

Countries with representatives

European Study Group for Forensic and Post-mortem Microbiology (ESGFOR)

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New Study Group (SG approval October 2014):

39 individuals from 15 countries (Belgium, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom)

Achievements 2017/2018

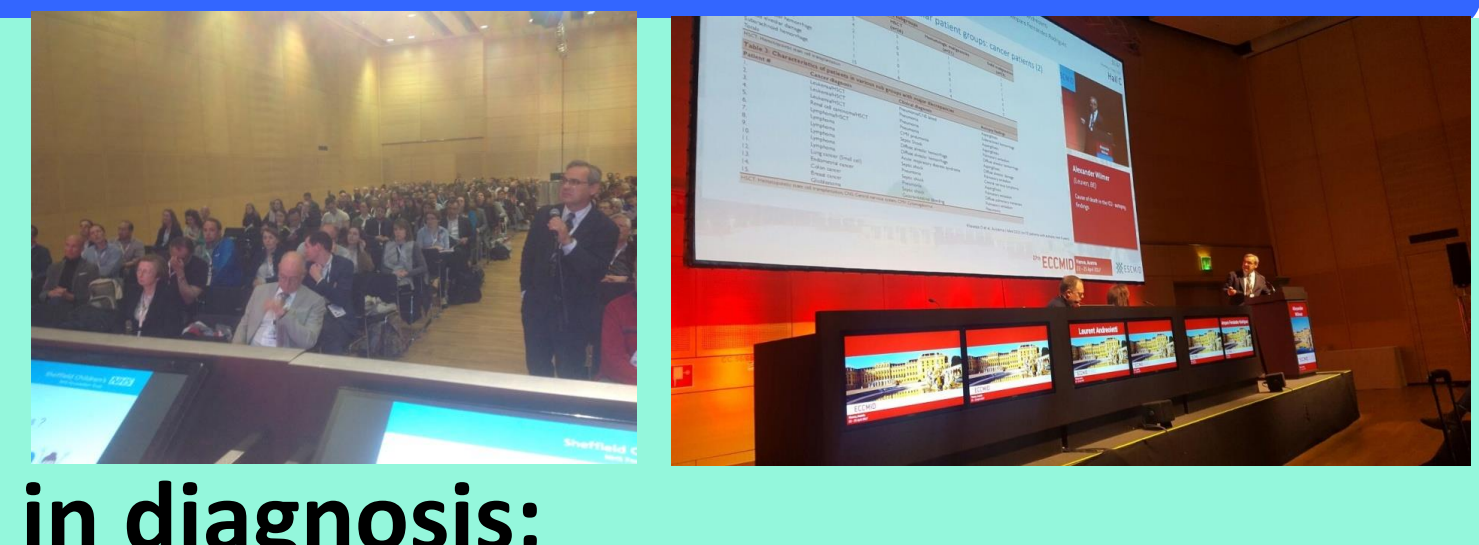
Educational activities at ECCMID

@ ECCMID 2017 Vienna:

- 2-hour Symposium: Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Clinician, microbiologist and pathologist-joining efforts in diagnosis; Organizer(s): ESGFOR, ESGCIP, ESP

@ ECCMID 2018 Madrid:

- 2-hour Symposium Transmission of pathogens and molecular phylogenetics: a forensic perspective. ID 15556. Session Number: SY029. 21 Apr 2018: 13:30 - 15:30 h, Hall I. Organiser: ESGFOR, ESGEM, ISID
- 1-hour Symposium: Bioterrorism preparedness: molecular update. ID15222. Session Number: SY203. 24 Apr 2018: 11:30 - 12:30 h, Hall E. Organisers: ESGFOR, ESGMD



Other Educational activities outside ECCMID

In 2017:

- 29th European Congress of Pathology: 2-6 September 2017. Amsterdam: Business meeting with ESGFOR, ESCMID (2hrs): Microbiology and Pathology: Joining efforts in the investigation of unexpected deaths. Joint session ESGFOR and ESP Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology Committee (2 hours)
- Congrès de la Société Française de Microbiologie (9-11 October, Paris). Symposium entitled "Forensic and Post mortem microbiology in the 21st century" in Partenariat with the ESCMID Study Group for Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology – ESGFOR. Session date: 10 October 2017. (1 1/2 hours)
- Collaboration of ESGFOR with the ESGMD in the ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course: Regional capacity-building for integration of next generation sequencing in the Clinical Microlab; 29-31 October 2017, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Belgian institute for tissue and Cell banks, 14/9/2017: Microbiological control in tissue banks, 2d Workshop of the BVWB-ABBT (collaborative activity of ESGFOR).
- 2017 ECDC expert panel participation: Assessing the risk of bacterial diseases transmission by substances of human origin.



29th European Congress of Pathology
Pathology for Patient Care
2 – 6 September 2017, Amsterdam RAI, The Netherlands
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ESC 2017 - Abstracts
SC 14 Short Course
17:15-19:15 G106-G107
Joint Short Course Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology & ESCMID
Microbiology and pathology: Joint efforts in the investigation of unexpected deaths (a Business Meeting)
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In 2018:

- Collaboration with the APST (Animal, Plant & Soil Traces) Study Group of ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes). A) STEFA project. B) APST-ENFSI meeting Pontoise 2018. Oral communication: Promoting forensic microbiology from the ESGFOR.
- Short course in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, Tunisia (in preparation).
- Educational activities with some study groups of the ESP (European Society of Pathology) (in preparation).
- Collaboration in the course: The plague: a multidisciplinary vision with the Basque Country University (Vitoria, Spain)

Publications

- Publication of the results of the survey aimed to pathologists regarding post-mortem microbiology
- Guidelines on post-mortem sampling for microbiology : (1) sudden death scenarios (submitted). (2) Bioterrorism (in preparation),

Other important activities

- Memorandum of understanding between ESCMID and the European Society of Pathology ESP (from April 1, 2016).
- Pilot study: Targeted 16S-23S rDNA Next Generation sequencing: useful in identifying an infectious cause of death? (3 ESGFOR members).
- Abstract 2325 ECCMID 2018 with preliminary results from this pilot study



Primordial objectives

- Establish European guidance for standardised sampling in forensic microbiology
- Set up study group project: interpretation of microbiological samples from forensic cases
- Facilitate cooperation between European Societies of microbiology and pathology

ESGFOR membership:

Open to all ESCMID members with 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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