APUA Leadership Award 2011

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID)

The Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics is pleased to present the 2011 APUA Leadership Award to The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) for establishing effective expert study groups and educational initiatives in developing countries to control antibiotic resistance and improve antibiotic treatment. Notably the study groups of the AMR Surveillance done by ESCMID have provided global models for antibiotic surveillance, research, and intervention through ES Gap, EUCAST, ESGAP and permanent representatives to ESAC and EARS. This award gives special recognition to Professor Giuseppe Cornaglia. As president of ESCMID, he has greatly professionalized management of the organization. He has been a dedicated worker for the Society, travelling extensively to create new links, new scientific projects and new teaching activities.

Under Professor Cornaglia’s guidance, prudent and efficient use of antibiotics has spread through a myriad of top-level educational activities on antibiotic use and its control, involving the organization of dozens of Postgraduate educational courses on all aspects of antibiotic usage, with special focus on the problems of Eastern Europe and Latin America. Also many of the education courses have been conducted in languages other than English and been instrumental in liaising with the National societies to be involved in the practical activities of the programme. Many of these activities have involved the local APUA chapters (Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Venezuela, Argentina and others) in conjunction with the Italian APUA chapter that Professor Cornaglia has led since 2000. For the last five years, ESCMID has co-organized with the Panamerican Association for Infectious Diseases (API) several workshops on antimicrobial resistance detection and surveillance for young Latin American scientists.

By honoring Professor. Cornaglia and ESCMID we are recognizing the catalyzing force of the local chapters of APUA in Europe and beyond. Although individual and local contributions to the prudent use of antibiotics are worth being honoured because of their symbolic value, in our global village, the influence of transnational initiatives promoted through ESCMID is important to be recognized. This honor while accepted by Professor. Cornaglia as its president is intended to recognize ESCMID, all the scientists and professionals that during many years have contributed to its success. Professor Cornaglia has turned ESCMID into a force in the global effort to improve antibiotic resistance. We are pleased to include the society and its president in APUA’s roster of global leaders.