Dear ESCMID and Affiliated Society Members

In this last issue of ESCMID Online News for 2007, we would like to inform you about the upcoming ESCMID events in 2008 and the recent ESCMID Conference on *Pseudomonas*. Also in this edition, ESCMID gives you an overview on important reports and European funding opportunities. With Christmas just around the corner, we wish you happy holidays.

1. **Plan Your ESCMID Agenda 2008**
   The ESCMID Events Programme 2008 is now updated and [online](#)! Or download the ESCMID Events Flyer [here](#).

2. **Last Chance to Save: 18th ECCMID**
   The deadline for the reduced registration fee is 20 December 2007. Register now for the 18th ECCMID in Barcelona (19-22 April 2008). [Details here](#)

3. **ESCMID Conference in Venice about Multidrug-resistant Bacteria: The Scientific Programme is now online**!
   Registration for the ESCMID Conference in May in Venice is open now. [Details here](#)

4. **Presentations from ESCMID Conference on *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* are online.**
   You were not able to go to Barcelona? The Online Lecture Library will update you on what you missed. [Details here](#)

5. **ESCMID Awards, Grants and Fellowships 2008**
   A record number of 52 submissions were received and evaluation of the proposals is ongoing. Results will be announced during 18th ECCMID in Barcelona. In response to the large number of excellent proposals the ESCMID Executive Committee will increase funding of research grants.

6. **Reminder: ESCMID Online Consultation on Research Topics is still open.**
   Deadline 31 December 2007. [Details here](#)

7. **New Data from the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (EARSS)**
   A new report shows a growing threat from drug resistant pathogens. [Details here](#)

8. **European Funding Opportunities and Reports**
   FP7: [Call for European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Investigator Grant (Life Sciences)](#)
   These grants target established top research leaders. Deadline Life Sciences: 22 April 2008

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**Forthcoming ESCMID Events**

**2-5 March 2008**
Gene Expression During Infection
47th ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop
Siena, Italy
Registration deadline: 15 December 2007

**14-15 March 2008**
Infections with Multiresistant Pathogens
48th Postgraduate Education Course
Berlin, Germany
Registration deadline: 31 January 2008

**26 March 2008**
Improving Antimicrobial Prescribing
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Almaty, Kazakhstan

**17-19 April 2008**
Measuring, Auditing and Improving Antimicrobial Use
ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course
Barcelona, Spain
Registration deadline: 15 February 2008

**18-19 April 2008**
Defining the Burden of Antibiotic Resistance and LRTI
4th GRACE Postgraduate Course
Barcelona, Spain

**23 April 2008**
1st European Day of Fighting Infection
ESCMID Symposium
Barcelona, Spain
European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Calls are open. These calls for proposals are in support of studies on the treatment of HIV and HIV microbicides. Deadline "HIV treatment": 1 April 2008 Deadline "HIV microbicides": 1 May 2008

European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Call for Proposals for Research Networks is open. COST is an intergovernmental network which finances networking for nationally funded activities. Deadline: 28 March 2008


Best regards,
ESCMID Executive Committee