

ESCMID European Council

Meeting during the 21st ECCMID/ 27th ICC in Milan, 8 May 2011, 12:45-14:15 h

Minutes

Giuseppe Cornaglia, ESCMID President, welcomed the 47 participants to the meeting of the European Council.

1 Approval of the Minutes of the European Council Meetings in 2010 (G. Cornaglia)

The minutes from the European Council meeting were approved.

2 ESCMID 2010-2011 progress reports: matters of relevance for the European Council (G. Cornaglia)

Giuseppe Cornaglia informed about the latest development of the Society. He particularly emphasised the importance of our Educational Programme which included in the last year a total of 17 events in various countries (Postgraduate Education Courses and Technical Workshops), some of them as joint courses with national societies.

3 Membership Scheme (G. Kahlmeter)

Gunnar Kahlmeter presented details about the ESCMID membership scheme. Membership registration for ESCMID Germany was closed on 7 May 2011. All previous ESCMID members and ECCMID/ICC 2011 participants will be offered a free membership by ESCMID CH, which will be upgradable to a full membership.

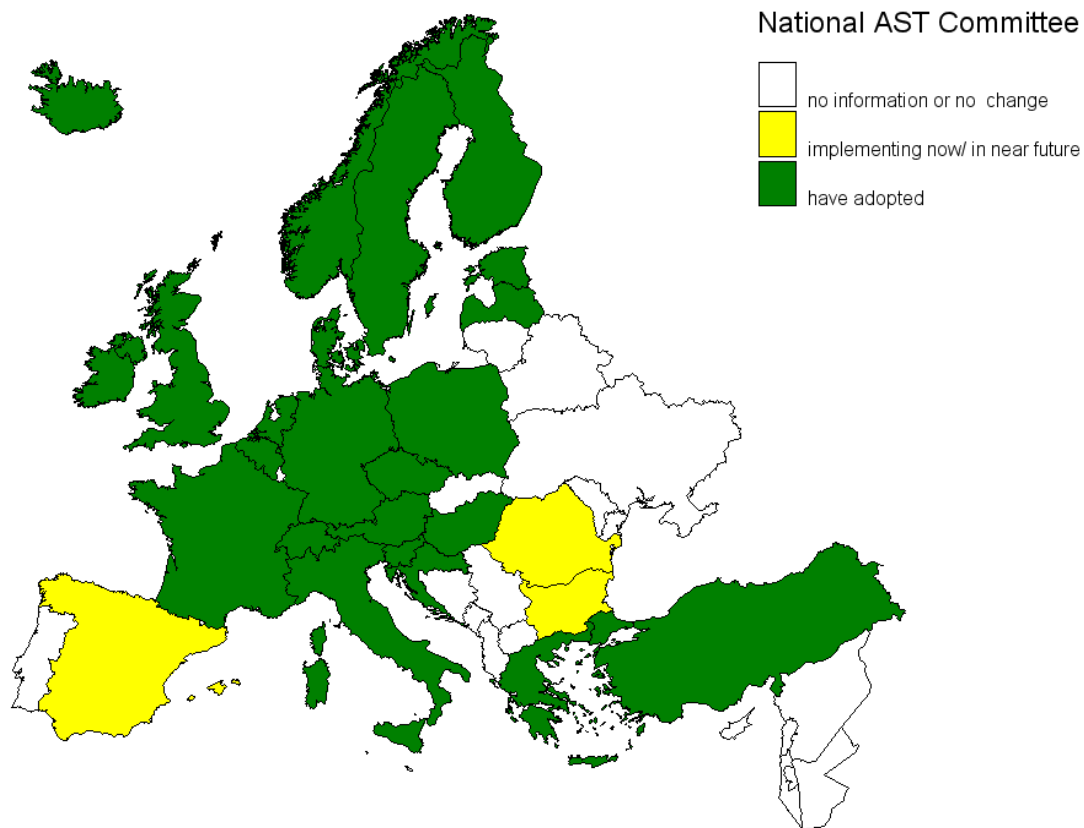
4 Proposals for Educational Programme 2012 (M. Akova)

Murat Akova summarized the ESCMID Educational Programme. The main criteria for the selection process are the quality of the scientific programme, international faculty and previous evaluation of similar courses (when available). In general ESCMID wants to reduce programmatic and geographic redundancies. Practical or interactive courses are preferred. Sponsorship by Pharmaceutical companies is possible, but there is no product promotion allowed.

