Do antibiotics matter to you?

Becoming an ESGAP member has never been easier: just log in to the ESCMID website (you need first to be an ESCMID member to become a study group member), and complete the application form (<1 minute). Afterwards, you will receive an email in order to confirm your subscription.

Being an ESGAP member will give you the following advantages:

1. You will automatically receive ESGAP newsletters;
2. You will automatically be invited to subscribe to the ESGAP Open Virtual Learning Community (OVLC) functions (receiving and suggesting posts, participating to the forum. . .);
3. You can suggest research projects to the ESGAP Executive Committee;
4. You may be invited to participate in ESGAP research projects.

Last but not least, you may be contacted by ECDC to help promoting antimicrobial stewardship activities in your country (unless you state otherwise to ESGAP secretary: your privacy will always be respected).

News from ESGAP

- **Student-PREPARE an update** (led by Oliver J. Dyar & Céline Pulcini): The ESGAP European survey on teaching of prudent antibiotic prescribing to final year medical students is about to be completed. The first results will be presented at the next ECCMID. Around 10,000 students have participated so far, and we warmly thank the national study coordinators who helped us achieve this!
- **Infectious diseases - clinical microbiology - infection control staffing survey in hospitals (ESGAP-ESGIE-ESGNI-PAS) : an update** (led Mical Paul) The survey is completed, with more than 500 participating hospitals, and the first results will be submitted for the next ECCMID. Many thanks to all of you who have participated!
- **Update of the 2011 forgotten antibiotics survey**: ESGAP conducted in 2011 a survey on the availability of 30 forgotten antibiotics in Europe, the US, Canada and Australia, antibiotics that could be useful to treat multi-resistant bacteria (PMID: 22198992). An update of this survey is planned, in collaboration with React (www.reactgroup.org), and may help move things forward at the international level.
- **YPAR to be started soon**: An ESGAP European survey led by Prof. Bojana Beovic on antibiotic prescribing and resistance will be conducted among junior doctors in October. Please help us reach the highest possible response rate!

European Antibiotic awareness Day

ESGAP is strongly supporting the ECDC European Antibiotic Awareness Day initiative, planned on the 18th November each year. Please have a look at all the freely available useful resources (leaflets, infographics, social media. . .), most of them translated in many languages made available on the ECDC website and do not hesitate to use them to raise awareness in your local, regional, national or international network!
ESGAP sessions at the next ECCMID

Educational workshops (Co-organized with ESGAP, ESGNI):
How to treat patients with Gram-negative infections in high-level resistance settings
An outbreak of KPC in an intensive care unit
An ESBL-colonized patient with signs of infection in an emergency room
A critically ill patient with VAP caused by carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacteria in a resource-limited setting

Undergraduate and postgraduate training and assessments in the infection field - a European discussion (Co-organized with UEMS, TAE, ESGAP, ESGNI):
Results of TAE survey of training conditions in Europe
Final results of the Student-PREPARE survey among European medical students: knowledge and skills for improved antimicrobial prescribing
Update on European Infectious Diseases curriculum and exam
Update on European Medical Microbiology curriculum and exam
Infection prevention and control in ID and CM training - how much should there be?

Scientific symposia Co-organized with ESBIS, ESGNI, ESGAP:
Prevention and management of bloodstream infections: from here to where?
Quality management of bloodstream infections today - setting standards
Achievements in preventing central line-associated bloodstream infection

Antibiotic de-escalation (Pro-Con debate) Co-organized with ESGAP:
A key pillar of antibiotic stewardship
Much ado about nothing

Affordable healthcare Co-organized with TAE, Parity Commission, ESGVH, ESGAP:
Affordability and availability of the new anti-HCV regimens - chances to overcome health systems defaults?
Cost-efficacy of simplified regimens against HIV - paradigm shift?
Multifaceted infection control programmes - better patient safety for free?
Panel discussion - economic constraints for evidence-based drug prescribing and patient safety infrastructure

Announcements

- ESGAP postgraduate educational courses website
  1. Moving Antimicrobial Stewardship Forward in Special Population Settings, 5-6 November 2015, Ferney-Voltaire, France (registration deadline: 2nd October 2015)
  2. ESGAP Antimicrobial Stewardship Course - A practical and integrated approach, April 7-8, 2016, Istanbul
- BSAC MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) on Antimicrobial Stewardship organized by Pr Dilip Nathwani, (free online e-learning course, available from the 28th September)

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OVLC

New resources posted on the ESGAP OVLC (http://esgap.escmid.org)
Some useful resources have recently been posted: BSAC Massive Online Open Course on antimicrobial stewardship (free online e-learning course, available from the 28th September), AMR book, NICE guidelines, e-Bug website, BAPCOC resources, ECDC resources... Have a look, subscribe to the OVLC, and automatically receive updates by e-mail!

European Day during the World week

WHO is leading a global campaign on the most urgent antimicrobial trend - antibiotic resistance. 'Antibiotics: Handle with Care' will be launched during the first World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) which will be held from 16 to 22 November 2015. WAAW aims to increase awareness of global antibiotic resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance.

More information on the World Antibiotic Awareness Week is available here.