



# EFWISG

ESCMID FOOD- AND  
WATER-BORNE  
INFECTIONS STUDY GROUP

European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

We want to invite you to:

- The EFWISG business meeting on Sunday 10 April in Room G111 :18.15 to 19.15
- The EFWISG Symposium on Monday 11 April in Hall G 16.00-18.00 Hidden Enemy; Hepatitis E

## Mission and objectives

### Key objectives

1. Assemble a wide range of geographically diverse expertise from the spheres of clinical and laboratory medicine, scientific research, epidemiology and public health medicine and educationalists in a single unified forum to address questions which relate to the diagnosis, management and prevention of Food- and Water-borne Infections (FWI) and to promote and disseminate knowledge of FWI.
2. Identify potential scientific, clinical and epidemiological studies as well as educational initiatives relating to the above.
3. Identify and pursue funding opportunities to support these projects.
4. Identify potential collaborating partners for these studies and initiatives.
5. Provide support for projects from initial design to data analysis and dissemination of results.
6. Provide educational and training opportunities for those with an interest in FWI.
7. Provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas and the development of an international consensus in strategies relating to FWI.
8. Work together with other ESCMID Study Groups and individual members of ESCMID as appropriate.

## Collaborations

EFWISG is open to collaboration with colleagues and with organizations who can contribute to our mission to address questions which relate to the diagnosis, management and prevention of Food- and Water-borne Infections (FWI) and to promote and disseminate knowledge of FWI.



EFWISG Chairperson Luísa Peixe contributed to the joint ASM – ESCMID workshop on Dermatological Infections and Food-borne Diseases in Hanoi October 2015

## Activities

### Publications, guidelines and consensus documents:

- *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* -themed section on "Poultry and human infections", Edited by F. Allerberger. published on February 2016
- Spina *et al.*, Spectrum of enteropathogens detected by the FilmArrayGI Panel in a multicenter study of community-acquired gastroenteritis. *Clin Microbiol Infect.* 2015; 8:719-28.

### Presentations on behalf of the Study Group at scientific meetings:

- *Antimicrobial resistance and the food chain.* ASM-ESCMID International Workshop on Dermatological Infections and Food-borne Diseases. Hanoi. October 15-16, 2015
- *How multiple drug resistance is affecting how we manage food-borne infections.* ASM-ESCMID International Workshop on Dermatological Infections and Food-borne Diseases. Hanoi. October 15-16, 2015

### Funded research projects (especially collaborative projects):

- SG Research Grant 8168 (Luisa M. V. Peixe, EFWISG): Discrimination of *Salmonella* non-typhoid high-risk clones by highthroughput spectroscopic techniques (MALDI-TOF and FTIR-ATR) (planned to run until 2016). In progress.
- Data collection for EFWISG Neutropenic Dietary Advice Survey (ENDAS: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ENDAS>) now complete. (Manuscript reporting on findings to be submitted 2015).

### Planned Activities

- EFSWIG are exploring the possibility of developing a working group to develop a consensus on methods for detection antimicrobial resistant bacteria in food water and environment. If this activity may be of interest to you please contact the secretary to express interest.

## Executive Committee

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The EFWISG executive committee is always interested to hear from colleagues who are interested in joining EFWISG or for participation in specific working groups on specialized subjects or collaborations in the field of food and water borne infection.