



ESGARS

ESCMID STUDY GROUP
FOR ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE SURVEILLANCE

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

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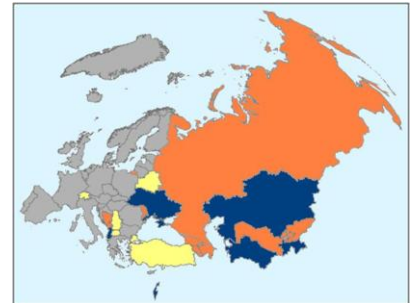
ESCMID Study Group for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance – ESGARS, ECCMID, Barcelona 2014

Mission and objectives

- To provide a unifying forum for those medical personnel and scientists actively involved in antimicrobial resistance surveillance, in order to promote a better understanding of antimicrobial resistance.
- To provide opportunity to enhance co-operation and to establish links with and between networks of resistance surveillance programs.
- To promote awareness and facilitate the early detection of emerging antimicrobial resistance.
- To contribute to an understanding of the epidemiology of antimicrobial resistance in Europe.
- To reconcile techniques used in resistance surveillance and to investigate the diversity of European techniques.
- To provide an opportunity for training in resistance detection and surveillance.
- To improve access to European data on surveillance.

Present and planned activities

- Organization of scientific sessions and meetings at ECCMID 2015 Copenhagen
 - Meet-the-Expert Session: How and when to use non-conventional drugs for treatment of Gram-negative pathogens?; Organiser(s): ESGARS (accepted)
 - Meet-the-Expert Session: How to screen for carriage of carbapenem-resistant bacteria?; Organiser(s): ESGARS
 - 2-hour Symposium: Bloodstream infections in the era of MDR and XDR Gram-negative bacteria; Organiser(s): ESGARS, ESGARIS
 - ESGARS business meeting
 - CAESAR network meeting
- Research projects
 - Surveillance of antimicrobial resistance in invasive infections beyond the EARS-Net countries – a collaboration with WHO and RIVM resulting in the CAESAR network
- Other meetings and courses
 - PGEC: Carbapenemases in Enterobacteriaceae: challenges and preparedness. Verona, Italy, 24 - 26 Sep 2015; Organiser(s): ESGARS, EUCIC



Countries included in the CAESAR network (Central Asian and Eastern European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance)

CAESAR network and ESGARS

- Country assessments on AMR - ESGARS is responsible for the microbiological assessments on each country visit.
- In 2013–2014, country situation analyses were performed in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Uzbekistan, Albania, and Turkmenistan. In 2015 analyses are planned in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Ukraine.
- Countries submitting data to CAESAR; BLR, SWI, FYR MKD, TUR, SRB
- First annual report April 2015
- Contact ESGARS if you are interested in participating in the pool of microbiological experts taking part of the country visits
- ESGARS is also interested in connecting with laboratories that are interested in mentorship in a laboratory twinning system



Second CAESAR network meeting at ECCMID, Barcelona 2014

Interested in becoming a member of ESGARS?

Membership of ESGARS is open to those interested in resistance surveillance at local, national and international levels, including representatives from government or corporate bodies.

All members must be approved by the ESGARS Executive Committee.

All regular ESGARS members are automatically considered associated ESCMID members, with no further obligation towards the Society (no membership fee).

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