



European Study Group for Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology (ESGFOR)

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New Study Group:

Confirmed individuals from 7 countries
(Belgium, France, Israel, Italy, Slovenia, Spain,
Turkey)

Achievements 2014/2015

•Some history:

- 29th October 2014: Formal written confirmation of SG approval
- 18th February 2014: email correspondence to interested people gathered during ‘forensic and postmortem microbiology in the 21st century ‘ symposium at ECCMID 2014: N° ESGFOR members anno 12^d April 2015 = 12

•Education

- ECCMID 2014 - Symposium: “Forensic and postmortem microbiology in the 21st century”
 - Forensic and autopsy microbiology: general overview and current challenges
 - Microbiological testing of tissues and cells for transplantation: practical guidelines
 - Sudden unexpected death in infancy and childhood: how frequent is infectious etiology?
 - Looking for microbes in paraffin blocks and other archival clinical samples

First plans

- Establish European guidance for standardised sampling in forensic microbiology
- Publish such European guidance
- Set up study group project: interpretation of microbiological samples from forensic cases
- Organizing a new postgraduate course including main topics of interest in forensic and postmortem microbiology

ESGFOR membership

- Open to all within ESCMID who have an interest in forensic and post-mortem microbiology, including medico-legal issues regarding infectious diseases.
- For further details please visit our website at:

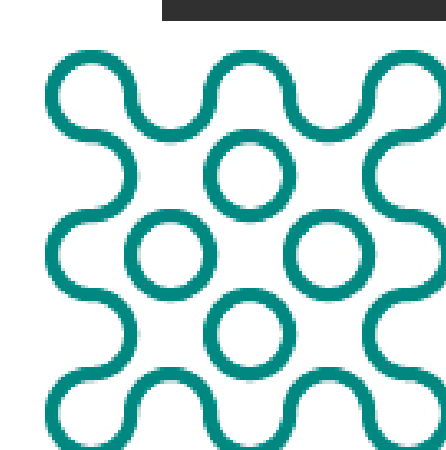
https://www.escmid.org/research_projects/study_groups/forensicpostmortem_microbio/
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ESGFOR Key objectives

- Establish European guidance for standardised microbiological sampling in forensic cases
- Create new networks between microbiologists, virologists, anthropologists and archaeologists working in the field of forensic medicine
- Facilitate cooperation between (forensic) pathologists and (forensic) microbiologists with shared points of interest
- Facilitate cooperation between European Societies of microbiology and pathology
- Facilitate cooperation between microbiologists from ESCMID and from the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI)
- To contribute to the educational activities and meetings of the Society and to submit proposals for Postgraduate Education Courses and ECCMID symposia
- To stimulate the collaboration between ESCMID and international societies focusing on sudden infant death

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