Open call to join the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Subcommittee

On behalf of the ESCMID Executive Committee, we are pleased to announce an open call for 2 new members of the ESCMID Scientific Affairs Subcommittee. The officers' term is from April 2027 to April 2031 (after ESCMID Global).

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) is the leading society in the world in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, with members from all European countries and on all continents.

The Scientific Affairs Subcommittee (SAS) advises the society on strategic matters related to Scientific Affairs and supports the Science Counsellor, the Executive Committee and the Executive Office. Each member of the SAS takes responsibility for a specific section or theme providing expertise in this area.

The vacant positions are in the following themes:

- Bacteria & Bacterial Diseases
- Parasites & Parasitic Diseases
- Viruses & Viral Diseases
- Pathogenesis and Immunology

SAS members are expected to accomplish the following tasks:

- to have a good understanding of the organisation of the Society. This includes awareness of the vision, values and mission.
- to prepare for and attend all SAS meetings (approx. one physical and three online meetings per year).
- to assist the Science Counsellor and the Society in defining priorities in Scientific Affairs in general.
- to participate in the annual congress ESCMID Global (April)
- to review applications of new Study Groups and annually assess Study Group activities. The annual assessment takes place over a two-week period at the start of the year (January) and includes on average 3-4 hours of work.
- to evaluate applications for different research grants and awards within the indicated deadlines. SAS members can expect approx. 3 annual evaluation periods of about 1 month each (end of summer, September and November; 3-4 h of work each). You can find more information on the calls for research grants and awards on our website.
- to take over individual responsibility in the assigned section/theme as section/theme leader to push the area forward and facilitate collaborations to represent ESCMID in their country (and possibly neighboring countries) with the aim of tightening relationships and to foster collaboration.
- to suggest and guide scientific events and to contribute to SAS proposals for sessions at ESCMID Global, ESCMID's annual congress.
- to advise the Society in leading and stimulating innovative research and its publication in

clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.

These tasks will be accomplished by email or teleconferences and at one in person meeting annually with the Science Counsellor, usually held one day prior to ESCMID Global.

Qualifications and requirements

To be considered for the position, applicants must be an ESCMID member in good standing and have an extensive background and proven expertise in the designated theme.

NB: In order to comply with ESCMID geographic diversity guidelines, applications will not be considered from members from the following countries (place of work): China, France, India, Italy, Spain, US.

Interested and qualified individuals are invited to send their CV (max. 2 pages, highlighting their top 5 publications and ORCID or similar), the filled ESCMID Conflict of Interest form, together with a cover letter (max. 1 page) stating their motivation, qualifications, expertise and experience to science@escmid.org. The conflict of interest form can be accessed here: https://my.escmid.org/login

Deadline for sending applications is 9 November 2026
Please note that interviews for the four vacant positions will take place on 04, 10 and 11 December 2026 (CET).