

STATEMENT

Announcement of new President for ESCMID

15 APRIL 2010: The President of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), Professor Javier Garau, has resigned from his position and from the Executive Committee for personal reasons. Professor Garau has been President since 2009 and served the Society for five years, also holding the positions of Education Officer and Secretary General. His drive and creativity will be sorely missed by all members of the Executive Committee, and by ESCMID staff and colleagues.

As stipulated in ESCMID bylaws, the immediate Past President will take over the office of President and therefore the Executive Committee members welcomes Professor Giuseppe Cornaglia as their new President.

Professor Cornaglia, who held the ESCMID Presidency from 2007 -2009, graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Sassari, Italy, and since 2005 has been Associate Professor of Microbiology in the Department of Pathology, Verona University, where he also sits on the Board of Directors. He has co-ordinated the activities of the Italian Surveillance Group for Antimicrobial Resistance (ISGAR) and was co-founder of the European Study Group for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (ESGARS) as part of ESCMID.

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases is a non-profit organization 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.

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