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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.

RECENT AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

CAESAR network and ESGARS.
Countries participating in CAESAR: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, and Kosovo. [In accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)].

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Research Project

• Increment-SOT: Impact of specific antimicrobials and MIC values on the outcome of bloodstream infections due to ESBL- or carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae in Solid Organ Transplantation: an observational multinational study. REIP, ESGICHT, ESBIS, ESGARS.

Organization of scientific sessions and meetings, ECCMID 2017

• 2-hour Symposium: Reporting antibiogram data. 22 April, 2017. 13:30 – 15:30. Hall B.
• 2-hour Symposium: Polymyxin resistance current situation and lessons for optimized use. 25 April, 2017; 09:00 – 11:00. Hall J.

RECENT AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Post-Graduate Education Courses and Technical Workshop.

• PGEC: Virulence and resistance in Staphylococcus aureus: 2016 state of the art. Lyon, France, 28.06.-01.07.2016; Organisers: ESGS, ESGARS, ESBIBIS, ESGEM, EPASG, ESQVM, EUCAST.
• PGTW: Antimicrobial susceptibility testing and surveillance: from laboratory to clinic. A EUCAST, ESGARS and EPASG perspective. Bochum, Germany, 20.-23.09.2016; Organisers: ESGARS, EPASG, EUCAST, Ruhr University Bochum.

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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