

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

### **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES:**

#### **A. Publications, Guidelines and Consensus Documents**

*Working on a CMI supplement describing several aspects of guidelines for standardization and basic requirements of molecular diagnostics of infectious diseases.*

The current status and content of the supplement contains:

Editorial: board ESGMD

- Practical Guidelines: manuscript Gerda Noordhoek et al
- Precautions with Real Time PCR: Marijke Raymaekers et al
- Other molecular diagnostic techniques: vacancy
- Quality Control of Molecular Diagnostics : Paul Wallace et al.
- Specialization of Molecular Microbiologist: Study for registration of Medical Molecular Microbiologist, Concilium MMM
- Exchange of knowledge, Study Group of molecular diagnostics and infectious diseases.
- Opinion national societies: NVMM
- Opinion large companies: Roche, Abbott, Siemens, BD, Qiagen
- Future developments in Europe & role ESCMID

#### **B. Communications on behalf of the Study Group to Meetings**

### **Activities ESGMD 2008**

Business meeting and change in Board ESGMD, ECCMID 2008 Barcelona.

Chair: prof. dr. PHM Savelkoul Medical Molecular Microbiologist

Secretary: M. Sc. Marijke Raymaekers, Molecular Biologist

Member QCMD affairs: prof. dr. Greet Ieven, Medical microbiologist

Member: dr. Kate Templeton, Molecular virologist.

Member: vacancy

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In 2008 a change in the organisation of the board of ESGMD has been started. The increasing role of Molecular diagnostics is emerging which puts new demands on the role of the study group. The current board has decided to involve more specialists in the board with specific interests and responsibilities in the field of Molecular Diagnostics. This will be accomplished in 2009.

This new board will decide on new activities of the ESGMD in the near future.

### **C. Organisation of Scientific meetings and workshops**

*a. Inside the ECCMID*

*b. Outside the ECCMID*

### **Activities ESGMD 2008**

- In 2008 a new strategy for the ESGMD has been started. This will be worked out in 2009.

### **D. Educational activities**

No activities

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Initiation of supplement for CMI to describe all items in the current application of molecular diagnostics.

Change of the board of ESGMD and discussion of new activities

## **E. Research Projects**

No research projects

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES:**

### **A. Number of the current members**

See excel document enclosed

### **B. Minutes of the ESGMD Study Group executive committee Meeting.**

## **FINANCES:**

The financial balance of ESGMD amounts to €8692: see last year; no membership fee, no expenses.

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ESGMD Chairperson, Amsterdam, March 09 , 2009  
Marijke Raymaekers,  
ESGMD secretary, Hasselt, March 09, 2009