

ESGB Newsletter February 2026

Dear ESGB Member

In the first ESGB Newsletter of 2026, the executive committee (EC) inform on the next Biofilm Corner, updates on EUROBIOFILMS 2026, ESGB Business meeting during ESCMID Global 2026 and preparation of proposals for ESCMID Global 2027.

- The next Biofilm Corner is highly interesting focusing on Bacteriophages, **New Perspectives on the Phage-Biofilm Interactions** is scheduled for **Tuesday March 24, 17:00-18:00 CET** and chaired by Luis Melo, ESGB EC member. Two strong presenters within the field will update us the potential of phages in biofilms:
  - 1) Paul Bollyky, Chief of Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center  
Talk: **"The Current State of Phage Therapy Against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*"**
  - 2) Tristan Ferry, Co-head of the Infectious and Tropical disease unit in Hospices Civils de Lyon, ESGNTA  
Talk: **"Potential beneficial clinical impact of phage therapy in biofilm-associated infections"**

Please join via Zoom:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7C7XX5FSE2xxBad1zCdOQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7C7XX5FSE2xxBad1zCdOQ)

- ESGB EC remind you of the upcoming **EUROBIOFILMS 2026**, an international conference dedicated to the latest advances in biofilm research and innovation. To take place in **Guimaraes, Portugal June 17.-20**. EUROBIOFILMS 2026 will bring together a multidisciplinary community of researchers, academics, and clinicians from Europe and around the world to share the latest discoveries, exchange innovative ideas, and strengthen collective efforts to better understand and combat biofilm-related infections.  
**Abstract deadline has been extended to March 1.**  
Further information at: <https://eurobiofilms2026.org/>
- The ESGB Business meeting during ESCMID Global in the ICM of Messe München (the venue) is scheduled to:  
**Study Group Name: ESGB**  
**Date and Time: Monday, 20.04.2026, 11:00-12:00**  
**Room name: Room ICM 2**  
There will also be shared a Zoom link closer to the event.
- Although it's the ESCMID Global 2026 that is approaching, in the ESGB EC we are already beginning to plan session proposals for the ESCMID Global 2027. We do this because the time period after ESCMID Global until deadline for proposals for next years ESCMID Global is relatively short.

Besides discussing our own ideas, we do this by contacting other Study Groups and additional scientific and clinical societies, since co-proposals between Study Groups are encouraged by ESCMID.

But we would also strongly encourage our members to come up with ideas for proposals.

In the ESGB EC we meet the next time in March 12.-13. where we will have our first discussions of ideas and suggestions.

Therefore, if you have any ideas already now, please forward them to one of us in the ESGB EC.

We will of course also accept suggestions afterwards, this is simply to be the best prepared we can be – at the ESGB Business meeting we will inform on the final deadline for receiving suggestions.

Best regards from the ESGB EC and see you in München