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Dear ESCMID and Affiliated Society Members

2008 is a milestone year for our Society: founded in 1983 ESCMID will be 25 years old this year. As pointed out by our President, Giuseppe Cornaglia, ESCMID’s history has been an exciting, productive, and ever evolving journey. We would like to celebrate the 25th anniversary with all our members by convening the first European Day of Fighting Infection at the forthcoming ECCMID 2008 in Barcelona with a special symposium (see below). We look forward to seeing you there!

1. **Programme of the first European Day of Fighting Infection is online!**
   This symposium on 23 April 2008 will focus on the importance of infection in the past, present and future and its relevance in a socio-economical context affecting daily life on our continent. Please visit the programme [here](#).

2. **Join us at the 18th ECCMID, 19-22 April 2008, in Barcelona!**
   With more than 3655 abstracts received, the ECCMID 2008 in Barcelona will be one of the largest and most exciting congresses ever. All relevant information [here](#).

3. **ESCMID Summer School 2008: Registration is open!**
   Enjoy the ESCMID Summer School experience and register now for the next Summer School in Regensburg, 19-25 July 2008.

4. **ESCMID Conference in Istanbul on Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers, 27-28 June 2008: Registration is now open!**
   Get updated on diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control. Register [here](#).

5. **European Funding Opportunities and Reports**
   **ERA-NET PathoGenoMics: second multilateral call for research projects**
   Topic: "Applied pathogenomics: Prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of infectious diseases in humans".
   Deadline pre-proposals: 29 February 2008

   **FP7: Upcoming Call for Health Topics**
   According to the Swiss FP7 National Contact Point, the 3rd FP7 Health call for proposal will presumably be published in June 2008. A first draft of the work programme is expected early 2008. Please check the [Cordis website](#) for the official announcements.

   Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health came into force from 1 January 2008.
   The Work Plan for 2008 is expected to be published at the end of February 2008.

**Forthcoming ESCMID Events**

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:**
healthcare indices, mathematical modelling and economic predictors,
4th GRACE Postgraduate Course,
Barcelona, Spain

Registration via ECCMID registration

23 April 2008
**1st European Day of Fighting Infection,**
ESCMID Symposium,
Barcelona, Spain

Registration via ECCMID registration

14-17 May 2008
**8th International Meeting on Microbial Epidemiological**
Human Frontier Science Programme (HFSP): Call for Research Grants

HFSP Programme Grants and Young Investigator Grants support international teams of scientists who are focusing on fundamental issues in the life sciences by combining expertise from different disciplines such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer sciences or engineering together with biology.

Deadline for pre-registration: 21 March 2008,
deadline for submission of application: 2 April 2008

Best regards,
ESCMID Executive Committee

Markers, Zakopane, Poland

Registration deadline: 31 March 2008

29-31 May 2008
Treatment of Infections Caused by MDR Gram-positive Bacteria, ESCMID Conference, Venice, Italy

Early registration: 28 February 2008