

1st European Day of Fighting Infection

The year 2008 marks the 25th anniversary of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.

To celebrate its Silver Jubilee, ESCMID presents a one-day symposium, to be held in Barcelona one day after the ECCMID, namely on 23 April – St. George's day – and inaugurates the European Day of Fighting Infection.

The symposium will focus on the importance of infections in shaping the past, present and – presumably – the future daily life of our continent, with a strong accent on their socio-economical basis and impact.

The image of St. George slaying the dragon is well-known throughout Europe and widely acknowledged as a symbol of the victory over evil, confusion and disease. Thus, it corresponds perfectly to the ESCMID commitment to fighting against all sorts of infections and to helping people live a fuller life.

St. George's Day – Sant Jordi – is especially popular in Barcelona where a colourful festival takes place in the streets, during which, following an ancient tradition, men give women a rose and receive from them a book.

We welcome you to join this festival and to celebrate with us the 25th anniversary of ESCMID!

Venue

Centre de Convencions Internacional
Barcelona – CCIB (ECCMID venue)

Application Procedure

Registration is free and open to everyone. Please indicate your interest in attending this celebration in your ECCMID registration form.

Date and Time

23 April 2008, 9.30 – 15.30

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The Antibiotic Century: transforming infections into curable diseases



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