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“It is extremely beneficial to visit Collaborative Centres and to see how clinical microbiology and infectious diseases services are organized in other countries.”

What are ESCMID Observerships?

The ESCMID Observership programme provides funding for ESCMID members intending to visit an ESCMID Collaborative Centre in another country for one day to one month to learn good clinical and/or laboratory practice.

The programme is reserved exclusively for ESCMID members. Staff of ESCMID Collaborative Centres will be given priority.

Apply now for an Observership!

Applications for support can be submitted online throughout the year and are subject to review and approval by ESCMID. Observership applicants need written acceptance from an ECC before they can apply for financial support. Find further details at www.escmid.org/observership.

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ECC ID 102: Infectious Diseases Service, University Hospital (CHUV), Lausanne, Switzerland. Fully approved ECC since Sep 2009.

ECC ID 78: Institute of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Fully approved ECC since April 2009.

ECC ID 60: Division of Infectious Diseases, Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany. Fully approved ECC since Feb 2009.

ECC ID 58: Department of Clinical and Molecular Microbiology, Clinical Hospital Centre Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia. Fully approved ECC since March 2009.



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What are Collaborative Centres?

The ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) are clinical microbiology and/or infectious disease centres of excellence in Europe and beyond. They attract and welcome ESCMID members from abroad to learn about diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and organizing services as well as to establish new contacts and foster international exchange.

Why become a Collaborative Centre?

The ECCs function as international networking centres through Observership visits of staff members. Participating institutions profit from stimulating and educational Observership visits and international exchange. Furthermore, staff from ECCs will be given priority when applying for an ESCMID Observership in another Country.

What would be an optimal Collaborative Centre?

Collaborative Centres of Infectious Diseases

We particularly invite institutions with high volumes of patients with specific diseases, especially those which are rarely seen in all parts of Europe but also with non-exotica treated at a high standard to apply.

Collaborative Centres of Clinical Microbiology

We particularly invite institutions with specific diagnostic expertise, skills and organizational structures to apply. This includes high throughput institutions, reference laboratories, laboratories with integrated bacteriology, virology and molecular microbiology, and laboratories with an international profile.

How to become a Collaborative Centre?

To apply, you need to submit a short profile online as well as two external references. Please note that one external reference should be from another country.

In a second step, you will be asked to provide more details about your institution/department for potential ESCMID Observers. Applications can be submitted online throughout the year and are normally processed within 2 months.



Map indicating approved ESCMID Collaborative Centres in Europe as of 1 March 2010.

Apply now!

If you are interested in becoming an ESCMID Collaborative Centre, please apply online at www.escmid.org/ecc.