Annual Trainees Day at ECCMID

The TAE Trainees Day, held during ECCMID, offers a great platform for young professionals to speak to renowned experts in the fields of CM and ID. Participants can learn more about opportunities available to them to further their career and to get inspiration from experts who were once also at the beginning of their career path. It is also the perfect opportunity to build stronger links between senior experts and future professionals.

A popular part of the Trainees Day is the round-table session, which gives younger professionals the chance to talk directly to experts in an informal setting.

Like to get involved?

- Are you a trainee in CM or ID or an ESCMID young scientist member?
- Would you like to become an active TAE member?
- Do you want to share your ideas and suggestions?

Use your ESCMID membership to become more involved and take advantage of all the available resources and benefits.

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Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE)

What is the TAE?
The Trainee Association of European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (TAE) is a group of trainees and young medical specialists in clinical microbiology (CM) and infectious diseases (ID). The TAE was founded in November 2009 to increase and support the scientific and medical contribution of young clinical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists all over Europe.

The TAE is led by steering committee members who are CM or ID trainees from European countries or young medical specialists that finished their training less than three years ago. The steering committee is advised by the ESCMID Executive Committee.

One of the main aims of the TAE is to make great advancements in CM and ID training. We discuss optimal training programmes, provide international trainee courses with respected speakers and learn from each others’ regional experiences.

TAE also aims to create a large network of young professionals in CM and ID to facilitate better trans-European collaboration and effective use of resources.

TAE objectives
- Recognize and interpret challenges trainees of CM and ID face throughout Europe
- Implement harmonized content and quality of CM and ID training and European curricula across Europe
- Generate a broader and inter-related collaboration of CM and ID trainees across Europe by using a regional and worldwide network of CM and ID trainees
- Stimulate exchange programmes across Europe and beyond European borders
- Provide a programme which meets the specific needs of CM and ID trainees at each ECCMID
- Plan ECCMID sessions and activities with ESCMID study groups outside of ECCMID
- Create future partnerships for TAE’s own research.

TAE activities
- Represent the interests of CM and ID trainees in several international organizations, committees and working groups, including the ESCMID Education Subcommittee, the Education Work Group within the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC), and the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
- Expand the international network of national contact persons to link the TAE with trainees throughout Europe
- Promote ESCMID activities to trainees, PhD students, and young medical specialists
- Strengthen the collaboration with medical graduates
- Organize the TAE Trainees Day during ECCMID

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- Organize the annual TAE Awards for training achievements
- Organize ECCMID educational programmes and postgraduate education courses in collaboration with ESCMID study groups
- Perform research on training issues, e.g. a trans-European training conditions survey in 2015, the results of which were published in two open access articles in international peer reviewed journals (PMID: 27704297, PMID: 28233138)
- Launch a new TAE survey on supervision, mentorship and management in 2017: www.soscisurvey.de/TAE_Survey2017