

## ESGB Newsletter September 2025

Dear ESGB member,

Mid-September, the executive committee (EC) of ESGB met in person at Son Espases Hospital, Palma de Mallorca to discuss how we, as the EC, can improve ESGB activities and the support for our members. The meeting resulted in several new initiatives, next to continuing existing successful ones. We are aiming at meeting each other more frequently to be able to keep along with new situations in the world of biofilm, requirements of ESCMID, and most important demands from you as members.

### Important results from this meeting and other activities:

- Formalization of contacts of the EC members to the most obvious other study groups and contact persons (liaisons) to have better continued communication and collaboration with these study groups. Liaisons will optimize our joined proposals for the ESCMID Global, and joined grant applications, guideline writings and other collaborations.
- ESGB offers Ad hoc positions in the EC by either young scientists from the Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE), or members with specific areas of interest that are unique to Study Group topic within biofilms. One obvious task is to take care of the social media with important short messages. We already have two candidates but can have more. **Please contact the EC if you are interested in such a position.**
- October 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline of the SG Collaboration Grant application period, supporting 180,000 € for collaborative projects including at least 3 SGs. To be able to assess eligibility for support by the ESGB **we need to receive your suggestions no later than October the 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure the (draft) outline and (draft) text is included entering all Study groups involved, whether they are contacted yet (if so, include names/emails) and the PI.
- For ESCMID Global 2026, we managed to submit seven proposals and three of those were included in the program by the program committee:
  - 1-hour symposium – Resistance redefined: how to analyze biofilms and anaerobes. Together with ESGAI.
  - 2-hour educational session – Strategies to tackle biofilm-associated infections. Together with ESGNTA.
  - 2-hour symposium – Biofilms, the hidden threat in healthcare environment: unveiling detection, control and prevention strategies. Together with ESGNI.
- The program is beginning to take form for the next year's EUROBIOFILMS 2026, Guimaraes, Portugal 2026 June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, headed by Joana Azeredo and Nuno Azevedo. There has been appointed both a Local Organizing Committee and an International Scientific Advisory Board. For important dates and more, please go the webpage: <https://eurobiofilms2026.org>.

- Finally, we also encourage our members to think about the host of the EUROBIOFILMS 2028. We have already received a strong candidate, and we would like to have this settled soon. Don't hesitate to ***contact the EC if you would like to organize the EUROBIOFILMS 2028.***

Kind regards from the executive committee of ESGB