Dear all, this our second Newsletter is mostly about details of EFWISG activities at the 19th ECCMID in Helsinki, 16th – 19th May.

Symposium at the Helsinki ECCMID

Tuesday, May 19, 2009
11:30 - 12:30
Lecture Hall 3d

Hard to swallow – emerging and re-emerging issues in food-borne infection

Chairpersons: M. Kuusi (Helsinki, FI) and M. Rupnik (Maribor, SI)

11:30 - 12:00 Clostridium difficile in food: innocent bystander or serious threat? (S 459)
J.S. Weese (Guelph, CA)

12:00 - 12:30 MRSA in food products: cause for concern or case for complacency? (S 460)
J. Kluytmans (Breda, NL)

Network Corner in Helsinki

As at Barcelona, EFWISG will participate in Network Corner with a poster detailing our activities and inviting new interested persons to join.

Annual General Meeting in Helsinki

This is now called a “Business Meeting”. It will take place on Sunday, 17 May, 07:30-08:30 in Meeting Room 305. Please come along, and start your day with EFWISG! (In past years, coffee and croissants have been offered at such early morning meetings). Please inform other colleagues with an interest in food- or water-borne infection to come along, too. Currently, we have 131 members from 43 countries, but are always seeking new members, so please take every opportunity to encourage others to join!

2009 Executive Committee Elections – Results

As you are aware, three new members and three existing ones, were elected to the Executive Committee for 2009-2012 – namely (alphabetically):

John Coia
Elisaveta Draghijeva
Kevin Kerr
Dominique Moittié
Dzmitry Piskun
Panayotis Tassios

The precise responsibilities (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Officers) will be announced at our Business Meeting (see above).

See you in Helsinki!

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