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Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our Summer newsletter!

It has been amazing to have had the chance to meet many of you finally in person during the 33rd ECCMID in Copenhagen.

TAE Day during ECCMID has been a success and we were happy to receive a lot of positive feedback! For those who couldn't join us, don't worry: a new online TAE day will be available in Autumn 2023!

Now, while working on new projects for the coming year, we are happy to share some exciting news on upcoming courses, research grants and projects.

We also would like you to acknowledge the call for TAE Outstanding Trainee Award for 2024, as well as the chance to send your candidature for next year TAE SC elections.

See you soon at our next event!

Best regards, your TAE-SC team (Petar, Giorgia, Suzanne, Nick, Yousra, Claudio, Christian and Casandra).



If you have an idea about a project we should initiate or if you want to get involved in TAE activities, send us an email at tae@escmid.org.

More info on our<u>website</u>.

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Arrivals and departures in TAE steering committee



ECCMID is an amazing time for networking, knowledge updates and career boosting. For us of the TAE SC team, it is always also a little emotional because some members of our team are leaving. The upside is that great new members arrive and we are always excited to start working with them.

This year we said goodbye to 3 very valuable members of the team: Anja, Katharina and Maria. We wish them the best for their career and we look forward to invite them soon as experts in their field.

On the other hand, we were happy to welcome aboard Casandra, Christian and Claudio, who already brought a lot of ideas and enthusiasm for the upcoming term!

TAE-SC elections for 2024

TAE-SC members hold their spot in the SC for 3 years, then they leave the space for new young scientist to bring their exciting ideas on how to improve contact with trainees, propositions for post-graduate courses and conferences and many more insights to continuously evolve in our ID/CM field. At ECCMID 2024, 2 members will end their term so start thinking about your

possible involvement in TAE and <u>follow-up with our autumn newsletter</u>: we're going to post the availability and deadlines for applications!

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2023 TAE DAY report



Our 2023 TAE Trainees Day was a success thanks to our great experts and to all of you! We will share the evaluation report in our autumn newsletter! After the presentation of **TAE activities**, two representatives of the winners of

the **ESCMID Observership** (Amina Zaffagnini - IT) and the **ESCMID Research Grant** (Bieke Tack - BE) talked about their experiences.

We then proceeded with the ceremony of the **TAE Outstanding Trainee Award**. Two excellent trainees received their prize: Joseph Donovan (UK) and Florian Tagini (CH).

This year we also presented for the first time the winner of the **Research Bites session**, a new session born from the collaboration of TAE with the SAS, awarding the youngest scientists presenting their research for the first time at an international conference. 2023 winner was Vasin Vasikasin (UK).

We had a fun competitive moment with the **TAE Quiz** where the winners also received sweet Danish prizes.

Finally, we landed on the long waited and most acclaimed part of the TAE Day: the **Round Table Session**. This is always a great opportunity to informally interact with renowned experts in the field of CM and ID to discuss career paths and research themes.

We would like to thank all participants, awardees and invited experts for their contribution to another successful TAE Day.

Now TAE SC is already working on ECCMID 2024 that will be held again in a hybrid format (Barcelona). Remember to follow our newsletter to know the deadlines for making sure to book a spot at TAE Day next year!

POST-ECCMID Day 2023: upcoming TAE virtual round table



If life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

COVID-19 forced us on the hybrid format for 2 years: well, we learned from this experience to multiply the networking opportunities and be environment-friendly.

This year the virtual round table will take place in **Autumn 2023**, with breakout rooms mimicking the round tables in person: this will grant the opportunity to participate to those who could not join us during TAE Day in Cophenaghen.



Every year the ESCMID recognizes and rewards multi-skilled trainees in CM and ID with extracurricular activities in teaching, networking and collaboration.

Selection criteria emphasize education, constant improvement of personal education, contributions to training programmes, collaboration for educational purposes and education of peers.

