The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
About ESCMID

Mission
The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infection-related diseases. This is achieved by promoting and supporting research, education, training, and good medical practice.

Background
Since its founding in 1983, ESCMID has evolved to become the leading society in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases with members from all European countries and all continents. For more than 30 years, ESCMID has been an influential component in the professional lives of microbiologists and infectious disease specialists and now reaches regular and affiliated members around the world. ESCMID welcomes new colleagues from all nations. ESCMID is registered in Switzerland with headquarters in Basel.
ESCMID Governance
The society’s executive power is vested in an Executive Committee elected by the ESCMID members. The Assembly of Members takes place at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID). The society’s president is elected by the Executive Committee for a two-year term. Representatives of affiliated societies gather at the annual ESCMID Council meeting held during ECCMID. It serves as a forum for discussion and resolution of professional matters of common interest.
Membership

Membership makes you part of a community. As a member you benefit from the support of an open collaborative organization.

Basic Membership
Core ESCMID benefits

Full Membership
All ESCMID benefits

Young Scientist Membership
All ESCMID benefits, individuals 35 years old and under, trainees up to 40 years

Core membership benefits:

- Participation in the shaping of the society: right to vote, run for elections, and attend Assembly of Members
- Subscription to the monthly issues and supplements of Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI), in print or online
- Significantly reduced registration fee for ECCMID
- Full access to eLibrary
- Receipt of ESCMID Weekly News
- Option to subscribe to several European journals at a preferential rate
- Option to become a member of one or several of our study groups

Additional membership benefits for Full and Young Scientist members:

- ESCMID membership directory: access contact details of fellow members from all over the world
- Eligibility for ECCMID travel grants and course attendance grants
- Eligibility for ESCMID awards and ESCMID research and attendance grants
- Reduced fees for postgraduate courses, conferences and the ESCMID Summer School
- Eligibility to visit one of our collaborative centres as an observer
- Eligibility for ESCMID Mentorship Programme

Register online to take advantage of our member benefits!

www.escmid.org/membership
ESCMID drives scientific knowledge forward by bringing together professionals in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases and by supporting the generation and distribution of scientific information.

Conferences
Scientific conferences cover a range of current topics from basic science to clinical practice and target different audiences. Depending on the topic and objective, such conferences can be small expert meetings or address a larger audience of interested scientists.

Postgraduate Courses and Workshops
Two- to four-day events focusing on specific clinical or laboratory issues of interest to trainees in clinical microbiology or infectious diseases. They are organized by ESCMID study groups, related professional societies or individual ESCMID members under the auspices and with the financial support of ESCMID.

Summer School
The annual one-week course is dedicated to postgraduate and continuing medical education (CME). It covers a broad range of topics and is of interest to young MDs at the end of specialty training, as well as biologists and others working in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection.

ESCMID strongly supports individuals active in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases with their postgraduate and continuing medical education (CME). You can benefit from diverse formats:

Research Projects
ESCMID encourages its study groups and individual members to initiate and participate in research projects and provides funding and administrative support for these projects. Additionally, ESCMID is a partner in EU-funded research programmes [see 'European Affairs and Projects', page 21].

Medical Guidelines
The development and dissemination of clinical and laboratory practice guidelines according to evidence-based medicine is a high priority of ESCMID, especially in areas where European diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines do not yet exist or need to be harmonized.

ESCMID eLibrary
All scientific and educational material generated at ECCMID as well as ESCMID conferences and courses can be found in this library that is freely accessible to ESCMID members. This material includes audio, video, presentations, abstracts and posters.

www.escmid.org/conferences
www.escmid.org/guidelines
www.escmid.org/elibrary

www.escmid.org/education
www.escmid.org/summerschool
Professionals with a common interest may establish ESCMID Study Groups. These special interest groups are open to all colleagues (not only from Europe) who wish to be involved in discussing and resolving specific issues. Become a member of your group(s) of interest!

