



EFWISG

ESCMID FOOD- AND
WATER-BORNE
INFECTIONS STUDY GROUP

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Annual Report 2010 – 2011

1 Past Activities:

a. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents

None in the past year. Three of the articles in the Theme Section of February 2010 issue of *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* (Guest Editors Tassios PT, Kerr KG) – Allerberger F & Wagner M. Listeriosis: a resurgent foodborne infection; Teo CG: Much meat, much malady: changing perceptions of the epidemiology of hepatitis E; Weese JS: *Clostridium difficile* in food – innocent bystander or serious threat? were, respectively, the second, third and ninth most frequently cited articles published in *CMI* in 2010 [Barbe S *et al Clin Microbiol Infect* 2010 **17**, 1-4].

b. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings

Nil to report

c. Organization of scientific sessions at ECCMID

Food for thought: tackling the problem of food-borne infection in the elderly

Chairs P.T.Tassios (Athens, GR, K.G. Kerr, Harrogate UK)

The elderly patient as a sitting duck for food-borne infections: causes and consequences. L Medeiros (Columbus, US)

Epidemiology of food-borne infection in the elderly: what has changed and why did it change? S O'Brien (Manchester, UK)

d. Organization of educational workshops at ECCMID

Too much on your plate? A practical guide to investigating and controlling outbreaks of food-borne infection in hospitals

Convenors: J. Coia (Glasgow, UK), K. Nygard (Oslo, NO)

Guess what's coming to dinner? Food-borne outbreaks in the hospital setting. K. Kerr (Harrogate, UK)

Laboratory detection of food-borne infection in hospitals – room for improvement? J. Coia (Glasgow, UK)

Epidemiological investigation of a suspected outbreak: what do you need to know? K. Nygard (Oslo, NO)

Managing an outbreak of food-borne infection in hospital – the role of the infection control team. M. Hell (Salzburg, AT)

The final piece in the puzzle: molecular typing of patient and food-derived isolates. F.X. Weill (Paris, FR)

It's good to talk – dealing with the media and reassuring the public during an outbreak. B. Adak (Colindale, UK)

e. Organization of scientific meetings and workshops outside ECCMID

Nil to report

f. Organization of educational activities outside ECCMID

Nil to report

g. Funded research projects (especially collaborative projects)

Nil to report

2 Planned Activities

21st ECCMID

Educational Workshop Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water: leisure-associated water-borne infections

Chairs: P. Hunter (Norwich, UK), M.J. Figueras (Reus, ES)

What's lurking in the lake; what's skulking in the sea? Microbiology of leisure-associated water-borne infections, P. Hunter (Norwich, UK),

Infections following recreational use of water: the clinician's perspective. N. Beeching (Liverpool, UK)

Green nails and hot feet: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* - a versatile water-borne pathogen. T. Inglis (Nedlands, AU)

Being wary in the water: preventing leisure-associated water-borne infections. M.J. Figueras (Reus, ES)

Official Symposium

Antimicrobial-resistant bacteria in food and potable water: a recipe for disaster?

Chairs: C. Torres (Reus, ES), T. Inglis (Nedlands, AU)

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria in food: from farm to fork L. Peixe (Porto, PT)

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria in potable water: tapping into the problem M. Cormican (Galway, IE)

Chewing it over: the clinical and public health relevance of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in food A-P. Magiorakos (Stockholm, SE)

Reining in resistance: what role for organic farming methods? J. Threlfall (London, UK)

Other planned activities

To establish a research project examining the utility of testing stool specimens submitted ≥ 72 hr after admission of patients for food-borne pathogens.

To re-examine drawing up of consensus opinion for provision of microbiologically safe food and potable water for immunocompromised patients

3 Administration:

a. List of the currently active members

A full list is available on request but, in summary, EFWISG has 922 members (359 of whom are members of ESCMID) located in 105 countries.

b. Agenda for the General Assembly/Business Meeting

1. Introduction and Welcome

2. Apologies

3. Approval of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

4. Chairperson's Report

5. Secretary's Report

6. Treasurer's Report

7. Future activities

7.1 Consensus on provision of microbiologically safe food for immunocompromised patients.

7.2 Research projects

7.3 Symposium/Educational Workshop for 22nd ECCMID

7.4 Proposals for Courses

8. Any other business

4 Finances:

a. Revenues and expenses

1. Opening Balance 2010/11 = € 4,103.92

2. Revenues

Year	Date	Project	Debitor / Kreditor	Amount in Currency	Currency	Exchange rate	Bank charges	Debit	Credit	Saldo €
2010	1/01/10	Saldovortrag EFWISG	Apobank		EUR				4,103.92	4,103.92
2010	31/03/10	Zinsen	Apobank		EUR				2.57	4,106.49
2010	27/04/10	Zinsen EFWISG	Apobank		EUR				0.57	4,107.06
2010	6/07/10	Escmid contribution an SG EFWISG			EUR				2,000.00	6,107.06

3. Expenditure

Nil

b. Balance on the date of the written annual report

4. Closing Balance on the date of the written annual report = € 6,107.06

Prof Kevin G Kerr, on behalf of the EFWISG Executive Committee
29th March 2011