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Dear Colleague,

As you are no doubt aware, ECCMID 2016 has been relocated to Amsterdam, Netherlands, and will not be held in Istanbul, Turkey. Please bear this in mind when making your plans to attend ECCMID which will be held on 9-12 April 2016.

The main PK/PD session at ECCMID 2016 is on “Translating PK/PD concepts into the clinics”, and this will be an excellent session that we look forward to seeing each of you at.

Save the date for these important upcoming EPASG events:

**Population Modelling and Dose Optimization with Pmetrics and BestDose: Antimicrobial Applications**
13 - 16 April 2016, Lyon, France

**Individualized Medicine in Infectious Diseases: a Practical Approach**
3 - 4 June 2016, Tübingen, Germany

**Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing and Surveillance: from Laboratory to Clinic. A EUCAST, ESGARS and EPASG Perspective**
20 - 23 September 2016, Bochum, Germany

**EPASG Study Grant**

In the last newsletter we were excited to announce this new study grant for members of EPASG. The grant is intended to foster collaboration across laboratories and help mentoring of young investigators who may wish to spend some time as an observer in a laboratory that can provide additional education/training that is not available locally.

The latest winners of the grant are:
- Dr Maria Siopi, Attikon University General Hospital, Athens, Greece who will visit Prof. William Couet in Poitiers, France
- Dr Virginia Ramos-Martin, University of Liverpool, Liverpool UK who will visit A/Prof. Michael Neely in Los Angeles, USA

This grant scheme provides funding up to EUR 1,000 and we invite applications for 2016 now with a submission deadline of 30 March. We anticipate a maximum of 2 successful applications being able to be supported each year.
To apply, please send an email to the EPASG Executive Committee, Prof. William Couet (Chairperson) via Jason Roberts, j.roberts2@uq.edu.au. Please provide a letter of application outlining why you have chosen the intended laboratory and the objectives of your stay. You will also need to provide letters of support from your supervisor and the intended hosting laboratory.

If you are awarded the Study Grant, then you will be required to complete a short study report which can be included in the EPASG newsletter. You should also provide copies of receipts that you are claiming for and these will then be reimbursed after your visit.

New EMA guideline on the use of PK and PD in the development of antibacterial medicinal products

On 12-13 November EMA organized a workshop to discuss the draft guideline on the use of PK and PD in the development of antibacterial medicinal products. A video recording from the workshop will become available on the workshop website. The guideline is now open for public consultation (deadline end of March 2016). If you have comments that you would like EPASG to bring forward, please let us know as soon as possible (email to Elisabet Nielsen elisabet.nielsen@farmbio.uu.se no later than end of January).

Fantastic Job Opportunity in Australia

Please note that there is an employment opportunity for the position of Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Translational Pharmacodynamics. The closing date for applications is 4 January 2016. Specific information can be found in the job advert.

Other comments

If you are interested in actively participating in the planning and organization of EPASG activities, please become EPASG member on our website (www.escmid.org/epasg). It only takes you some minutes. Note: Study Group membership is only available for ESCMID members (low basic membership fees are available here). When you are ESCMID member, EPASG membership is free of charge.

To request more in-depth information or to discuss our work, please contact us directly. We appreciate any comments, suggestions, and contributions! Share with us ideas for new projects and help growing the PK/PD community in Europe and beyond!

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