ESCMID Study Groups

- Anaerobic Infections [ESGAI]
  www.escmid.org/esgai
- Antibiotic Policies [ESGAP]
  www.escmid.org/esgap
- Biofilms [ESGB]
  www.escmid.org/esgb
- Bloodstream Infections & Sepsis [ESGBIS]
  www.escmid.org/esgbis
- Brain Infections [ESGB]
  www.escmid.org/esgb
- Clinical Parasitology [ESGCP]
  www.escmid.org/esgcp
- Clostridium difficile [ESGCD]
  www.escmid.org/esgcd
- Critically Ill Patients [ESGCIP]
  www.escmid.org/esgcip
- Elderly Infections [ESGIE]
  www.escmid.org/esgie
- Epidemiological Markers [ESGEM]
  www.escmid.org/esgem
- Food/Water Infections [EFWISG]
  www.escmid.org/efwisg
- Forensic & Postmortem Microbiology [ESGFOR]
  www.escmid.org/esgfor
- Fungal Infection [EFISG]
  www.escmid.org/efisg
- Helicobacter [EHSG]
  www.escmid.org/ehs
- Immunocompromised Hosts [ESGICH]
  www.escmid.org/esgich
- Implant Infections [ESGIA]
  www.escmid.org/esgia
- Intracellular Bacteria [ESCAR]
  www.escmid.org/escar
- Legionella Infections [ESGLI]
  www.escmid.org/esgli
- Lyme Borreliosis [ESGBOR]
  www.escmid.org/esgbor
- Molecular Diagnostics [ESGMD]
  www.escmid.org/sgmd
- Mycobacterial Infections [ESGMYC]
  www.escmid.org/sgmyc
- Mycoplasma Infections [ESGMI]
  www.escmid.org/sgmi
- Nosocomial Infections [ESGNI]
  www.escmid.org/sgni
- PK/PD of Anti-Infectives [EPASG]
  www.escmid.org/epasg
- Resistance Surveillance [ESGARS]
  www.escmid.org/sgars
- Staphylococci [ESGS]
  www.escmid.org/sgs
- Travel & Migration [ESGITM]
  www.escmid.org/sgitm
- Vaccines [EVASG]
  www.escmid.org/evasg
- Veterinary Microbiology [ESGVM]
  www.escmid.org/sgvm
- Viral Hepatitis [ESGVH]
  www.escmid.org/sgvh
ECCMID – European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

About ECCMID
ECCMID is recognized as the largest international forum for presentations and discussions of research in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection for experts from academia, the clinical setting and the industry. The first European Congress of Clinical Microbiology (ECCM) was organized in 1983 in Bologna. After the Society’s adoption of infectious diseases in the late eighties, the first ECCMID was held in 1991 in Oslo. Initially a biennial congress, from 1999 ECCMID became an annual event. ECCMID venues are strategically selected and rotated to ensure easy access for colleagues from different areas of Europe and other continents. Since its initiation, ECCMID has grown in size and importance and now attracts around 12,000 participants every year. The number of submitted abstracts has risen to over 5,000 of which roughly 70% are accepted for oral, ePoster or poster presentation. ECCMID is a congress the industry continues to support by offering sponsored symposia as well as a large and comprehensive exhibition of laboratory equipment, diagnostic tools and pharmaceutical products.

ECCMID venues since 1983
1st ECCM 1983: Bologna
2nd ECCM 1985: Brighton
3rd ECCM 1987: The Hague
4th ECCM 1989: Nice
5th ECCMID 1991: Oslo
6th ECCMID 1993: Seville
7th ECCMID 1995: Vienna
8th ECCMID 1997: Lausanne
9th ECCMID 1999: Berlin
10th ECCMID 2000: Stockholm
11th ECCMID 2001: Istanbul
12th ECCMID 2002: Milan
13th ECCMID 2003: Glasgow
14th ECCMID 2004: Prague
15th ECCMID 2005: Copenhagen
16th ECCMID 2006: Nice
17th ECCMID 2007: Munich
18th ECCMID 2008: Barcelona
19th ECCMID 2009: Helsinki
20th ECCMID 2010: Vienna
21st ECCMID 2011: Milan
22nd ECCMID 2012: London
23rd ECCMID 2013: Berlin
24th ECCMID 2014: Barcelona
25th ECCMID 2015: Copenhagen
26th ECCMID 2016: Amsterdam
27th ECCMID 2017: Vienna
28th ECCMID 2018: Madrid

