Health systems are increasingly confronted with the challenges of emerging infections. In this perspective, the ESCMID Emerging Infections Task Force (EITaF) designed a Course, “Emerging infections for clinicians and the WHO Emerging Diseases Clinical Assessment and Response Network (EDCARN)” for infectious disease and clinical microbiology specialists with the aim to raise awareness about emerging infectious diseases and to bridge the gap between new advanced diagnostics methods, surveillance and clinical infectious disease.

This Course, that will be held in Florence (Italy), May 13-15, 2019, will include presentations of the most advanced diagnostic methods, like metagenomics and whole genome sequencing, and diagnostic strategies, as well as clinical case discussion.
A special session, organized in collaboration with the WHO Emerging Diseases Clinical Assessment and Response Network (EDCARN) team, will provide insights on the management of emerging infectious diseases, both during and between outbreaks. Moreover, the session will focus on the qualifications needed for physicians interested in joining the WHO emergency deployment teams in the future.
Organizers include EITaF, ESGMD, ESGMYC, ESGITM, ESGPHM, ProMed, Geosentinel, Arbovirus study group, WHO EDCARN.

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