**ESGARS Executive Committee**
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President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected in 2018.

**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**
**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.
- 1-Hour Symposium. SY075 - Reservoirs of antimicrobial resistance genes. ESGVM (ESCMID SG for Veterinary Microbiology), EFWISG (ESCMID Food- and Water-borne Infections SG), ESGARS; ESGs (ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases).
- 1-Hour Symposium. SY158 - A China - Europe axis of developing antimicrobial resistance monitoring. CMA/CIMF (Chinese Medical Association/China International Medical Foundation), ESGARS.
- 1-Hour Symposium. SY202 - Antimicrobial resistance in sexually transmitted bacterial infections. Hall B. ESGMI (ESCMID SG for Mycoplasma Infections), ESGARS.
- ESGARS Business Meeting. 22 April, 2018

**Conference:**

**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

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES**
- ESGARS 2h symposium at ECCMID 2019. Saturday 13th 10h-12h Hall B. The last bastion of AMR: heteroresistance in multidrug-resistant Gram-negative pathogens.
- 1h ESGARS session at ICOHAR (International congress on one health antimicrobial resistance). Supranational Networks for surveillance of human multiresistant pathogens and The relative contribution by livestock to resistance problems in human medicine. 16-18 April 2019, Utrecht.
- Co-organizing with ESGFOR the ESCMID postgraduate course Diagnostic challenges of severe infections causing deaths. 10-12 October 2019, Zagreb

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. Regular ESGARS members are automatically considered associated ESCMID members, with no further obligation towards the Society (no membership fee). Please visit the ESGARS homepage: