Annual Report 2017

1. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

1.1. Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:


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

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna, ESGS, ESCMID Networking Corner Poster ENC023

1.3. Proposals for scientific & educational sessions at ECCMID:

@ECCMID 2017 Vienna:

Selected:

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Coagulase-negative staphylococci (CoNS) - true pathogens!; Organizer(s): ESGS, ESGVM (accepted)
- ECCMID 2017 Vienna Meet-the-Expert Session: Bacterial typing - what methodology should I use?; Organizer(s): ESGEM, ESGS (accepted)

Not selected:

- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Diagnosis and prognosis markers in staphylococcal bacteraemia; Organizer(s): ESGBIS, ESGS (not selected)
- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Insight into staphylococcal pathophysiology; Organizer(s): ESGS (not selected)
- ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: One Health - One Medicine - from use of antimicrobials in animals to resistance in humans; Organizer(s): ESGS, ESGVM (not selected)
ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Secrets of success - why do some antimicrobial resistance genes (AMR) spread?; Organizer(s): ESGS, ESGEM, ESGARS (not selected)

ECCMID 2017 Vienna 2-hour Symposium: Staph international - no boundaries, no passports; Organizer(s): ESGS (not selected)

1.4. Organization of scientific meetings and workshops outside ECCMID:

- None

1.5. Organization of educational activities outside ECCMID:

- ESCMID course: Improving the Diagnosis of Bloodstream Infections – Advancing Technology and Quality for Better Care. Nice, France, 28 – 31 March 2017; organizers: ESCMID Study Group for Bloodstream Infections and Sepsis (ESGBIS), ESCMID Fungal Infection Study Group (EFISG), ESCMID Study Group for Biofilms (ESGB), ESCMID Study Group for Epidemiological Markers (ESGEM), ESCMID Study Group for Molecular Diagnostics (ESGMD), ESCMID Study Group for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases (ESGS), University of Nice-Sofia Antipolis/Université Côte d’Azur

1.6. Funded research projects (especially collaborative projects):

- ESCMID Practice Guideline on the Management of S. aureus Bloodstream Infection (ESGBIS/ESGS)
- SG Research Funding 9041 (Achim Kaasch, ESGBIS/ESGS): Identifying molecular mechanisms of intracardiac device infection by whole-genome sequencing (completed)
- SG Research Funding 9335 (Frederic Laurent, ESGS/ESGBIS): Evolution history and large-scale phylogeography of the multiresistant, neonatal sepsis-associated Staphylococcus capitis clone NRCS-A (extended to March 2018)

1.7. Other important activities:

- External Quality Control (EQC).

ESGS initiated the EQC for Staphylococcus aureus identification, typing and resistance, in 11 European laboratories including 6 National Reference Centres. The EQC was organized in 2015 and 2016 by Olivier Denis and Ariane Deplano (Belgium) and the exercise was felt to be extremely valuable in identifying strengths and limitations of current procedures (publication submitted). The EQC 2017 was organized in November by the French NRC for staphylococci and the results will be available at the end of January 2018.

2. PLANNED ACTIVITIES
@ ECCMID 2018 Madrid:

Selected:
- ECCMID 2018 Madrid Meet-the-Expert (Accepted): Prevention of S. aureus: what can we learn from the experts?; co-arranged with: ESGNI - ESCMID SG for Nosocomial Infections, ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases
• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (1 hour) (Accepted): Reservoirs of antimicrobial resistance genes; co-arranged with: ESGVM - ESCMID SG for Veterinary Microbiology, ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases, EFWISG - ESCMID Food- and Water-borne Infections SG, ESGARS - ESCMID SG for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Accepted): What's new in Staphylococcus aureus?; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases, ESGARS - ESCMID SG for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

Not selected:
• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (1 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): What is the contribution of antimicrobial use in animals to human morbidity and mortality due to AMR?; co-arranged with: ESGVM - ESCMID SG for Veterinary Microbiology, ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases, EFWISG - ESCMID Food- and Water-borne Infections SG, ESGARS - ESCMID SG for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Not Selected): Increasing incidence of coagulase-positive staphylococci; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): Diagnosis and prognosis markers in Staphylococcal bacteremia; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases, ESGBIS - ESCMID SG for Bloodstream Infections and Sepsis

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): Gram-positive cocci: cutting edge science; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): MRSA international – no boundaries, no passport; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases

• ECCMID 2018 Madrid Symposium (2 hour) (Partly accepted (merged)): Persistent infection with staphylococci; co-arranged with: ESGS - ESCMID SG for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Diseases

Outside ECCMID

• Organise and sponsor a joint session at the International Symposium for Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections (ISSSI) in Copenhagen, Aug 23 – 26, 2018

• External Quality Control (EQC). It will be organized in 2018; several adjustments will be made after the business meeting scheduled in Madrid.
3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1. Number of current members:

95 SG members (as of end of December 2017)

3.2. Agenda for General Assembly/Business Meeting:
Agenda will be circulated before ECCMID 2018

4. FINANCES

4.1. Revenues and expenses

4.2. Balance

EUR 7,000 (as of end of December 2017)

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