



Bylaws of the ESCMID Study Group for *Clostridioides difficile*

These Bylaws are written rules of conduct of the Study Group, based on the Statutes of the Study Group and in particular Article 5. They set out the form, manner or procedure in which the Study Group is run.

§ 1 Name

ESCMID Study Group for *Clostridioides difficile* (ESGCD).

§ 2 Purpose of the Study Group

One of the main aims of the Study Group is to raise awareness of *C. difficile* infections in European hospitals. The anaerobe *C. difficile* is the aetiological agent of pseudomembranous colitis (PMC) and is also a major cause of antibiotic-associated diarrhoea.

The aims of the Study Group are centred around raising the profile of *C. difficile* infections, fostering collaboration in centres in different European countries and providing a forum for discussing and disseminating the information.

Initially the major aims are to:

- Determine the prevalence of nosocomial *C. difficile* infections in European hospitals
- Explore if it is feasible to adopt a standardised typing method for *C. difficile*
- Compare the types of *C. difficile* prevalent in European hospitals
- Provide surveillance on the antimicrobial susceptibility of European strains of *C. difficile*
- Draw up European guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and surveillance of *C. difficile* infections.

§ 3 Membership

No additions to what is stated in the Article of the Study Group Statutes.

§ 4 Assembly of members

All members of the Study Group shall be entitled to attend the Assembly of Members, which is usually held during ECCMID. The chair of the Study Group convenes the Assembly of Members by sending electronically the Agenda. The notice period shall be at least six weeks from the day following the dispatch of convocation. Assembly of members can be held online, except for the annual assembly at ECCMID. The Assembly of Members passes resolutions by a simple majority of the members present.

§ 5 Composition of the Executive Committee

The executive power of the Study Group is vested in the Executive Committee, which consists of :

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Education officer
- Science officer

As stated in article 4 of the Statutes, no more than one elected member of the Executive Committee shall come from the same country.



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§ 6 Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee passes resolutions with the simple majority of its members present; the Chair has the casting vote. The quorum consists of four members.

A secret voting procedure may be decided by the President or requested by the majority of the voting members.

§ 7 Vacancies in the Executive Committee

A member of the Executive Committee may vacate the position by resignation or termination of ESCMID membership. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee will normally be filled at the next scheduled election. If the vacancy cannot be filled with the interim appointment of another member, the Executive Committee may initiate new elections for a new member, to cover the remaining period of the term

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