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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:
   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.

In 2018:
• 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).
• Abstract 2325 ECCMID 2018 with preliminary results from this pilot study

ESGFOR membership:
Open to all ESCMID members with an interest in forensic and post-mortem microbiology, including medico-legal issues regarding infectious diseases.
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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