The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
About ESCMID

Mission
The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infection-related diseases. This is achieved by promoting and supporting research, education, training and good medical practice.

Background
Since its founding in 1983, ESCMID has evolved to become the leading society in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases with members from all European countries and all continents.

For more than 30 years, ESCMID has been an influential component in the professional lives of microbiologists and infectious disease specialists and now reaches regular and affiliated members around the world. ESCMID welcomes new colleagues from all nations. ESCMID is registered in Switzerland with headquarters in Basel.

www.escmid.org/society
www.escmid.org/executive
ESCMID Governance
The society’s executive power is vested in an Executive Committee elected by the ESCMID members. The Assembly of Members takes place at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID). The society’s president is elected by the Executive Committee for a two-year term. Representatives of affiliated societies gather at the annual ESCMID Council meeting held during ECCMID. It serves as a forum for discussion and resolution of professional matters of common interest.
ESCMID Council

Publication Subcommittee
Publications, CMI

International Affairs Subcommittee

Ad hoc Subcommittee
Focus on specific topics

Guidelines Subcommittee
All aspects of the development of ESCMID clinical guidelines

EUCIC Committee on Infection Prevention and Control

EUCAST Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

Guideline Advisory Board
Membership

Membership makes you part of a community. As a member you benefit from the support of an open collaborative organization.

**Basic Membership**
Core ESCMID benefits

**Full Membership**
All ESCMID benefits

**Young Scientist Membership**
All ESCMID benefits, individuals 35 years old and under, trainees up to 40 years
Core membership benefits:

- ESCMID membership directory: access contact details of fellow members from all over the world
- Participation in the shaping of the society: right to vote, run for elections, and attend Assembly of Members
- Subscription to the monthly issues and supplements of Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI)
- Significantly reduced registration fee for ECCMID
- Full access to ESCMID eLibrary
- Receipt of ESCMID Weekly Newsletter
- Option to subscribe to several European journals at a preferential rate
- Option to become a member of one or several of our study groups
- Reduced fees for postgraduate courses, conferences and the ESCMID Summer School

Additional membership benefits for Full and Young Scientist members:

- Eligibility for ECCMID travel grants and course attendance grants
- Eligibility for ESCMID awards and ESCMID research and attendance grants
- Eligibility to visit one of our collaborative centres as an observer
- Eligibility for ESCMID Mentorship Programme

Register online to take advantage of our membership benefits!

www.escmid.org/membership
ESCMID drives scientific knowledge forward by bringing together professionals in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases and by supporting the generation and distribution of scientific information.

Conferences
Scientific conferences cover a range of current topics from basic science to clinical practice and target different audiences. Depending on the topic and objective, such conferences can be small expert meetings or address a larger audience of interested scientists.

Research Projects
ESCMID encourages its study groups and individual members to initiate and participate in research projects and provides funding and administrative support for these projects. Additionally, ESCMID is a partner in EU-funded research programmes (see ‘European Affairs and Projects’, page 19).

Medical Guidelines
The development and dissemination of clinical and laboratory practice guidelines according to the principles of evidence-based medicine is a high priority for ESCMID, especially in areas where European diagnostic, therapeutic and infection control guidelines do not exist yet or need to be harmonized.

ESCMID eLibrary
All scientific and educational material generated at ECCMID as well as ESCMID conferences and courses can be found in this library that is freely accessible to ESCMID members. This material includes audios, videos, presentations, abstracts and posters.

www.escmid.org/conferences
www.escmid.org/guidelines
www.escmid.org/elibrary
ESCMID strongly supports individuals active in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases with their postgraduate and continuing medical education (CME). You can benefit from diverse formats:

**Postgraduate Courses and Workshops**
Two- to four-day events focusing on specific clinical or laboratory issues of interest to trainees in clinical microbiology or infectious diseases. They are organized by ESCMID study groups, professional societies or individual ESCMID members under the auspices and with the financial support of ESCMID.

**Summer School**
The annual one-week course is dedicated to postgraduate and continuing medical education. It covers a broad range of topics and is of interest to young MDs at the end of specialty training, as well as other colleagues working in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection.

**EUCIC Certification**
This first European-wide training programme in infection prevention and control (IPC) aims to establish an exchange of knowledge and expertise between different European institutions. This unique perspective on IPC helps to build a unique European framework and competence in which a new generation of IPC specialists are trained.
ESCMID Study Groups

Professionals with a common interest may establish ESCMID Study Groups. These special interest groups are open to all colleagues (not only from Europe) who wish to be involved in discussing and resolving specific issues. Become a member of your study group of interest!

