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Two new members will be elected in 2018, replacing Giuseppe CORNAGLIA and Luis MARTINEZ-MARTINEZ.

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES
• To provide a uniting 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.

CAESAR Annual Report 2017:

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, REIPI, ESGICH, ESGBIS, ESGARS.

Organization of scientific sessions and meetings, ECCMID 2018
• 1-Hour Symposium. SY072 - Resistance to new cephalosporin-inhibitor combinations - mechanisms and clinical significance. Sunday, 22 April 2018 - 11:30 - 12:30. Hall D.
• 1-Hour Symposium. SY073 - The good and the bad of human microbiota. Sunday, 22 April 2018 - 11:30 - 12:30. Hall E. Co-organized by: ESGARS, ESGAI (ESCMID SG for Anaerobic Infections), ASA (Anaerobe Society of the Americas)
• 1-Hour Symposium. SY075 - Reservoirs of antimicrobial resistance genes. Sunday, 22 April 2018 - 11:30 - 12:30. Hall I. ESGVM (ESCMID SG for Veterinary Microbiology), EFWISG (ESCMID Food- and Waterborne Infections SG), ESGARS; ESGS (ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases).
• 1-Hour Symposium. SY202 - Antimicrobial resistance in sexually transmitted bacterial infections. Tuesday, 24 April 2018 - 11:30 - 12:30. Hall B. ESGMI (ESCMID SG for Mycoplasma Infections), ESGARS.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES
Conferences:
• International Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (ICOHAR). [September-October 2018]. Lyon, France.
• Conference on antimicrobial resistance from bench to practice. 26 - 27 September 2018, Havana, Cuba.

Post-Graduate Education Courses and Technical Workshop.
• PGTW: Antimicrobial susceptibility testing and surveillance: from laboratory to clinic. A EUCAST, ESGARS and EPASG perspective. Bochum, Germany. 25.-28.09.2018; Organisers: ESGARS, EPASG, EUCAST, Ruhr University Bochum. Germany.

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).
Please visit the ESGARS homepage:
http://www.escmid.org/research_projects/study_groups/esgars/