5 EUCAST, Affiliated Societies and the formation of National Antibiotic Committees (G. Kahlmeter)

Gunnar Kahlmeter informed about the status of the formation of the National Antibiotic Committees (NACs) in Europe. NACs are long established in some countries and more recently have been formed or are being set up in several countries where there was previously no such group. He encourages those countries in Europe and beyond who have not yet established NACs to participate. G. Kahlmeter has visited many countries as Secretary General of ESCMID and Chairman of EUCAST for these purposes.

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6 Professional Affairs activities (Elisabeth Nagy, Evelina Tacconelli)

Evelina Tacconelli gave an update about the recent activities of the Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE). The TAE organised for the first time the TAE Trainees Day at ECCMID/ICC which is a new format of educational activities. Also new this year was the TAE Excellence Training Award, which was honoured at the Trainees Day. Finally the European networking of CM and ID trainees is ongoing and an important goal for the trainees.

The UEMS Section of ID and ESCMID have initiated a working group to establish a training syllabus in ID based on existing curricula and to meet current standards in ID. This working group consists of 2 ESCMID representatives (Evelina Tacconelli and Murat Akova), 1 ESCMID TAE representative (Kate Adams) and 5 members of UEMS section ID.

Evelina Tacconelli summarised the latest activities of the Parity Commission which was formed last year with the following members: Evelina Tacconelli, Elisabeth Nagy (chair-persons), Laetitia Kortbeek (Advocate for Gender), Mario Poljak (Advocate for Geographic Balance) and Nur Benzonana (Advocate for Minorities).

Goals of the Commission are:

- to review and analyse statistical data from ESCMID educational activities
- to collaborate with Trainee Association of ESCMID and the ESCMID Education Officer concerning educational activities
- to verify if and to what extent forms of discrimination related to country, gender and minorities among professionals in hospital and academic activity in the CM/ID sectors exist
- to increase the awareness of ID/CM through elaboration of data and articles
- to provide guidance for mentoring and tutoring programmes

Evelina Tacconelli presented the Parity Survey which was done to verify if and to what extent forms of discrimination related to country, gender and minorities in the CM/ID sectors exist. The survey was still ongoing during the ECCMID/ICC. There were 1'616 answers which are fairly distributed by gender and countries.

The Commission intends:

- to elaborate and analyze the questionnaire's results.
- to provide ESCMID membership and EU scientific community with results and suggestions for further steps.

Elisabeth Nagy gave an update on the ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECC) and the Observership programme. We currently have 52 centres in our network as of 17 March 2011 throughout Europe. From 24 February 2010 - to 31 March 2011 a total of 38 Observership visits took place. 29 Observership visits were from European countries (16 different countries) and 9 from outside Europe (Australia, Canada, Brazil, Egypt, etc).

7 Medical Guidelines (Erdal Akalin)

Erdal Akalin, the Task Force Leader for Medical Guidelines, presented the current status of ESCMID Medical Guidelines and reported that he is working on new ESCMID SOP for the development of Medical Guidelines. There are several ongoing and completed guidelines projects, some in cooperation with other Societies:

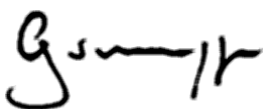
- Guidelines for the management of sore throat (ESCMID, completed 2011)
- Treatment of Candida infections (ESCMID, completed 2011)
- Diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of catheter-associated urinary tract infection in adults (IDSA/ESCMID, published, 2010)
- International clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of acute uncomplicated cystitis and pyelonephritis in women (IDSA/ESCMID/ISC, published, 2011)
- Guidelines for the management of adult lower respiratory tract infections (ERS/ESCMID, completed 2011)
- Clinical practice guideline on Leishmaniasis (IDSA/ESCMID/ASTMH, started 2010)
- The diagnosis and management of vertebral osteomyelitis (IDSA/ESCMID, started 2010)
- Infection control measures for multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria in healthcare setting (ESCMID, started 2011).

8 Issues raised by the Affiliated Societies

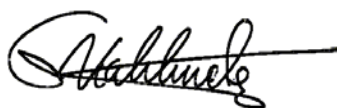
No request to speak.

Giuseppe Cornaglia thanked the participants for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 14.15 h.

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ESCMID Secretary General



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