

ESCMID Collaboration at the Ditan International Conference on Infectious Diseases

After the successful experience of last year's edition, and as a follow up to our previous initiatives in this country, ESCMID has endorsed also in 2009 the Ditan International Conference on Infectious Diseases (3rd DICID) held in Beijing on 30 July - 2 August. The theme of this year's conference was 'World Dialogue on Infectious Diseases'.

The DICID, with its broad and stimulating programme, represents something new in the landscape of infectious diseases meetings in China, traditionally focusing almost exclusively on viral hepatitis, and the organizers intention is to help enhance the development and scientific exchange in the field of infectious diseases, link up the medical communities in the field and provide a training platform for the young generation.

An increase in the individual registrations and substantial participation from the neighbouring countries shows the demand for the conference and the expanding role the DICID plays in the scientific landscape of this rapidly evolving area.

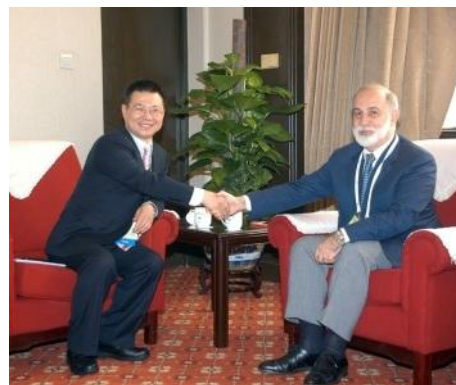
ESCMID has discussed with the organizers as to how to increase and better establish our presence in the 2010 edition, by means of ad-hoc symposia and educational workshops.

The conference has also represented for ESCMID the possibility to get in touch with representatives of the China Medical Tribune, a publication in the medical field, and to explore the opportunity to build up a partnership by discussing a number of areas where we can preliminarily envision productive collaboration.

As a publication that serves the needs of two million clinicians, the China Medical Tribune would be very interested in publishing selections from ESCMID's clinical guidelines, as well as highlights from our meetings and all other relevant information, thus helping to promote ESCMID and other ESCMID's initiatives to doctors within China and expanding the ESCMID visibility at large within the Chinese medical community.



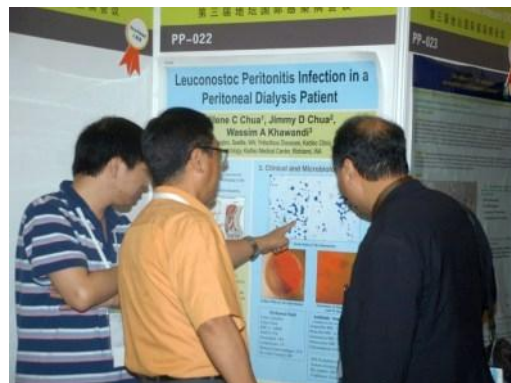
Registration desk on first day



Prof Giuseppe Cornaglia, representing ESCMID with Prof Jun Cheng, Conference Co-chair



Delegates at plenary lecture



Delegates in poster area