Scientific Programme
ECCMID’s scientific programme is a synthesis of current priorities in the fields of clinical microbiology and infection control. Leading scientists address the diagnosis, treatment, epidemiology and prevention of infectious diseases, as well as the related basic microbiology. Keynote lectures, symposia, meet-the-expert sessions, educational workshops, as well as poster, ePoster and oral sessions provide insights into recent scientific developments. Many subjects are addressed in interactive sessions to maximize the educational aspect. Delegates can take advantage of continuing medical education credits for attending ECCMID.

ESCMID Network
ECCMID has also become a favoured occasion for project groups to meet and interact. ESCMID study groups, networks and project teams in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, funded by the European Commission or other sponsors realize that ECCMID provides a unique opportunity to present their work to a larger scientific community, exchange views with colleagues and attract new members.

Raising Public Awareness
Success and failure in managing infectious diseases have a significant impact on public health. That is why the ESCMID Executive Committee is keeping opinion leaders and the public informed about key findings related to the practice of infectious disease medicine as well as public health.

www.escmid.org/eccmid
Awards and Grants

ESCMID supports young clinicians and researchers as well as established scholars with awards and grants to acknowledge past achievements and provide an incentive for future accomplishments. ESCMID supports its members’ research projects and training in the disciplines of clinical microbiology and infection control with about half a million euros every year.

Award for Excellence in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
in recognition of an outstanding lifetime contribution to science, education or professional affairs in either field

Young Investigator Award for Research in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases rewards outstanding research and stimulates further studies at the highest scientific level

TAE Awards for Training Achievements recognize outstanding trainees in these fields

Research Grant for outstanding research projects proposed by young ESCMID members

Study Group Research Grant exclusively available for official collaborative Study Group research projects

ECCMID Travel Grant awarded to ESCMID Young Scientist members with excellent abstracts for ECCMID

Attendance Grant for Educational and Scientific Meetings supports young colleagues attending an event organized or endorsed by ESCMID

Please check the website for the most current calls.

Publications

Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI)
CMI is the official peer-reviewed ESCMID publication, which includes monthly issues and supplements devoted to special themes. The scope of the journal comprises basic and clinical microbiology and parasitology; diagnosis, management and treatment of bacterial, viral, fungal and parasitic infections; epidemiology, prophylaxis and vaccination; molecular pathogenesis of infectious diseases; nosocomial infections, infections in the immunosuppressed host and host defence mechanisms. The impact factor was 4.575 in 2015.

New Microbes and New Infections (NMNI)
In 2013 ESCMID launched a new multilingual peer-reviewed journal, New Microbes and New Infections. NMNI is an open access online journal with a focus on new genomes, new microbes and newly discovered resistance, as well as new technology applied to the diagnosis of infectious and tropical diseases. It offers clinicians and researchers – particularly those in emerging countries – a rapid route to publication and the opportunity to publish in a highly visible global forum.

www.escmid.org/awards&grants
www.escmid.org/CMI
www.escmid.org/nmni
The European Manual of Clinical Microbiology
The European Manual of Clinical Microbiology is a hard-copy publication jointly produced by ESCMID and the Société Française de Microbiologie (SFM). It contains essential information and serves as reference in clinical microbiology. The 2012 edition is based on a popular French manual of clinical microbiology, which was published by SFM in 2010. It has been updated and adopted for Europe, and several chapters have been added.

ESCMID Website
The website is the information hub covering all ESCMID activities and projects. It targets ESCMID members, professionals in the field of infection, opinion leaders (e.g. politicians, journalists) as well as the general public.

ESCMID members have access to special features of the website. Popular services such as the Membership Directory, the Online Lecture Library, CMI and NMNI (open access) can be quickly accessed online after logging in.

ESCMID Yearbook
The Yearbook is published and presented each spring at the annual ECCMID. This publication gives a comprehensive and lively overview of the society’s activities over the previous year.

