ESGIB: European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

History of ESGIB:
The group was founded 2007 as “ESCMID Meningitis Study Group” (EMESG), expanding in 2013 to cover all infectious diseases of the brain. At the general assembly of EMESG 2012 the decision has been taken to broaden up the topic of EMESG from meningitis to include other infectious diseases of the central nervous system. To this end we have joined forces with colleagues interested in encephalitis to form a new study group called ESMCID Study Group for Infectious Diseases of the Brain (ESGIB).

Mission & Objectives
Infectious diseases of the brain are life threatening diseases; this is particularly true for encephalitis and meningitis, the most common serious manifestation of infection of the brain that often have a disastrous outcome. A significant fraction of emerging pathogens present as a neurological infection. Guidelines are needed for an improvement of medical as well as microbiological management. Physicians are not aware enough about long term sequelae and so there is an unmet need for educational programs. The group has for aim to support research (clinical as well as microbiological), to provide guidelines and educational programs.

Objectives
The objective of ESGIB is to promote and disseminate studies and knowledge on Infectious Diseases of the Brain. A multidisciplinary approach is necessary including scientists from clinical and molecular microbiology, neurology and infectious diseases. It is therefore, the objective of the ESGIB to facilitate cooperation between these disciplines.

ESGIB: a vibrant community of collaborating scientists

SG contribution to publication 2018/19:

Activities in 2018/2019
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course Acute Bacterial CNS Infections of the Brain. Munich, Germany 11 – 13 October 2018. The course was a great success running three parallel sessions including visits to the Neurology-ICU and the Emergency Care of the University Hospital. The workshop attracted 48 participants from 15 different countries and was a great opportunity to network between the participants and the faculty.

ESGIB scientific meeting pre-ECCMID. 20/04/2018 Madrid. A half day discussion and networking meeting to exchange unpublished ongoing work with the aim to set up new scientific collaborations within ESGIB.

Upcoming Activities 2019
@ ECCMID 2019 Amsterdam:
- Device-related central nervous system (CNS) infections: 15/04
- Neuroinvasive viral infection: 16/04

Outside ECCMID
- ESMCID Postgraduate Education Course 3rd course on Encephalitis, ESGIB. 26 – 28 June 2019 at the Medical University of Grenoble, Hospital Center University of Grenoble, La Tronche, Grenoble, France.

Upcoming Activities: Will be discussed and planned during the ESGIB Business Meeting: Join the discussion and promote your ideas! (Room G106/107, on Sunday 14th, 4 to 6 pm)

Interested in joining?
Contact: Marco Oggioni mro5@leicester.ac.uk
Please come to the ESGIB Business Meeting: Sunday 14/04/2019, from 4 to 6 pm, Room G106/107