



Newsletter II_ March 2026

Message from the Study group Executive Committee

Dear ESGCP members.

We hope you started the year in the best way and that you'll be able to attend ESCMID Global 2026, which will be in Munich, April 17th to 21st

Welcome to new members and reminder about ESGCP communication ways

ESGCP currently have >1300 members. We welcome all new members to the group.

For best possible communication with each other, please join the ESGCP google group called "Study Group for Clinical Parasitology (ESGCP)". The google group is our main communication tool between EC and members, and among members. We encourage our members to communicate with each other through this channel, including for advice on cases, research activity involvement/proposals, job offer/seeking.

In addition to sending information through the Google group, we will still post information on the Study Group Website (<https://www.escmid.org/esgcp/>), but this often takes longer time.

Hanne Brekke has sent invitations to the Google group to all members, and approximately 800 members have joined so far. Please let us know if you have not received the invitation, and we will re-send it (but look in spam mail also). To this, contact habrek2@ous-hf.no or hanne_brekke@hotmail.com

If your work-mail will not allow you to join the Google group, let us know so we can send a new invitation to the private e-mail you will indicate or both.

ESGCP updates

We are very happy to confirm that **ESGCP** will provide 5 **Travel & Attendance Grants** each for 1000 € for attending ESCMID-Global in person this year also. The winners are Ms Puja Rani, Ms Eana Dodowani, Mr Ashish Shukla, Ms Anupma Dhaka and Mr Jano Muluualem Tadesse. Congratulations to our awardees!

We also remind all our ESGCP members that **ESGCP offers Top-up funding for ongoing research**. This funding scheme aims to allow researchers to complete their ongoing research in the field of parasitology, and requiring a small maximum amount of money (5000€) to reach one or more of their research study objectives.



ESCMID Guidelines on Diagnosis and Treatment of Alveolar Echinococcosis

The Panel composition of the ESCMID Guidelines for the diagnosis, clinical management and follow-up of patients with alveolar echinococcosis was announced in January 2026, and the working group held its first online meeting in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March, and there will be a face-to-face meeting at ESCMID in Munich. The preparation of research questions in PICO format is underway. Beate Grüner is Chair of the Panel and EC-member Francesca Tamarozzi has also been appointed.

Please look at our ESGCP website (<https://www.escmid.org/esgcp/>) regularly for additional information on the eligibility criteria, application procedures and deadlines if you are interested in applying to any of these grants, since details might change from year to year.

ESCMID Global: save the dates!

ESCMID Global 2026 will be in Munich, April 17th to 21st. You can find all congress information in the congress website (<https://www.escmid.org/congress-events/escmid-global/munich-2026/>)

The following sessions at ESCMID Global are organized or co-organized by ESGCP and we hope to see you all attending them:

- Clinical challenges in tropical medicine: lessons for global health (Friday 17th April 13:30-15:30 Hall ICM 5)
- Top papers in Imported Tropical Diseases & Diagnosis of Parasitic Infections (Saturday 18th April 11:00-12:00 Hall ICM 13a)
- Your attention, please! Parasitic infections in immunocompromised patients (Monday 20th April 8:30-10:30 Hall ICM 13b)
- The returned traveler with eosinophilia: clinical, diagnostic and therapeutic approaches (Monday 20th April 11:00-12:00 Hall B0-2)
- Detecting parasites using metagenomics and proteomics (Tuesday 21st April 11:00-12:00 Hall A1-4)



We also invite all ESGCP members to attend the **ESGCP Business Meeting** at 17:30-18:30 in Room ICM12. In that occasion, the summary of past and future activities of the Study Group will be illustrated and discussed, and **the new ESGCP Executive Committee will officially start its office.**

ESGCP plans for 2026

- After its success in 2024, ESGCP is happy to offer again the practical course in Madrid on “Molecular diagnosis of neglected parasitic diseases & malaria: Tools for the real world in AI era”. Registration is open until 08.05.2026 and Attendance grant application is open until 08.04.2026. Please visit the ESCMID page about courses (<https://www.escmid.org/education/courses/>) to know more and apply!
- ESGCP and ESGITM (through) PMH is also aiming to arrange a Parasitology Morphology laboratory practical course in Cairo in late 2026 or early 2027.

The **PMH** is also continuing to host relevant **Webinars** throughout the year. The next one in line is **Parasitology for front-line clinicians & laboratorians (health workers, medical professionals), how we can help you** on 26 March 2026, 13:00 CET. Please visit <https://www.escmid.org/esgcp/> to subscribe!

Further courses and webinars will be announced by ESCMID, in the Newsletters, and on the website. Please sign up as they become available.

Please remember that **courses have limited enrolment**, so check regularly the ESCMID page about courses (<https://www.escmid.org/education/courses/>) for the updated calendar and subscription deadlines.



ESGCP members at ESCMID-Global Congress in 2025.



If you have information or suggestions for the ESGCP group, please let us know.

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