on this important meeting at <http://imed.isid.org/>.

Forthcoming ESCMID Events

1 November 2008

Application/nomination deadline for ESCMID Awards, Grants and Fellowship Programme 2009

10-11 March 2009

Beta-lactamases in Community-acquired Infections: from Lab to Clinic
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Ankara, Turkey

30-31 March 2009

Advanced Course in Clinical Parasitology
ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Paris, France

16-19 May 2009

19th ECCMID
Helsinki, Finland

8-12 June 2009

Postgraduate Course in Clinical Parasitology
ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

12-18 July 2009

8th ESCMID Summer School
Porto, Portugal

17-20 August 2009

Medical Biofilm Techniques 2009
ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Copenhagen, Denmark

3-5 September 2009

Acinetobacter Infections: Microbiological, Clinical and Therapeutical Aspects
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Istanbul, Turkey

7-8 September 2009

Histopathology in Experimental Neuroinfection
ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Berne, Switzerland

12 September 2009

Vaccination and Preventive Measures for LRTI
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

14-16 October 2009

Zoonoses and Vector-borne Diseases
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Grenoble, France

19-21 October 2009

New Challenges in Primary Care: Back to the Future
4th GRACE Workshop
Rome, Italy

21-23 October 2009

8. New Managing Director of ESCMID Executive Office in Basel

Peter A. Cologne has started as the new Managing Director of ESCMID. He holds a Master Degree in Business Administration and Economics and has extensive experience in healthcare and life sciences, with both non-profit organizations and industry. On 1 November he officially takes over from Peter Schoch, PhD, who has led the Executive Office in Basel for exactly nine years. We wish him much success in his new role.

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

We would like to thank Peter Schoch for his many valuable contributions to our Society and wish him all the best for the future.

Best regards,
The ESCMID Executive Committee

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