



Annual Report 2025

1. Publications

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- ii. Krutova M, Kovarovic V, Brajerova M, Demay F, Zikova J, Prasad S, Soltesova A, Novakova E, Pituch H, Kuijper E, Smits WK, Novotna GB. Genomic islands and molecular mechanisms relating to drug-resistance in *Clostridioides* (*Clostridium*) *difficile* PCR ribotype 176. *Emerg Microbes Infect*. 2025 Dec;14(1):2482698. doi: [10.1080/22221751.2025.2482698](https://doi.org/10.1080/22221751.2025.2482698)
- iii. van Prehn J, Kuijper EJ, Dubberke ER. Recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* Infections. *JAMA*. 2025 Oct 20. doi: [10.1001/jama.2025.18089](https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2025.18089)
- iv. Freeman J, Sanders IMJG, Harmanus C, Clark EV, Berry AM, Smits WK. Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of *Clostridioides difficile*: a dual-site study of three different media and three therapeutic antimicrobials. *Clin Microbiol Infect*. 2025 Jun;31(6):1011-1017. doi: [10.1016/j.cmi.2025.01.028](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cmi.2025.01.028)

2. Educational activities

- i. Supported the organisation of the [Combatting CDI Conference](#), Leeds, England; 14-15 October, 2025
- ii. Supported the organisation of the [ClostPath 2025](#) conference, Paris, France; 1-4 September 2025

3. Proposals for ESCMID Global 2026

Title of session:	Status
Meet the expert- C. difficile infection diagnosis, why is it so difficult?	Submitted
Novel therapeutics for C. difficile infections	Accepted
One Health beyond AMR: The Challenge of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> infection Control outside the hospital walls	Accepted
Educational Session (120'). Then and now, CDI control in era of dominate ribotypes vs CDI control in era of genetic diversity. Are lessons of the past still relevant?	Submitted
Education session (120') C. difficile infection : Back to basics	Submitted



4. Newsletters

Newsletter	Date distributed
Spring Newsletter	7/APR/2025
Summer Newsletter	17/JUL/2025
Autumn Newsletter	21/OCT/2025
Winter Newsletter	Pending/DEC/2025

5. Web Symposia and virtual events

- i. Organised the web symposium „How to – differences in policies for FMT” in January 2025
- ii. Organised the web symposium “Antimicrobial resistance of *C. difficile*” in September 2025
- iii. Organised the web symposium “Challenge with non-toxigenic *Clostridioides difficile* in healthy volunteers with expected and surprising findings” in November 2025 in collaboration with ESGHAMI
- iv. Organised the web symposium “ESGCD traditional Xmas Webinar” in December 2025

6. Collaborations

- i. Co-submitted a session proposal to ASM Microbe 2025: “The Frontier of Fecal Microbiota Transplant and Live Therapeutic Products in Treating *C. diff* infections” together with ESGHAMI

7. Other Activities

- i. ESGCD gave 5 trainee / junior faculty travel grants to attend ESCMID Global 2025
- ii. Come and follow us in [LinkedIn!](#)
- iii. ESGCD has a patient representative on the Executive Committee (John Heritage) who provides a patient-oriented perspective to our activities to ensure we best meet the needs of the patient.
- iv. NIAID funded grant with 3 ESGCD members from 3 different countries as key personnel (PI- Erik Dubberke (US), significant contributors Mark Wilcox (UK), Maja Rupnik (Slovenia)): “Culturomic and metagenomic methods optimization to detect multi-strain *C. difficile* colonization and infection”
- v. ESGCD generated educational material for lay-person/public, in particular a cartoon explaining how antibiotics predispose to *C. difficile* infection that can be found on the [ESGCD website](#)



8. Administration

Number of members	1083	
Number of attendees at annual business meeting	75	
Information about the composition of the Executive Board, including any change	Chair	Kerrie Davies
	Secretary	Erik Dubberke
	Treasurer	John Coia
	Science Officer	Wiep Klaas Smits
	Education Officer	Benoir Guery
Term of the current Executive Committee	2024-2026	