→ Anaerobic Infections (ESGAI)  
www.escmid.org/esgai

→ Antimicrobial Stewardship (ESGAP)  
www.escmid.org/esgap

→ Biofilms (ESGB)  
www.escmid.org/esgb

→ Bloodstream Infections, Endocarditis and Sepsis (ESGBIES)  
www.escmid.org/esgbies

→ Brain Infections (ESGIB)  
www.escmid.org/esgib

→ Clinical Parasitology (ESGCP)  
www.escmid.org/esgcp

→ Clostridioides difficile (ESGCD)  
www.escmid.org/esgcd

→ Critically Ill Patients (ESGCIP)  
www.escmid.org/esgcip

→ Infections in the Elderly (ESGIE)  
www.escmid.org/esgie

→ Epidemiological Markers (ESGEM)  
www.escmid.org/esgem
Food- and Water-borne Infections
(EFWISG)
www.escmid.org/efwisg

Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology
(ESGFOR)
www.escmid.org/esgfor

Fungal Infection
(EFISG)
www.escmid.org/efisg

Genomic and Molecular Diagnostics
(ESGMD)
www.escmid.org/esgmd

Host and Microbiota Interaction
(ESGHAMI)
website address to be created

Immunocompromised Hosts
(ESGICH)
www.escmid.org/esgich

Implant-Associated Infections
(ESGIAI)
www.escmid.org/esgiai

Legionella Infections
(ESGLI)
www.escmid.org/esgli

Lyme Borreliosis
(ESGBOR)
www.escmid.org/esgbor

Mycobacterial Infections
(ESGMYC)
www.escmid.org/esgmyc

Mycoplasma And Chlamydia
(ESGMAC)
www.escmid.org/esgmac

Nosocomial Infections
(ESGNI)
www.escmid.org/esgni

PK/PD of Anti-Infectives
(EPASG)
www.escmid.org/epasg

Public Health Microbiology
(ESGPHM)
www.escmid.org/esgphm

Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance
(ESGARS)
www.escmid.org/esgars

Respiratory Viruses
(ESGREV)
www.escmid.org/esgrev

Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases
(ESGS)
www.escmid.org/esgs

Infections in Travelers and Migrants
(ESGITM)
www.escmid.org/esgitm

Vaccines
(EVASG)
www.escmid.org/evasg

Veterinary Microbiology
(ESGVM)
www.escmid.org/egsvm

Viral Hepatitis
(ESGVH)
www.escmid.org/esgvh

www.escmid.org/studygroups
ECCMID – European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

About ECCMID

ECCMID is recognized as the largest international forum for presentations and discussions of research in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection for experts from academia, the clinical setting and the industry. The first European Congress of Clinical Microbiology (ECCM) was organized in 1983 in Bologna. After the Society’s adoption of infectious diseases in the late eighties, the first ECCMID was held in 1991 in Oslo. Initially a biannual congress, in 1999 ECCMID became an annual event. ECCMID venues are strategically selected and rotated to ensure easy access for colleagues from different areas of Europe and other continents. Since its initiation, ECCMID has grown in size and importance and now attracts around 13,000 participants every year. The number of submitted abstracts has risen to over 5,000 of which roughly 70% are accepted for oral, ePoster or poster presentation. ECCMID is a congress the industry continues to support by offering sponsored symposia as well as a large and comprehensive exhibition of laboratory equipment, diagnostic tools and pharmaceutical products.

ECCMID

1st ECCM 1983 Bologna
2nd ECCM 1985 Brighton
3rd ECCM 1987 The Hague
4th ECCM 1989 Nice
5th ECCMID 1991 Oslo
6th ECCMID 1993 Seville
7th ECCMID 1995 Vienna
8th ECCMID 1997 Lausanne
9th ECCMID 1999 Berlin
10th ECCMID 2000 Stockholm
11th ECCMID 2001 Istanbul
12th ECCMID 2002 Milan
13th ECCMID 2003 Glasgow
14th ECCMID 2004 Prague
15th ECCMID 2005 Copenhagen
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17th ECCMID 2007 Munich
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21st ECCMID 2011 Milan
22nd ECCMID 2012 London
23rd ECCMID 2013 Berlin
24th ECCMID 2014 Barcelona
25th ECCMID 2015 Copenhagen
26th ECCMID 2016 Amsterdam
27th ECCMID 2017 Vienna
28th ECCMID 2018 Madrid
29th ECCMID 2019 Amsterdam
30th ECCMID 2020 Paris
Scientific Programme