ESCMID Weekly News
The electronic Weekly News, which includes timely information of interest to CM and ID professionals, is distributed to the ESCMID membership, members of affiliated societies, and other subscribers.
Professional Affairs

Professional Affairs includes:
- Activities with other organizations in clinical microbiology (CM) and infectious diseases (ID)
- Collaboration with relevant sections of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
- Professional policy issues in the fields of CM and ID
- Matters relating to professional training, mobility and recruitment
- Equal opportunities
- Trainees’ issues

Some of the current projects within the Professional Affairs portfolio are listed on the opposite page.

ESCMID Parity Commission
The ESCMID Parity Commission was founded to review and improve the representation of minorities as well as gender and geographic balance in the society’s fields of expertise.

Trainee Association of ESCMID
The goal of this initiative is to increase and support the scientific and medical contribution of young clinical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists all over the world.

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECC)
The ESCMID Collaborative Centres are infectious disease and/or clinical microbiology centres of excellence across all continents and include prestigious international organizations such as ECDC and WHO. ESCMID encourages members to go abroad to learn about organizational routines as well as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Such visits also help researchers to establish new contacts and foster international exchange (ESCMID Observerships).

ESCMID Observerships
The ESCMID Observership programme provides funding for ESCMID members intending to visit an ESCMID Collaborative Centre in another country for one day to one month to learn good clinical and/or laboratory practice. The programme is reserved exclusively for ESCMID members.

ESCMID Mentorships
This initiative gives ESCMID members (mentees) the opportunity to benefit for up to two years from mentoring by a senior member based at an ESCMID Mentorship Centre.

Job Platform
This platform fosters the professional advancement of trainees, specialists and researchers in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases by posting advertisements from employers as well as job seekers.

EU Partner Search Platform
ESCMID offers a database for those who are looking for project partners to create a European Network or research consortium. Furthermore, ESCMID offers members the possibility to post a request for partnership if they want to get involved in European projects.
Cooperative Initiatives

ESCMID maintains cooperative partnerships with many other professional societies and organizations. The Society also participates in scientific projects and networks, takes a leadership role in the consultation process with European health authorities, and cooperates with industry representatives in the areas of research and development, science communication, awards, grants and fellowships. Especially important are cooperative initiatives with societies that share a similar mission with ESCMID such as API, ASM, CMA, ERS, FEMS, IACMAC, IDSA and ISC. Examples of such cooperation are joint scientific conferences, symposia and workshops, fellowships, medical practice guidelines, professional and public awareness campaigns and membership schemes.

UEMS

ESCMID cooperates with the sections of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) focusing on training programmes, specialty recognition and professional affairs with the goal of facilitating harmonization within Europe.

Affiliation and ESCMID Council

Affiliation with regional, national and international societies in our fields helps promote the wider interests of the respective memberships and strengthens cooperation in science, education and professional affairs. Representatives of the societies affiliated with ESCMID constitute the ESCMID Council. Members of affiliated societies receive ESCMID’s Weekly News and societies participate in ESCMID programmes.

www.escmid.org/council

European Affairs and Projects

ESCMID promotes and supports the involvement of its members and study groups in European and international research and policy initiatives. This includes the participation of ESCMID in EU-funded research programmes and the co-organization of conferences and workshops in the field of public health. ESCMID informs its members of European funding opportunities and represents the interests of the community of clinical microbiologists and infectious disease specialists in European and international institutions and organizations.

EUCIC – European Committee for Infection Control

This committee was formed in 2014 and its major goals are to harmonize infection control and preventive measures in all European countries in order to reduce morbidity and mortality related to hospital-acquired infections. Development of new educational tools as well as specific guidelines and clinical trials close to daily practice are a key focus.

EUCAST

EUCAST (European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing) is a professional standing committee consisting of national breakpoint committees and microbiology experts from all European and other countries. Their task is to harmonize breakpoints for susceptibility testing for new and existing antibacterial and antifungal agents. EUCAST together with ESCMID hosts the international website for minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)-distributions of bacteria and fungi and determines epidemiological cut-off values together with a panel of international experts in human and veterinary medicine and food safety. EUCAST is convened and financed by ESCMID, ECDC and the national breakpoint committees.

www.eucast.org

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