What is TAE?: The TAE is a group of trainees and young specialists in clinical microbiology (CM) and infectious diseases (ID). We have 6 steering committee members and many representatives from different countries to form a large network of young enthusiastic people to organize activities under the wings of the ESCMID.

What does the TAE do?: One of the goals of the TAE is to take training in CM and ID to new heights. By using international resources, we can discuss optimal training programmes, have international trainee courses with respected speakers and learn from each others’ regional specialties. By creating a large network of young professionals in CM and ID, a door is opened for better trans-European collaboration and effective use of resources.

OBJECTIVES
- To recognize, interpret and overcome challenges faced by trainees of CM and ID throughout Europe
- To implement harmonized content and quality of CM and ID training and European curricula across Europe via consultation with UEAS and national societies
- To generate a broader and inter-related collaboration of CM and ID trainees across Europe by using a regional and worldwide network of CM and ID trainees
- To stimulate observiseness, mentorship and other exchange programmes across Europe and beyond European borders
- To encourage exchange programmes during the undergraduate study period
- To acknowledge and reward distinguished young ESCMID members
- To promote educational events in the context of and outside of ECCMID
- To improve and assist in scientific education for European CM and ID trainees

What to do during ECCMID 2017?: Join us on Trainee day on Saturday April 22nd:
- We organize round table sessions with experts in the fields of CM and ID, which offer great chances for young professionals to learn about various options in their lives, to think about possibilities and to get inspiration from experts who were once in the same position at the crossroads of their career path. At the same time, this will be a perfect opportunity to build stronger links between senior experts and future professionals.
- TAE awards for training achievements will be presented and Young Investigator Awardees will give presentations.

Do you want to get more involved in TAE?:
- Use your ESCMID membership to participate, make suggestions and ask questions. Take advantage of all the available resources and benefits.
- Are you a trainee in CM or ID or have you finished your specialization of CM/ID less than three years ago? Would you like to join as a representative for your country? Don’t hesitate to contact one of the TAE steering committee members.

Future plans:
- Further increase our international network.
- Strengthen the collaboration with medical students.
- Launch a new survey about training conditions in 2017.
- Organize educational programmes in collaboration with ESCMID study groups for next ECCMID 2018 and other postgraduate educational courses throughout the year.

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