**ESCMID Online News 6 February 2007**

**Dear ESCMID member**

**Dear member of an affiliated society**

We are pleased to send you the most recent edition of ESCMID Online News with the latest information from ESCMID and updates on European funding opportunities. For previous online newsletters please consult the ESCMID website on [www.escmid.org/onlinenews](http://www.escmid.org/onlinenews).

**From the ESCMID Executive Committee**

1. **Election results** The results from the first online election to the ESCMID Executive Committee are in! In the field of Clinical Microbiology Elisabeth Nagy, Szeged, Hungary, and Jordi Vila, Barcelona, Spain, have been elected. Elisabeth Nagy has been a co-opted member since 2003, Jordi Vila already has served a full term as an elected member. In the field of Infectious Diseases Murat Akova, Ankara, Turkey, has been elected as a new member. We congratulate the new officers on their success. Their term will begin in April 2007 and end in April 2011. More information can be found on the ESCMID website.

2. **European Council Meeting** The European Council is comprised of the representatives of the societies which signed an affiliation agreement with ESCMID. The next European Council Meeting 2007 will take place during the 17th ECCMID 2007 in Munich, Sunday, 1 April 2007, 12:15 h - 13:45. The members of the European Council are welcome to propose issues to raise and discuss during the Council meeting. Please direct them to Patrick Francioli (patrick.francioli@chuv.ch) or Peter Schoch (peter.schoch@escmid.org) by 16 March 2007.

**Education**

3. **6th ESCMID Summer School, 1–6 July 2007, Suceava, Romania** You can now [register online](http://www.escmid.org/onlinenews) to attend this one-week course dedicated to postgraduate and continuous medical education. For detailed information, please visit the website.

**Science**

4. **Announcement of new ESCMID Study Groups** ESCMID is pleased to announce the establishment of two new Study Groups: The ESCMID Food- and Water-borne Infections Study Group (EFWISG) and The ESCMID Study Group on Viral Hepatitis (ESGVH). We invite all interested parties to visit the websites for information on their objectives, planned projects and contact details.

5. **17th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases 25th International Congress of Chemotherapy 2007 (17th ECCMID/25th ICC)** 31 March - 3 April 2007, Munich, Germany
A late breaker session on important new clinical studies has been added to the scientific programme:

- Effects of Selective Digestive Decontamination and Selective Oropharyngeal Decontamination on survival of ICU-patients, by Marc Bonten, Utrecht, NL
- Male circumcision and HIV prevention, by George Schmid, WHO, Geneva, CH

6. **European Funding Opportunities** For details please click here.

Best regards,

*ESCMID Executive Committee*

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**European Funding Opportunities**

**Public Health Programme Work Plan 2007** The European Commission's Public Health Executive Agency (PHEA) has announced to publish the 2007 Work Plan and Call for Proposals under the Public Health Programme 2003-2008 presumably on 20 February. We will inform you through ESCMID Online News as soon as this has happened.
Information day 2007: **28 February 2007, Luxembourg**

**Call for independent external evaluators for public health projects by DG SANCO of the European Commission** DG Sanco has published a call for independent external evaluators for the projects submitted to the Public Health Programme in 2007.
Deadline: 30 April 2007

**Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) - Call for Research Grant Applications** HFSP Programme Grants and Young Investigator Grants support international teams of scientists who are focussing 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: 22 March 2007

**Ongoing: Framework Programme 7 call for experts** The European Commission has published calls for proposals for the creation of a list of experts for the Seventh Framework Programme (DG Research).
Deadline: ongoing

**Ongoing: ECDC published a call for expression of interest for scientific experts** Deadline: 8 August 2008