Target Audience
40 – 50 veterinary general practitioners, specialists, academics and nurses interested in developing and implementing antimicrobial stewardship and infection control programmes in small animal veterinary medicine.

Faculty Members
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Course Objectives
The objectives are to promote hospital infection control and antimicrobial stewardship in small animal practice and to educate a new generation of veterinary infectious disease specialists to be able to develop and implement infection control programmes (ICPs) and antimicrobial stewardship programmes (ASPs). Postgraduate education in this area is regarded as one of the key missions of ESGVM in order to meet the current public and animal health concerns related to the occurrence of multidrug-resistant bacteria and the increasing demand for responsible antibiotic use in veterinary medicine.

The course will be hosted by the annual BSAVA congress (5 – 8 April 2018), which is one of the largest veterinary conferences worldwide and every year attracts over 6500 delegates, exhibitors and speakers from all over the world.
Course Programme

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

Session 1
Fundamentals of infection control and antimicrobial stewardship

08:00 Why are infection control and antimicrobial stewardship needed in veterinary medicine?
Luca Guardabassi

08:40 What is antimicrobial stewardship?
Céline Pulcini

09:20 Antimicrobial stewardship and infection control practices in veterinary medicine.
Nicola Williams

10:00 Coffee break

Session 2
Best practices for infection prevention and control

10:30 Creation and implementation of a written infection control plan.
Louise O’Dwyer

11:10 Surveillance of disease and AMR in companion animals.
David Brodbelt

11:50 MRSA / MRSP patient management.
Anette Loeffler

12:30 Lunch break

Session 3
Antimicrobial stewardship in small animal practice – from theory to practice

13:30 The most promising antibiotic stewardship strategies in human medicine.
Céline Pulcini

14:00 Optimization of diagnostic strategies for UTI in companion animal practice.
Tina Møller Sørensen

14:30 Computer-assisted decision making.
Gaud Catho

15:00 Guiding prudent use of antimicrobials in companion animal practice to protect animal and human health.
Nonke Hopman

15:30 Coffee break

Session 4
Antibiotic choice – which antibiotic is the right one?

16:00 Critical steps in decision making.
Luca Guardabassi

16:40 ISCAID guidelines for superficial pyoderma, UTI and respiratory infections.
David Lloyd

17:20 Interactive cases of MDR bacterial infections in companion animals.
Maria Constança Pomba

Session 5
Panel discussion

18:00 Interactive discussion with all speakers

20:00 Social dinner

22:00 "Meet-the-experts" at the restaurant

Organization

Course Venue
The International Convention Centre (ICCC)
Broad Street
B1 2EA Birmingham, United Kingdom

Registration Procedure
Register now online on the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education. Registration deadline is 5 February 2018.

Registration Fee
- EUR 260 for ESCMID members (Full Membership/Young Scientist Membership)
- EUR 560 for all others

The registration fee covers the teaching materials (handouts, laboratory materials), one lunch, coffee breaks and one social dinner. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Attendance Grants
ESCMID provides a number of attendance grants for ESCMID “young scientist members”. The grant covers the registration fee. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Please apply via the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education before 12 January 2018. Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by 26 January 2018.

CME Accreditation
The organizers of the course will apply for accreditation through the European School of Veterinary Postgraduate Studies (ESVPS).