

ESPRIT Annual Report 2008/2009

Past activities

- a. Publications. ESPRIT as such has not issued any publications or guidelines in the past year. However, within ESPRIT several members collaborate with each other and publications have been produced jointly:
 - Acute cough in primary care: 13-country prospective study of impact of variation in clinical presentation on antibiotic prescribing and recovery. Christopher C Butler, Kerenza Hood, Theo Verheij, Paul Little, Hasse Melbye, Jacqui Nuttall, Mark J Kelly, Sigvard Mölstad, Maciek Godycki-Cwirko, Ulla-Maija Rautakorpi, Antoni Torres, David Gillespie, Jordi Almirall, Samuel Coenen, Herman Goossens. (accepted for publication, BMJ)
 - Improving antibiotic use in primary care: an inventory of quality assurance projects and behavioural studies. EJ Pijpers, M den Uyl, MM Kuyvenhoven, SKG Tonkin-Crine, P Little, TJM Verheij. (in preparation)
 - Characteristics and Outcomes of Public Campaigns with the Aim to Improve Antibiotic Use in High Income Countries. Benedikt Huttner, Herman Goossens, Theo Verheij, Stephan Harbarth. (in preparation)
- b. Presentations. No presentations on behalf of ESPRIT were given
- c. Organisation of scientific sessions at ECCMID. Official symposium at 19th ECCMID: “Antibiotic use in primary care: new insights, better results?”
- d. Participation in GRACE workshop “Challenges and change in pneumonia – focus on Streptococcus pneumoniae and community-acquired MRSA” at 19th ECCMID.
- e. All members of ESPRIT contributed to the yearly meeting of the General Practice Respiratory Infections Network GRIN in Odense in October last year, where current research projects in this field were presented and discussed.

All members contributed to the GRACE workshop in Cambridge in September 2008: “The science, practice and challenges of LRTI in primary care”.

Keynote lecture and two workshops on lower respiratory tract infections and on antibiotic use at the WONCA congress in September 2008 in Istanbul.
- f. ESPRIT members are participating in the GRACE project (www.grace-lrti.org) and in CHAMP, a EU-funded research project on the use of antibiotics in primary care.

Planned activities

ESPRIT is currently involved in two guideline working groups: one on management of adult lower respiratory tract infections (ESCMID/ERS) and one on the management of acute sore throat (ESCMID). The LRTI guidelines should be finalised before the summer of 2009, the guidelines on acute sore throat are planned to be written in the coming year.

Presentations are submitted for the ERS congress and the WONCA congress later this year.

Administration

- a. Number of current members: 6. (A lot of primary care researchers are not a member of ESCMID, but do contribute to activities of ESPRIT)
- b. Agenda of Business Meeting
 1. Annual report 2008
 2. Future activities within ESCMID
 3. Presentations and meeting outside ESCMID. WONCA/ERS/GRIN meetings
 4. Educational workshops

Finances

- a. No revenues or expenses
- b. Balance: €500 (support ESCMID in 2008)