Dear ESCMID and Affiliated Society Member

We are pleased to inform you about the following activities:

1. **Election to the Executive Committee**
   In December 2008 one clinical microbiologist and two infectious diseases specialists are to be elected to take office in May 2009. Members in good standing for at least one year have been asked to nominate candidates and will be entitled to vote.

2. **Minutes of Assembly of Members**
   The Assembly of Members 2008 was held on 20 April 2008 during the 18th ECCMID in Barcelona.
   
3. **Minutes of European Council Meeting 2008**
   The European Council Meeting 2008 was also held on 20 April 2008 during the 18th ECCMID in Barcelona.
   
4. **New ESCMID Managing Director**
   The ESCMID Executive Committee has acknowledged the resignation of Dr. Peter Schoch, and has appointed Dr. Peter Cologna as the new ESCMID Managing Director as from 1 November 2008. The ESCMID Executive Committee thanks Dr. Schoch for his long-term service to the Society and extends to Dr. Cologna very best wishes for his new appointment.

5. **ESCMID / FEMS Conference on New Frontiers in Microbiology and Infection: Clostridia, from Old Diseases to New Threats, Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland, 5-9 October 2008**
   There are only few places left and registration closes soon, so register now!

6. **ESCMID Workshop on Professional Affairs in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases: Moving Forward in Co-operation, Rome, Italy, 9-10 October 2008**
   Join the debate on our professional future and register for the workshop.

7. **Presentations from the ESCMID Conference about Multidrug-resistant Gram-positive Bacteria in Venice are online**

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**Forthcoming ESCMID Events**

- **18-20 September 2008**
  The Science, Practice and Challenges of LRTI in Primary Care, 3rd GRACE Workshop, Cambridge, UK
  Registration deadline: 15 August 2008

- **4 October 2008**
  Antibiotics or Not: from Acute Bronchitis to Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis, 5th GRACE Postgraduate Course, Berlin, Germany
  Registration via ERS Annual Congress

- **5-9 October 2008**
  Clostridia: from Old Diseases to New Threats - Basic Science Meets Infectious Diseases, ESCMID / FEMS Conference, Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland

- **9-10 October 2008**
  Moving Forward in Co-operation, ESCMID Workshop on Professional Affairs in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Rome, Italy

- **1 November 2008**
  Application/nomination deadline for ESCMID Awards, Grants and Fellowship Programme 2009

- **5-7 November 2008**
  Invasive Fungal Diseases: Epidemiology, Diagnosis, Therapy and Antifungal Susceptibility Testing, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
  Registration deadline: 1 September 2008

- **8-12 November 2008**
  ESCMID / SHEA Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology 2008, ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands

- **16-19 May 2009**
  19th ECCMID Helsinki, Finland
You were not able to go to Venice? The ESCMID website provides the presentation slides for your information.

Best regards,
The ESCMID Executive Committee

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