

ESCMID Study Group for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI) Annual Report 2008-2009

1. Activities

1a. Improving Patient Safety in Europe

Several members of ESGNI serve on the Improving Patient Safety in Europe (IPSE) DG SANCO funded project. This has now been completed and the activities are being transferred to ECDC.

Working Group One Several members of ESGNI were involved in the development of a 'European Core Curriculum for Training for Infection Control Practitioners'. This curriculum will need to be promoted within ESCMID, ECDC, and other European organizations in order to establish it as an official basis for harmonization of infection control training in Europe. We are wondering if the Executive will agree to fund an external meeting to the ECCMID to discuss this?

Working Group Two: examined with WHO and HPA the current situation in the EU regarding standards and performance indicators. We established a consensus regarding these and interacting with the DG SANCO project group finalised a document that has gone before the EU Council later this year. A paper has been submitted to CMI and we await the decision of the Executive as to whether a supplement will be funded. A poster has been accepted at this year's ECCMID.

Another member (HH) of the ESGNI led an ICU project in IPSE.

1b Clinical Microbiology and Infection.

Several ESGNI members also serve as referees for papers in ESCMID's official journal,

1.c. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group the 18th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in Barcelona, 19-22 April 2008

The ESGNI Chair co-chaired a session on review of important papers over the last year. This was very successful and we recommended that it should be repeated perhaps each year?

At the 19th ECCMID BC and AV will co chair a session on surgical site infections. Christian Ruef will convene an ESGNI educational workshop on "ESBL – how big is the threat?"

1.d. Organisation of scientific meetings and workshops

ESGNI requested that we contributed a session on ICD roles at the Professional practices workshop in Venice in 2008. The idea was supported by the Course Chairman but rejected by the course committee. We have been encouraged to submit a proposal for an external ECCMID meeting on ICT education, using the IPSE WP1 proposals as a platform. IPS (ICNA) is keen to collaborate.

1.e. Educational activities

ESGNI is a partner in annual training courses. Another training course in hospital epidemiology was organised by Andreas Voss, Bart Gordts, Jan Kluytmans and Marc Bonten in the Netherlands. Feed back from the participants was excellent.

1.f. Research projects and Publications

- ESGNI planned to perform a CA MRSA survey but ECDC has performed one recently and we are not sure that this is appropriate. We are now considering a survey on isolation practices.
- ESGNI has progressed several surveillance/HCAI based projects in the EU. Two others are being discussed at the next ECCMID. One is on isolation facilities and the other proposal for a questionnaire-based surveillance of the epidemiology of multiresistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* in hospitals of ESGNI members.
- We are also considering a proposal from Andreas Widmer that we then examine some aspects of hand hygiene (ideas still being developed but it will include the use of alcoholic solutions).
- We will also review Surveillance and other activity and ways of working to improve communication and involvement amongst members.

2. Administration

Committee Members (2007-2010)

1. Chairperson	Barry Cookson
2. Secretary	Past Chair Serhat Unal
3. Treasurer	To be appointed
4. Scientific Officers	To be appointed
5. Educational officers	Emilio Bouza; Patricia Munoz
6. Intensive Care liaison	Christian Ruef , Marc Bonten, Andreas Voss
7. Infection Control Professionals' liaison	Jean Carlet, Harkan Hanberger Nina Sorkens

2.a. Number of current members

732 ESCMID members have declared interest in ESGNI's activities.

We have sent them the minutes of the previous meeting and will send them the agenda below before the next ECCMID.

2.b. Agenda for General Assembly 2009 in Helsinki

Details : ESGNI AGM **Date and time to be agreed. Henri Can you please add this when finalised?**

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| 1. | Apologies for absence | |
| 2. | Approval of the minutes and the annual ESGNI report (circulated with this agenda) | All |
| 3. | Matters arising from the minutes: | All |
| 4. | Chairperson/Secretary update | Barry Cookson |
| 5. | European Core Curriculum for Training for Infection Control Practitioners (Project 790903 (EC/DG SANCO): next steps – role of ESGNI, ESCMID? | Barry Cookson,
Nina Sorknes |
| 6. | Educational Workshop Report | Christian Ruef,
Marc Bonton |
| 7. | Scientific activity
ESGNI Surveillance Studies | Emilio Bouza,
Patricia Munoz |
| | CA MRSA/Isolation study progress decision
Isolation facilities in Europe | Barry Cookson |
| | Hand hygiene project proposal (alcohol usage) | Andreas Widmer |
| | Surveillance of multiresistant Acenitobacter baumannii | Christian Ruef |
| 8. | Next ECCMID Workshop | All |
| 9. | Next ECCMID Plenary proposals | All |
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3. Finances

ESGNI received 500 Euros for producing the last report and there were 998.20 Euros in the account.