MEDIA ADVISORY

World’s largest conference on infectious diseases kicks off in London, site of the 2012 Summer Olympics

BACKGROUND:

The 22nd European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (22nd ECCMID) runs from 31 March – 3 April 2012 in London. Organised by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), the conference attracts more than 8,500 experts from across the spectrum of the field, including, for the first time, specialists in the new area of mass gatherings health—a fitting addition to the agenda as London prepares for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Through some 150 sessions, workshops and symposia—and approximately 1700 poster presentations—ECCMID offers microbiologists and clinicians the opportunity to network, share knowledge and demonstrate the vital role of research in the fight against infectious diseases in Europe and around the world.

WHEN:

Friday, March 30 at 13:30 -14:30 Registration from 13:15 refreshments provided

Embargo lifts on March 31 at 00:01

WHAT:

Press briefing on the start of the 22nd European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases in London, with focus on workplace parity in Europe and the emerging specialty of mass gatherings health.

WHO:

Prof. Jonathan Cohen, Dean, Brighton & Sussex Medical School, UK ECCMID President
Prof. Giuseppe Cornaglia, President, University of Verona, ESCMID President
Prof. Evelina Tacconelli, Professor of Infectious Diseases, Catholic University (Rome), ESCMID Executive Committee member
Prof. John McConnell, Editor, Lancet Infectious Diseases
Prof. Jordi Vila, Professor of Clinical Microbiology, Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona School of Medicine, ECCMID Programme Director

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