ECCMID's scientific programme is a synthesis of current priorities in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection diseases. Leading scientists address the diagnosis, treatment, epidemiology, prevention and infection control of infectious diseases, as well as the related basic microbiology. Keynote lectures, symposia, meet-the-expert sessions, educational workshops, open forums, late-breakers, year-in sessions, as well as poster, ePoster and abstract oral sessions provide insights into recent scientific developments. Many subjects are addressed in interactive sessions to maximize the educational aspect. Delegates can take advantage of continuing medical education credits for attending ECCMID.

ESCMID Network

ECCMID has also become a favoured occasion for project groups to meet and interact. ESCMID study groups, networks and project teams in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, realize that ECCMID provides a unique opportunity to present their work to a large scientific community, exchange views with colleagues and attract new members.

Raising Public Awareness

Success and failure in managing infectious diseases have a significant impact on public health. That is why the ESCMID Executive Committee is keeping opinion leaders and the public informed about key findings related to the practice of infectious disease medicine as well as public health.

www.escmid.org/eccmid
Awards and Grants

ESCMID supports young clinicians and researchers as well as established scholars with awards and grants to acknowledge past achievements and provide an incentive for future accomplishments. ESCMID supports its members’ research projects and training with about seven hundred thousand euros every year.

Award for Excellence in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in recognition of an outstanding lifetime contribution to science, education or professional affairs in either field

Young Investigator Award for Research in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases rewards outstanding research and stimulates further studies at the highest scientific level

TAE Awards for Training Achievements in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases recognize outstanding trainees in these fields

Research Grants for outstanding research projects proposed by young ESCMID members

Study Group Research Grants available for collaborative Study Group research projects

ECCMID Travel Grant awarded to ESCMID Young Scientist members with excellent abstracts for ECCMID

Attendance Grants for Educational and Scientific Meetings support young colleagues attending an event organized or endorsed by ESCMID

Please check the website for the most current calls.

www.escmid.org/awards&grants

ESCMID Young Investigator Award Winners 2018.
Publications

Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI)
CMI is the official peer-reviewed ESCMID publication, which includes monthly issues and supplements devoted to special themes. The scope of the journal comprises basic and clinical microbiology and parasitology; diagnosis, management and treatment of bacterial, viral, fungal and parasitic infections; epidemiology, prophylaxis and vaccination; molecular pathogenesis of infectious diseases; nosocomial infections, infections in the immunosuppressed host and host defence mechanisms. The impact factor was 5.394 in 2017.

The European Manual of Clinical Microbiology
The European Manual of Clinical Microbiology is a hard-copy publication jointly produced by ESCMID and the Société Française de Microbiologie (SFM). It contains essential information and serves as reference in clinical microbiology. The 2012 edition is based on a popular French manual of clinical microbiology, which was published by SFM in 2010. It has been updated and adapted for Europe, and several chapters have been added.
Publications

ESCMID Website
The website is the information hub covering all ESCMID activities and projects. It targets ESCMID members, professionals in the field of infection, opinion leaders (e.g. politicians, journalists) as well as the general public.

ESCMID members have access to special features of the website. Popular services such as the Membership Directory, the eLibrary and CMI can be quickly accessed online after logging in.

ESCMID Yearbook
The Yearbook is published and presented each spring at ECCMID.

This publication gives a comprehensive and lively overview of the society’s activities over the previous year.

www.escmid.org/ yearbook
ESCMID Weekly Newsletter
The electronic weekly newsletter, which includes timely information of interest to CM and ID professionals, is distributed to the ESCMID membership and other subscribers.

www.escmid.org/news
www.escmid.org/onlinenews
Professional Affairs

Professional Affairs includes:

- Activities with other organizations in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases
- Collaboration with relevant sections of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
- Professional policy issues in the fields of CM and ID
- Matters relating to professional training, mobility and recruitment
- Equal opportunities
- Trainees’ issues

Some of the current projects within the Professional Affairs portfolio are listed on the opposite page.
**ESCMID Parity Commission**
The ESCMID Parity Commission was founded to review and improve the representation of minorities as well as gender and geographic balance in the society’s fields of expertise.

**Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE)**
The goal of this initiative is to increase and support the scientific and medical contribution of young clinical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists all over the world.

**ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECC)**
The ESCMID Collaborative Centres are infectious disease and/or clinical microbiology centres of excellence across all continents and include prestigious international organizations such as ECDC and WHO. ESCMID encourages members to go abroad to learn about organizational routines as well as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Such visits also help researchers to establish new contacts and foster international exchange.

**ESCMID Observerships**
The ESCMID Observership programme provides funding for ESCMID members intending to visit an ESCMID Collaborative Centre in another country for one day to one month to learn good clinical and/or laboratory practice. The programme is reserved exclusively for ESCMID members.

**ESCMID Mentorships**
This initiative gives ESCMID members (mentees) the opportunity to benefit for up to two years from mentoring by a senior member based at an ESCMID Mentorship Centre.

**Job Platform**
This platform fosters the professional advancement of trainees, specialists and researchers in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases by posting advertisements from employers as well as job seekers.

**EU Partner Search Platform**
ESCMID offers a database for those who are looking for project partners to create a European Network or research consortium. Furthermore, ESCMID offers members the possibility to post a request for partnership if they want to get involved in European projects.

www.escmid.org/parity
www.escmid.org/tae
www.escmid.org/ecc
www.escmid/observership
www.escmid.org/mentorship
www.escmid.org/jobs
www.escmid.org/eupartner
Cooperative Initiatives

ESCMID maintains cooperative partnerships with many other professional societies and organizations. The Society also participates in scientific projects and networks, takes a leadership role in the consultation process with European health authorities, and cooperates with industry representatives in the areas of research and development, science communication, awards, grants and fellowships.

Especially important are cooperative initiatives with societies, both in Europe and abroad, that share a similar mission with ESCMID, such as the International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID) and the American Society of Microbiology (ASM).

UEMS
ESCMID cooperates with the sections of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) focusing on training programmes, specialty recognition and professional affairs with the goal of facilitating harmonization within Europe.

Affiliation and ESCMID Council
Affiliation with regional, national and international societies in our fields helps promote the wider interests of the respective memberships and strengthens cooperation in science, education and professional affairs. Representatives of the societies affiliated with ESCMID constitute the ESCMID Council. Members of affiliated societies receive ESCMID’s Weekly News and societies participate in ESCMID programmes.

www.escmid.org/council
ESCMID’s standing committees: EUCAST and EUCIC

ESCMID promotes and supports the involvement of its members and study groups in European and international research and policy initiatives. This includes the participation of ESCMID in EU-funded research programmes and the co-organization of conferences and workshops in the field of public health. ESCMID informs its members of European funding opportunities and represents the interests of the community of clinical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists in European and international institutions and organizations.

EUCAST — European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
It is a professional standing committee consisting of national breakpoint committees and microbiology experts from all European and other countries. Their task is to set breakpoints for new antibacterial and antifungal agents on behalf of the European Medicines Agency, and to revise breakpoints for existing agents. EUCAST together with ESCMID hosts the international website for minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)-distributions of bacteria and fungi and determines epidemiological cut-off values together with a panel of international experts in human and veterinary medicine and food safety. EUCAST is convened and financed by ESCMID, ECDC and the national breakpoint committees.

www.eucast.org

EUCIC — European Committee for Infection Control
This committee was formed in 2014 and its major goals are to harmonize infection control and preventive measures in all European countries in order to reduce morbidity and mortality related to hospital-acquired infections. Development of new educational tools as well as specific guidelines and clinical trials close to daily practice are a key focus. EUCIC runs a programme in infection prevention and control aimed at developing a unique perspective on infection prevention and control at the European level.

www.escmid.org/EUCIC
ESCMID Emerging Infections Task Force

**EITaF**
EITaF was established in March 2017 with the aim of creating a platform to raise awareness on emerging infectious diseases. EITaF provides up to date information on outbreaks with epidemic or pandemic potential, and establishes panel of experts to evaluate emerging infections threat and pathogens’ diagnostic challenges. Moreover, EITaF promotes research and education on emerging infections in collaboration with ESCMID Study Groups and Executive Committee. In its first year of activities, EITaF spread information on more than 30 outbreaks.
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