

Annual Report 2025

1. Publications

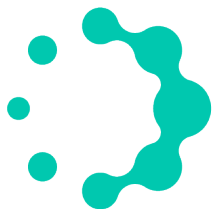
- i. Dessau RB, Raffetin A, Eikeland R, Fingerle V, Henningsson AJ, Hunfeld KP, Jaulhac B, Lienhard R, Lindgren PE, Markowicz M, Mavin S, Ornstein K, Wijnveld M, Strle F. The choice of study designs of diagnostic accuracy using Borrelia specific IgG and IgM antibodies for the diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2025 Aug;31(8):1307-1312. doi: [10.1016/j.cmi.2025.04.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cmi.2025.04.001)
- ii. Raffetin A, Henningsson AJ, Ornstein K, Arias P, Fingerle V, Patrat-Delon S, Bremell D, Lindgren PE, Rupprecht TA, Jaulhac B, Hunfeld KP, Cazorla C, Markowicz M, Lienhard R, van Dam AP, Baux E, Mavin S, Hovius JW, Baarsma ME, Berg KK, Eikeland R, Dessau RB; ESGBOR the ESCMID study group for Tick-Borne Diseases. Towards shortening the duration of antibiotic therapy for Lyme borreliosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Infection. 2025 Jun;53(3):809-830. doi: [10.1007/s15010-025-02501-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s15010-025-02501-3)

2. Educational activities

- i. Organised the [European Conference on Tick-borne Diseases](#) in Paris, France, 10-11 March 2025
- ii. Organised a [pre-course for NSCMID](#) (Nordic Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) in Mariehamn, Finland, 27-28 August 2025
- iii. Organised the [SNÄFF](#) (Swedish Network for Tick and Tick-Borne Pathogen Research) conference in Ystad, Sweden, 1-3 April 2025

3. Proposals for ESCMID Global 2026

Title of session	Status
Session type: 1-hour Symposium: Outsmarting ticks: decoding tick-host-pathogen interactions and advancing vaccines against tick-borne diseases Talk 1: Insights into tick immune-developmental pathways impacting vector biology and pathogen persistence Talk 2: Counter-attacking the tick bite: anti-tick vaccines to prevent tick-borne diseases	accepted
Session type: 2-hour Symposium: The rise of tick-borne diseases: why are things changing? Talk 1: Urban 'greening', land fragmentation and their impact upon transmission of tick-borne diseases Talk 2: Climate change as a driver of tick-borne disease emergence	accepted



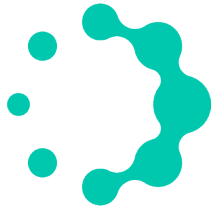
Talk 3: Hitching a ride: role of migratory birds in transferring ticks to new habitats Talk 4: 'Seek and thou shall find': harnessing the power of citizen science	
Session type: Meet-the-Expert: How to use serological tests for Lyme borreliosis Session title: How to use serological tests for Lyme borreliosis	accepted
1 hour Meet-the-Expert: Imaging in LNB	submitted, not accepted
2 hours symposium New threats on the horizon: an update on emerging TBDs in Europe	submitted, not accepted
2 hours symposium: Prokaryotic taxonomy	submitted, not accepted
1 hour meet the expert: European tick-borne infections in immunosuppressed patients – when and how to investigate?	submitted, not accepted
2 hours educational session: When Nature Bites Back: Infections From the Animal Kingdom	submitted, not accepted

4. Newsletters

Newsletter	Date distributed
ESGBOR Newsletter May 2025	16.05.2025
ESGBOR Newsletter November 2025	28.11.2025

5. Other Activities

- i. Come and visit our website: <https://www.esgbor.org/>



6. Administration

Number of members	975	
Number of attendees at annual business meeting	42 on-site	
Information about the composition of the Executive Board, including any change	Chair	Anna J. Henningsson
	Secretary	Mateusz Markowicz
	Treasurer	Randi Eikeland
	Science Officer	Volker Fingerle
	Education Officer	Alice Raffetin
Term of the current Executive Committee	2024-2026	