



ESGCP members in ECCMID-Berlin, 2013

Parasitic infections have a world-wide distribution with high prevalence in tropical settings. Europe clinicians have to deal with both endemic parasitic infections in Europe and imported parasitic diseases. In daily practice diagnostics and treatment of intestinal parasites, malaria and toxoplasmosis are of main importance. Immunosuppression and changes of prevalence of parasites due to different factors, like global warming, increased the awareness of parasites and this process with probably continue.

The ESCMID study group for clinical parasitology has been founded in 2007 and has now more than 900 members of 102 different countries.

The study group aims to provide information and shed light on the following subjects:

1. Provide information about the prevalence of parasitic infections in different parts of Europe;
2. Provide information on clinical policies and practices within Europe;
3. Provide comparisons of diagnostic performances of different assays including quality control
4. Provide information on parasitic infections in immuno-compromised patients

**Activities:**

In **2014** ESGCP organized,  
 • Infectious Diseases in the Mediterranean and the Middle East: Current Challenges, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course **22-24 September, Izmir, Turkey**

In **2015** organizes,  
 • Laboratory Diagnosis of Human Parasitic Infections, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course **26-30 January, Leiden, Netherlands**

• Indigenous Parasitic Diseases in Europe, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course. **6-8 May, Pavia, Italy**

• Improving Patient Safety: the Neglected Impact of Age and Gender, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course. **2-4 September, Barcelona, Spain.**

**Funded research projects:**

• **Leishmania Project (P307-1)** Comparison of *Leishmania* species typing results in 17 European clinical laboratories.

• **Toxoplasma Project:** Reviewing prevention measures and evaluating the burden of toxoplasmosis in transplant patients in European countries



Participants PGTW course Leiden, January 2015

The ESGCP started

**6 subgroups** with the topics:

- **Intestinal Parasites**
- **Malaria**
- **Leishmania**
- **Echinococcus**
- **Toxoplasma**
- **Chagas**

If you want to join our study group and/or one of these subgroups please contact the secretary [malvarez@clinic.ub.es](mailto:malvarez@clinic.ub.es)

For more information about the studygroup

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