Welcome to our June 2019 TAE Newsletter!

Dear friends and colleagues,

We would like to thank you for your attendance and active participation at the TAE Day 2019 in Amsterdam! We truly appreciate your excellent support! Thank you for following us at Social media, TAE has 2160 followers on Twitter and 640 followers on Facebook!

Please find below information that might be of great interest to you.

Best wishes,

TAE Steering committee

More info...

TAE Day 2019

This year, TAE day has received special attention! Approximately 150 attendees and 15 mentors spent two constructive hours discussing issues concerning career development. This year we also introduced TAE quiz; attendees answered fun questions on microbiology with their mentors. In addition, we had excellent guest speakers – Prof. Dr Mario Poljak who gave an overview of TAE’s work over the last 10 years. ESCMID Young Investigator Award winners Dr Laurent Dortet and Dr Jakko van Ingen gave talks on their career pathways. See more pictures from the TAE Day 2019 in the gallery!
Thematic Week is TAE’s Monthly Educational Social Media Project which aims to provide research updates on CM&ID for scientists and physicians working in the field. Started in December 2017, we have prepared 14 Thematic Weeks and 2 year in review.

Follow us and read the most interesting updates from TAE! Follow #ThematicWeek

**TAE Twitter contest**

This year we started a TAE Twitter contest – a competition for the most interesting tweet posted about TAE day! The best tweets won funny microbes :) Congratulations!

Michael Thy

Nathan Peiffer-Smith
Collaboration with other societies

During ECCMID 2019 in Amsterdam, TAE SC members had a constructive meeting with representatives of Young Leaders’ Circle (YLC) of the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) (Dr Tomislav Mestrovic), European Respiratory Society (ERS) Early Career member committee (Cristina Calarasu) and International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) (Teodor Cristian Blidaru) and two IFMSA students (Sehee Rim and Blanca Paniello)

First time this year, as part of our new collaboration with IFMSA, ECCMID attendance scholarships were provided to two medical students interested in infectious diseases and microbiology. Please Read here a blog post from IFMSA representatives, about their impressions of ECCMID 2019 and perspectives from medical students.

“As a student activist, I strengthened my passion for learning and planning more about global health issues, seen through the glasses of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. As a student researcher, ECCMID approached me as an arena full of cutting-edge researches and motivation for the new research ideas. The congress was highly inspirational and will be remembered a steppingstone for me to act more as a both student activist and researcher in the field.” Sehee Rim, IFMSA student, Winner of the ESCMID/TAE Scholarship
ESCMID Summer School is a one-week course dedicated to postgraduate and continuing medical education. The programme covers a broad range of topics in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases and will be of interest to young MDs at the end of their speciality training as well as to biologists, pharmacists, PhD students and postdoctoral fellows working in the field of infection. By attending the ESCMID Summer School, you will not only widen your scientific network, but also you will get the opportunity to personally discuss topics with the experts in the field of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology! Please get in touch with two TAE Steering committee members, Sarah Delliere and Valentijn Schweitzer, who will be attending the Summer School to get updates about our activities and to become SC member! Find more about Summer school in Liverpool here.

Events

Check out the upcoming ESCMID Courses and Workshops!

3rd course on Encephalitis, 26–28 June 2019, Grenoble, France
Clinical bioinformatics for microbial genomics and metagenomics, 9-12 September 2019, Lausanne, Switzerland

Elimination of Viral Hepatitis: Are We Ready?  
27-28 September 2019, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Find here more about current ESCMID Courses and Workshops!

ESCMID Funded Observerships

The first call for ESCMID Observerships in 2019 is closed and applications are now under review. We received increased number of applicants this year and we are extremely pleased that young scientists members are using this excellent opportunity provided by the ESCMID. Are you interested to spend some time in another laboratory to learn new techniques or experience working at an ID unit in another country? Second call for the ESCMID Observerships in 2019 will be opened early Autumn. Don’t forget to pay attention to the updated criteria and ensure you have all the necessary documents enclosed with your application. You could get more information about observerships via this link.

Any questions, please contact observerships@escmid.org.
ESCMID-ECMM guideline: diagnosis and management of invasive aspergillosis in neonates and children

ESCMID and ECMM have developed a paediatric specific guideline for the diagnosis and management of IA in neonates and children. Review and discussion of the scientific literature and grading of the available quality of evidence was performed by the paediatric subgroup of the ESCMID-ECMM-European Respiratory Society (ERS) Aspergillus disease guideline working group, which was assigned the mandate for the development of neonatal and paediatric specific recommendations. Questions addressed by the guideline included the epidemiology of IA in neonates and children; which paediatric patients may benefit from antifungal prophylaxis; how to diagnose IA in neonates and children; which antifungal agents are available for use in neonates and children; which antifungal agents are suitable for prophylaxis and treatment of IA in neonates and children; what is the role of therapeutic drug monitoring of azole antifungals and which management strategies are suitable to be used in paediatric patients. This guideline provides recommendations for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of IA in the paediatric population, including neonates.


More info...

TAE trainee survey

We are pleased to launch a new trainee survey on research competencies of CM &ID trainees! Research has been recognised as one of the key competencies in post-graduate medical education. However, conducting research during clinical training is a challenge for many. This survey aims to assess research competencies of CM & ID trainees and identify factors associated with involvement in research during specialist clinical training (residency) with an aim to identify gaps and disparities in training, therefore, to inform curriculum development in CM & ID training. This survey will take <4 mins to fill out, and we much appreciate if you could fill it and also share it with your colleagues training in ID and CM!
How does it look like to be a TAE member?

Read more about the experience of the TAE treasurer Dr Cansu Cimen:

My story in the Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE) Steering Committee (SC) started three years ago when I was elected among the Infectious Diseases candidates in 2016. I attended my first TAE Steering Committee Meeting in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) in December 2016. Then I started my duty as the treasurer of the SC. Over the last three years I worked with a dynamic, innovative and hardworking team. I didn’t only experience to be a part of harmonious team, it also lead to strong international friendships. As the ESCMID Executive Committee attaches importance to young scientist members of the society, they give all possible support and plenty of opportunities to TAE members. Therefore, being a TAE SC member also means that you can to active role during ECCMID or the annual Summer School, in several study groups or postgraduate educational courses. I recommend any trainee who wants to start her/his promising professional life in the field of Infectious diseases and Clinical Microbiology to be a TAE SC member. This position gives you the opportunity to realize yourself and to develop your potential at an early point in your career!

The first announcement for TAE Steering committee elections that will be held in mid July 2019

In December 2019, some of the TAE Steering Committee (TAE SC) members will complete their term within the committee, resulting in new vacancies for a three-year term (January 2020 – December 2022) steering committee position. We are looking for trainees in Infectious Diseases/Internal Medicine and Clinical Microbiology. The call for candidates will be open in mid of July 2019. Any ESCMID member who is still in clinical training and 35 years old or younger is entitled to submit application. ESCMID members who are not in a clinical ID/IM/CM training (i.e. PhD training), are not eligible to apply, as well as candidates coming from countries of current TAE SC members (Serbia, Netherlands, France, UK). More details to follow soon. Contact any TAE SC member to discuss details of the position and/or communicate expression of your interest.
The TAE SC is currently revising the pool of national representatives. We are looking for enthusiastic trainees in CM and ID to channel information from the TAE within their national societies and networks of colleagues. Are you interested in working with the TAE SC and being part of the process of building a strong international network of CM and ID trainees? Don’t hesitate to contact us by email to find out more!

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

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