Annual Report 2017

1. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

1.1. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:

Publications:


1.2. Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings:

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna, ESGFOR, ESCMID Networking Corner Poster ENC013

1.3. Proposals for scientific & educational sessions at ECCMID:

@ ECCMID 2017 Vienna:

Selected:
- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Clinician, microbiologist and pathologist - joining efforts in diagnosis; Organizer(s): ESGFOR, ESGCIP, ESP.

Not selected:
- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 1-hour Symposium: Fatalities related to emerging pathogens; Organizer(s): ESGFOR.
• ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: *Microbiologist & Pathologist: joining efforts in the diagnosis of cardiac sudden death*; Organizer(s): ESGFOR & ESP (European Society of Pathology, with whom ESCMID has recently signed a MOU of agreement).
• ECCMID 2017 Vienna Meet-the-Expert Session: When Infectious Diseases come to court - examples from the real world; Organizer(s): ESGFOR, ESGCIP.

1.4. **Organization of scientific meetings and workshops outside ECCMID:**

• 29th European Congress of Pathology: 2-6 September 2017. Amsterdam. Session title: Joint Short Course Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology & ESCMID: *Microbiology and pathology: Joint efforts in the investigation of unexpected deaths*. Session date: Tuesday, 5 September 2017 (5 speakers, 2 hours).
• Congrès de la Société Française de Microbiologie (9-11 October, Paris). Symposium entitled "*Forensic and Post mortem microbiology in the 21st century*" in Partenariat with the ESCMID Study Group for Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology – ESGFOR. Session date: 10 October 2017. (3 speakers, 1 1/2 hours).

1.5. **Organization of educational activities outside ECCMID:**

• Belgian institute for tissue and Cell banks, 14/9/2017: *Microbiological control in tissue banks*, 2d Workshop of the BVWB-ABBT (collaborative activity of ESGFOR).

1.6. **Funded research projects (especially collaborative projects):**

Application for two research projects:

• Coordination, management and application for an Innovative Training Network in Microbial Forensic (Call Identifier: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon 2020; Closing Date: 15 January 2018): the laboratories of 7 members of ESGFOR partnering two external laboratories have constituted a network and are currently applying for this EU educational project.
• Application for an ESCMID Study Group Funding Project (30 November 2017): *Pilot study: Targeted 16S-23S rDNA Next Generation sequencing: useful in identifying an infectious cause of death?*.
1.7. Other important activities:

- Participation in the Pilot study: Targeted 16S-23S rDNA Next Generation sequencing: useful in identifying an infectious cause of death? Partners in the project (all ESGFOR members): Mirjam Kooistra-Smid, Groningen, the Netherlands, Veroniek Saegeman, Leuven, Belgium and Amparo Fernández-Rodríguez, Madrid, Spain. In this pilot-study we are exploring options to ask for funded research projects/grants.

2. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

2.1. Planned publications for 2018:
Guidelines writing projects co-organised with representatives of the European Society of Pathology:
- Draft on sampling on bioterrorism (in preparation)
- Draft on post-mortem microbiology in the hospital setting (in preparation)

2.2. Planned educational activities:

@ ECCMID 2018 Madrid:
Selected:
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (1 hour) (Accepted): Bioterrorism preparedness: molecular update; co-arranged with: ESGFOR - ESCMID SG for Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology, ESGMD - ESCMID SG for Genomic and Molecular Diagnostics
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Accepted): Transmission of pathogens and molecular phylogenetics: a forensic perspective; co-arranged with: ESGFOR - ESCMID SG for Forensic and Postmortem Microbiology, ISID - Israeli Society for Infectious Diseases, ESGEM - ESCMID SG for Epidemiological Markers

Outside ECCMID:
- Collaboration with the APST (Animal, Plant, Soils and Trace) Study Group of ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes): A) participation at the STEFA project. 2018-2019. B) Participation in the APST ENFSI annual meeting (11-13th April, Pontoise, France) and presentation of the oral communication: Promoting
forensic microbiology from the ESGFOR, the ESCMID Study group of Forensic and Post-mortem microbiology from the European Society of the Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID).


- Short course in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, Tunisia (second semester 2018, in preparation).

- Collaboration in a forensic microbiology session with the AMCLI national congress, Rimini 10-13 November 2018 (in preparation).

- Educational activities with some study groups of the ESP (European Society of Pathology) (in preparation).

**Not selected:**


### 3. ADMINISTRATION

#### 3.1. Number of current members:

39 SG members (as of end of February 2018)

#### 3.2. New member of the ESGFOR board: Prof Dr Laurent Andreoletti: Scientific Secretary.
3.3. **Agenda for General Assembly/Business Meeting:**

- Status of the two manuscripts in preparation:
  - Draft on sampling on bioterrorism
  - Draft on post-mortem microbiology in the hospital setting

- Planning of the future development of “Guidelines for the interpretation of post-mortem cultures”.

- Proposals for further ESGFOR’s activities regarding ECCMID 2019 and postgraduate courses:
  - How clean and safe is the autopsy room?
  - Proposals for workshops, scientific meetings and other educational activities

- Pushing up for collaborative activities (with ESP and other Study Groups):
  1. Renovation of the MOU of agreement with the ESP.
  2. Proposal for collaboration with other ESCMID SG.
  3. Proposal for collaboration with the ISPID-ISA (International Society for the Study and Prevention of Perinatal and Infant Death)
  4. Proposal for active collaboration with the AECVP (Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology)
  5. Proposal for active collaboration with ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes)

4. **FINANCES**

4.1. **Revenues and expenses**

4.2. **Balance**

EUR 5,754.87 (as of end of December 2017)