The awardees will receive a non-restricted prize money of 1000€, ECCMID 2024 travel and registration and Summer School 2024 travel, registration and accommodation. The award ceremony will take place during TAE Day at the 34rd ECCMID, in Barcelona, 2024. The call will open soon (Summer 2023): make sure you check the ESCMID website <u>here</u>. Eligibility criteria and nomination process on our website. ESCMID EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Opportunities

ESCMID RESEARCH GRANT CALL

THE CALL TO APPLY FOR THE ESCMID RESEARCH GRANTS 2024 OFFICIALLY OPENED ON 21 JUNE 2023 AND THE **DEADLINE** FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATIONS IS **13 SEPTEMBER 2023, 17:00 CEST**.



CALL OPENING IN AUTUMN 2023

ESCMID funded observership

THE NEW CALL TO APPLY FOR ESCMID OBSERVERSHIPS WILL OPEN AGAIN SOON (SEPTEMBER 2023). MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN TIME <u>HERE</u>. ESCMID research grants help young outstanding investigators pursue groundbreaking research in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. For the Research Grant programme 2024, only projects dealing with Bacterial Infections & Diseases (incl. diagnostics, pathogenesis, antifungal/antiviral/antiparasitic susceptibility & resistance, stewardship, vaccines) will be accepted. More info here.

ESCMID CAREER GRANT 2024

We know that many Young Scientist Members struggle to conciliate research and family duties.

The CAREer grant has been launched to support your scientific career whilst looking after your children. This grant allows the recipient to have more time for family duties by paying a support person to cover 20% of your workload. Deadline for submitting your application and more details will be soon available <u>here</u>.

ESCMID young investigator award

A PRIZE OF 5,000 € TO BE USED FOR ANY FORM OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PURCHASE OF BOOKS, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, ATTENDANCE IN CONGRESSES, ETC.) INFO & DETAILS <u>HERE</u>.

W Updates on Educational Events/Initiatives



Training for an outbreak response: Simulation exercises to strengthen local preparedness



TAE/ESGPHM Training for an Outbreak Response

13-15 September 2023, ONLINE

Topics: Learn to design and play specific scenarios (tabletop excercises) to simulate emergency situations and continuously train for an outbreak response. **Co-organizers**: EFISG.

Access to the final programme <u>here</u>; Login on ESCMID.org and then register <u>here</u>.

CALL for CMI Editorial interns

Are you an early career researcher or clinician-researcher seeking valuable experience in the world of scientific publishing? CMI is currently accepting applications for editorial interns to work closely with our esteemed editors. More info <u>here</u>.







New Instagram account!

Starting from June 2023 we are also active on Instaram. Click <u>here</u> to land on our Instagram page and make sure to follow us!

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All ECCMID sessions are available on ECCMID 2023 Online Platform until 6 month after the congress (October 18, 2023). Access <u>here</u>!

Publishing your clinical research: how to write strong study protocols and great manuscripts

Geneva, Switzerland 21 – 22 September 2023



Register before 16th of August <u>here</u> and apply for an attendant grant <u>here</u>.

Better methods for clinical studies in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology

Prague, Czech Republic 24 – 26 October 2023



Register before 19 September 2023 <u>here</u> and apply for an attendand grant <u>here</u>.

WUpdates on Educational Events/Initiatives

Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to patients with CNS infections

Amsterdam, Netherlands 5 – 7 October 2023



Register before 4 September 2023 <u>here</u> and apply for an attendand grant <u>here</u>.

Update on Infections in Immunocompromised Host

A Joint Online Educational Course by ICHS and, EFISG, ESGICH, ESGREV of ESCMID

Online 28 – 29 November 2023



Access to the final programme <u>here</u>, Login on ESCMID.org and register <u>here</u>.

Explore additional Education Courses online and onsite here.

ESCMID MANAGING INFECTIONS PROMOTING SCIENCE

Access the complete programme and details <u>here</u>.



21st ESCMID Summer School Seville, Spain 1 – 8 July 2023

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