Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to our October 2018 TAE Newsletter! We are glad to share with you that the number of followers on Twitter and Facebook is continuously increasing and has reached over 1000. We genuinely appreciate your activity and support within the TAE society! Please find below information that might be of great interest to you.

Best wishes,
TAE Steering committee

TAE Steering Committee elections

Please vote for 2 new members to join the TAE steering committee! The election platform is now open until the 23rd of October 2018, 12:00 noon, CET. New steering committee members will be elected for a three-year term (2019-2022) by ESCMID Young Scientist Members who are 35 years of age and younger, or under 40 years of age and in training. The TAE steering committee and ESCMID executive committee are pleased to present 5 candidates, whose selection is based on professional and geographical criteria to ensure a well-balanced TAE steering committee. Please vote here.
Collaboration with other societies

Meeting with ASM Young Leaders Circle

During the American Society for Microbiology's (ASM) Microbe Congress in Atlanta (USA) in June 2018, our TAE president Dr. David Ong joined the ASM Young Leaders Circle meeting. This international collaboration between the two organisations aims to address the challenges in microbiology training and to ensure adequate representation of young members within the two largest societies in the field of microbiology. New joint congress session proposals have been submitted for the next year's Microbe 2019. Also, a manuscript has been submitted for publication promoting the necessity and importance of trainee involvement in postgraduate medical education and training in the field of microbiology.

Memorandum of Understanding with IFMSA

Dr Muge Cevik, TAE education officer, has successfully established a collaboration between TAE and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA). Both organisations have signed a memorandum of understanding. We believe that involvement of young people especially medical students is critical to combat antimicrobial resistance and implement impactful antimicrobial stewardship initiatives. We are looking forward to future collaborations!
Meeting with chair of ERS early-career members

During the European Respiratory Society (ERS) international congress in Paris (France) in September 2018, our TAE president-elect Dr. Aleksandra Barac had a kick-off meeting with the chair of ERS Early Career (EC) member Dr. Lieuwe Bos and ESCMID Professional Affairs Officer Prof. Dr Emmanuelle Cambau. This international collaboration between the two organisations aims to address the challenges in infectious diseases education and to improve the representation of the interests of young members within both societies. New joint congress session proposals have been discussed for ERS 2020, as well as a TAE postgraduate education course in collaboration with the ERS EC.
The 17th ESCMID Summer School was held in Paris, France. It was a highly scientific and a very enjoyable event at the same time with the attendance of international experts in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. All the lectures were interactive and all the topics were chosen adroitly. Attendees also had an excellent opportunity to network and discuss their thoughts, ideas and opinions with their peers and senior experts. It was an unforgettable experience under the atmosphere of fascinating Paris!

**ECCMID 2019 abstract submission is now open!**

We invite you to the 29th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, which will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 13 - 16 April 2019. Did you already submit your research? Submission of abstracts for ECCMID 2019 is open, and will close on 28 November 2018. Be sure to get involved in all of the exciting educational, social and professional events ECCMID has to offer you!
News from UEMS-ID Meeting in Seville, Spain

The UEMS-ID (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes – section Infectious Diseases) is a non-govermental organization representing national associations of medical specialties at the European level. This year the annual UEMS-ID meeting was organised in Seville (Spain) on the 29th of September. Several years after working on a common curricula for Infectious Diseases training in Europe, recommendations have been finalised, which will be presented to UEMS soon for approval. This curriculum will help to have a common structure of infectious diseases training among all countries within Europe and enable free movement of ID specialists. The interests of the trainees were represented by our TAE Steering Committee Member Dr. Zaira Palacios Baena, who was also the host of this event.
How are trainees in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases supervised in Europe? An international cross-sectional questionnaire survey by the Trainee Association of ESCMID

The TAE has recently published a manuscript on the topic of supervision of CM and ID trainees in the European Journal of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. The purpose of this study was to map the supervision of European trainees in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases during their training. An international cross-sectional questionnaire survey of 38 questions was distributed among trainees and recently graduated medical specialists from European countries. This is published open access, so you can easily download this article from the website.
Nominate a colleague for the 2019 TAE award!

The Trainee Association of ESCMID has an attractive funding scheme for its TAE award, which is intended to recognise and reward outstanding trainees in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. The award includes a non-restricted prize money of EUR 1,500, ECCMID 2019 travel and registration and Summer School 2019 registration and accommodation. Nomination deadline: 11 October 2018, 12.00 noon CET.

Candidates will be evaluated based on their contributions made to training in the field. Applicants must be 35 years-of-age or younger and still in specialty training on 5 January 2019. More information about eligibility, selection criteria and the online nomination can be found [here](#).
Did you miss previous TAE Newsletters? Don’t worry, you can find them in our archive:
TAE March 2018 Newsletter
TAE June 2018 Newsletter

TAE contact persons

We are searching for the contact persons for the next countries (infectious diseases/ID trainee or clinical microbiologist/CM trainee):

Belgium (ID trainee)
Switzerland (CM trainee)
Armenia (ID and CM trainee)
Latvia (CM trainee)
Moldova (ID and CM trainee)
Albania (CM trainee)
Cyprus (ID and CM trainee)
Azerbaijan (ID trainee)
Czech republic (CM trainee)
Estonia (ID trainee)
Slovakia (ID trainee)
Ukraine (CM trainee)
Greece (ID trainee)
Macedonia (ID trainee)

If you are interested to be TAE contact person or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us:
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