

ESGB Newsletter December 2025

Dear ESGB Member

In this final newsletter of 2025 we provide an update on EUROBIOFILMS 2026, announce the organizer of EUROBIOFILMS 2028, and inform about a revision of the aims of the ESGB.

- **EUROBIOFILMS 2026, update.**

- The EUROBIOFILMS 2026 International Congress will take place in Guimarães, Portugal, from 17–20. June 2026, bringing together leading experts in microbial biofilms. As an event of the ESCMID Biofilm Study Group (ESGB), the congress will provide a forum for exchange between researchers, clinicians/MDs, healthcare professionals, and other medical-field stakeholders, with a strong focus on collaboration and networking. The scientific programme will highlight advances in key areas of biofilm research, including innovative methods, tolerance and resistance, multispecies biofilms, emerging control strategies, clinical diagnosis, host-pathogen interaction and beneficial biofilms. Participants will benefit from keynote lectures, thematic sessions, poster presentations, workshops and networking opportunities. Early-career participation is actively encouraged.

Abstract submission is open until 31. January 2026. Further updates and information are available on the conference website:

<https://eurobiofilms2026.org>. We look forward to welcoming the ESGB community at Palácio Vila Flor, a landmark venue in the historic UNESCO World Heritage city of Guimarães.

- **Next EUROBIOFILM organizer.**

- It is with great pleasure we announce that EUROBIOFILMS 2028 will take place in Tromsø, Norway. The organization of EUROBIOFILM 2028 will be headed by PhD Pauline Cavanagh and PhD Elizabeth Fredheim, both employed at the University of Tromsø (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway). UiT has a number of institutes working scientifically with biofilm issues and is placed next to Tromsø University Hospital ensuring the clinical impact of EUROBIOFILMS 2028.

- **New Vision and aims of ESGB**

- 20-years after the establishment of ESGB we in the new executive committee of ESGB decided to give the Mission, Vision and aims a workover. Although, biofilms persists, the world around them changes. Please have a look at the new version on the ESGB section of the ESCMID homepage (<https://www.escmid.org/esgb/>).

Kind regards from the executive committee of ESGB and see you in 2026