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ESGAP EC changed:
1. Prof. Céline PULCINI stepped down from ESGAP EC due to her new position at the French Ministry of Health.
2. Dr Jeroen SCHOUTEN and Tomislav KOSTYANEV are taking the lead until the elections in 2020.

ESGAP

The ESCMID Study Group on Antimicrobial stewardship is dedicated to study and promote antimicrobial stewardship.

ESGAP was created in 1999, and has now 262 regular members.

Visit our website.

ESGAP grants for the 5th ESGAP antibiotics course

ESGAP will organize its 5th European antibiotics course in Valencia, Spain from Thursday, March 26th to Saturday, March 28th 2020.

In an intensive three-day program, clinical experts cover the basics of antimicrobial therapy, and will discuss the rationale behind the antibiotic treatment regimens of the most relevant infections for medical specialists. The course material will be further practiced with interactive questions. The course strives for maximum interaction, group size will therefore be limited to a maximum of 60 (two groups of 30). For further details on the course see: www.antibioticscourse.com.

For this edition, ESGAP offers ten participation grants. Recipients of the ESGAP-grants will be offered registration at the discounted rate of €75. Note that the grant does not cover travel or stay. In awarding the grants preference will be given to (1) ESCMID-members, (2) doctors at the beginning of their career (<40 years). A geographical and gender-balance will be pursued.

To apply for a grant, please send a short motivation letter (max 200 words) and curriculum (max 1 A4 sheet) to the ESGAP secretary Tomislav Kostyanev: Tomislav.Kostyanev@uantwerpen.be

The deadline to apply for a grant is December 1st 2019. Applicants will be notified about acceptance at the latest in the second week of January 2020.

Look out at ESGAP sessions at ECCMID 2020

Three sessions will be organized by ESGAP at ECCMID 2020:

- Making most of our new arsenal: approval and use of recently launched antibiotics
- How to implement a penicillin allergy delabelling programme?
- Scaling up local antimicrobial stewardship initiatives into successful regional programmes
Post Graduate Educational course on Antimicrobial Stewardship

ESGAP and SPIILF (French Infectious Diseases Society) organize a post-graduate educational course on antimicrobial stewardship just before the 30th ECCMID. This course, entitled *Antimicrobial Stewardship: a hands-on course and workshop*, will take place in Paris on 16-17 April 2020. It aims at helping medical doctors, pharmacists, microbiologists or any other medical professionals involved in antibiotic stewardship (programs) at their institution:

- To understand the principles and scientific background of antimicrobial stewardship programs and interventions
- To understand the sociocultural, ethical and behavioural aspects involved in the implementation of stewardship interventions
- To train in the application of day-to-day stewardship interventions

A more complete description of the course as well as practical detail for registration, grant submission etc could be found [here](#).

Other Courses

Others courses related to antimicrobial stewardship will be organized in 2020

- **Masterclass Dutch Antimicrobial stewardship** How to improve antibiotic use? A practical introduction to the development and implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in the Netherlands from 13 to 17 May 2020 by the Raboud UMC in the Netherlands. More information at [www.dutchantimicrobialstewardship.com](http://www.dutchantimicrobialstewardship.com)
- **Antimicrobial Stewardship: A competency-based approach** will be organized by Aleksandra Barac in 14-15 November 2020, Belgrade, Serbia.
- A PGEC Infections in elderly - from bench to (beyond) bed will be organized in collaboration with ESGIE (and many others study groups) in 16-17 October 2020, Venice, Italy.

OVLC

Don't forget to check the new resources recently posted on the ESGAP OVLC (http://esgap.escmid.org).

ESGAP member

Would you like to receive up-to-date information on antimicrobial stewardship AS? Would you like to become an ESGAP member? 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.

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