Dear ESCMID and Affiliated Society Members

We are pleased to inform you about the following activities:

1. **Scientific Programme of the 18th ECCMID 19-22 April 2008, Barcelona, is online!**
   Find the latest programme for this major meeting on infection and microbiology. All relevant information here.

2. **Invitation to the ESCMID Assembly of Members 2008**
   The Executive Committee is pleased to invite the members of the Society to its next regular Assembly of Members which will be held during the 18th ECCMID in Barcelona, Sunday, 20 April 2008, 18:15-19:30 h.

3. **European Council Meeting at the ECCMID 2008**
   The European Council consists of the representatives of the societies affiliated with ESCMID. The next European Council Meeting 2008 will take place during the 18th ECCMID 2008 in Barcelona, Sunday, 20 April 2008, 12:45-14:15 h. The members of the European Council are welcome to propose issues to discuss during the Council meeting. Please direct them to Javier Garau or Karin Werner by 16 March 2008.

4. **New postal address of the ESCMID Executive Office in Basel**
   Please note that the ESCMID Executive Office has moved into new premises in the "Association House" in the City Centre of Basel. For the new address, please visit our website. Telephone numbers have not changed.

5. **European Funding Opportunities, Studies and Reports**
   Help evaluate the ECDC by filling in the web-based survey: The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is currently undergoing its first external evaluation. The ECORYS Health Team is collecting views and opinions on the achievements and possible areas of improvement of the ECDC.

   **European Commission Study:** questionnaire regarding blood-borne infections due to needle stick injuries. For further information please contact Alexandra Polcher, BiPRO GmbH. Deadline: 3 March 2008

   **FP7 Health:** a first draft of the work programme 2008 is pending soon. For advance information and details please contact Karin Werner.

   **Second Programme of Community Action** in the field of Health: new Call for Proposals. The Work Plan 2008 will be published soon (end of February). 1) Information day about the Call 2008 on 12 March 2008. 2) Call for expression of interest for a list of experts for reviewing applications among others.
Best regards,
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