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San Giorgio e il drago (Saint George and the dragon)
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In 2010 ESCMID will celebrate once again the International Day for Fighting Infection by organizing a one-day symposium on milestones in the history of infections.

This 3rd edition will be held once again on St. George's Day and will trace the evolution over the centuries of infection control in hospitals and of ad-hoc hospitals for infectious patients.

This event is organized in cooperation with the International Society of Chemotherapy (ISC) and the International Society of Infectious Diseases (ISID), and supported by The Lancet Infectious Diseases.

Registration Procedure

The registration form can be found on the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/conferences.

Registration Fee

- Before and on 31 January 2010: EUR 80
- After 31 January 2010: EUR 130

The registration fee includes the scientific sessions, printed conference material, lunch and coffee breaks, but not travel and accommodation costs.



Preliminary Programme

- Monasteries and infirmaries
- The hospital in the early Islamic culture
- The Republic of Venice and its lazarettos as bastions of Public Health along Mediterranean sea routes
- Semmelweiss and the Childbed Fever
- Florence Nightingale's impact on infection control and hospital epidemiology
- Louis Pasteur, the discovery of bacteria and the evolution of hospitals
- Lister and antiseptics
- From Pest-houses to Smallpox and Fever Hospitals: the development of the London Hospital System
- Infections and hospitals in the Americas
- TB, sanatoria and "Zauberberg"
- Poliomyelitis and the origins of ICUs
- Flu and hospital
- High-level isolation units today
- Point-of-care diagnostic and patient management in hospitals