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## PA Workshop

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### Workshop Objectives

- To review the status of the specialities, Clinical/ Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, across Europe.
- To discuss initiatives to improve the organisational basis for medical practice in our disciplines.

### Target Audience

All practising Clinical/Medical Microbiologists and Infectious Disease Physicians, both senior and junior, who are interested in the future development of these medical specialities.

### Timelines

The workshop will start in the afternoon of Thursday, 5 June 2014 and end on Friday, 6 June 2014 at 16:00 pm.

# Workshop Programme

## Thursday, 5 June 2014

### 13:45 Opening

#### Only united we stand

- 14:00 ESCMID: the unique scientific and professional society connecting CM and ID specialists. *Murat Akova*
- 14:15 Clinical/Medical Microbiology throughout Europe: a family tree in 2014. *Hilpi Rautelin*
- 14:30 Infectious Diseases throughout Europe: a family tree in 2014. *Mario Mondelli*
- 14:45 Infection Control: a third pillar in the world of CM and ID. *Evelina Tacconelli*
- 15:00 Discussion

#### Working together and working with others

- 15:15 What I like and dislike about my fellow clinical microbiologist. *Jos Willem Maarten van der Meer*
- 15:30 What I like and dislike about my fellow ID specialist. *Gunnar Kahlmeter*
- 15:45 Modern clinical microbiology needs staff with diverse backgrounds. *Reinhard Zbinden*
- 16:00 Improving the collaboration between ID and other specialists: keys for success. *Jesus Rodriguez-Baño*
- 16:15 Discussion
- 16:30 Coffee break

#### Head-to-head

- 17:00 Is antimicrobial multi-drug resistance really a great problem? *Gunnar Kahlmeter, Winfried V. Kern*
- 17:30 Microbiology point-of-care testing in intensive care units. Who should perform, read and interpret results? *Bruno Baršič, Katja Seme*
- 18:00 The stand-alone ID hospital vs. the ID department in a big hospital. *Adriana Vince, Winfried V. Kern*
- 18:30 Infection control, counselling, antibiotic stewardship and auditing. Who should be in charge: ID or CM specialists or someone else? *Petra Apfalter, Bojana Beović*
- 19:00 Hepatitis C therapy revolution. Who should be in charge: ID specialists, hepatologists or GPs? *Mario Mondelli, Davor Štimac*

### 19:30 Networking Evening

## Friday, 06 June 2014

### Improving our practice

- 08:15 Laboratory consolidation and personnel shortages: two problems, one problem or no problem? *Johan van Eldere*
- 08:30 Being a basic researcher and ID clinician in one person. Is it possible? *Annelies Zinkernagel*
- 08:45 Different infection prevalence and rates of antimicrobial resistance across Europe: reflection of different culture and different attitudes or something else? *Hilary Humphreys*
- 09:00 Should MICs be given to non-ID clinicians? *José Artur Paiva*
- 09:15 Discussion

### Practising CM/ID in the time of economic crisis

- 9:30 What do financial cuts in health-care systems mean for communicable diseases in Europe? *Jan C. Semenza*
- 09:45 Financial cuts limiting health-care programmes: going backward instead of forward. The Greek lesson. *Sotirios Tsiodras*
- 10:00 Old guys, you were lucky. What about our "lost generation"? *Chrysanthi Skevaki*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break

### Striving for a common European curriculum and exam in CM/ID

- 11:00 A European medical exam is possible: case of Ophthalmology. Examiner view. *Branka Stirn Kranjc*
- 11:15 A European medical exam is possible: case of Ophthalmology. Trainee view. *Špela Štunf*
- 11:30 Building a house from the fundament upwards: Official UEMS Training Requirements for the Specialty of Medical Microbiology. *Truls Michael Leegaard*
- 11:45 Is a European exam in CM a way forward? *Hilpi Rautelin*
- 12:00 Is a European exam in ID a way forward? *Nicholas John Beeching*
- 12:15 How to make CM more attractive for medical graduates? *Truls Michael Leegaard, Polona Maver Vodičar*

- 12:30 How to make ID more attractive for medical graduates? *Evelina Tacconelli, Joana Cortez*
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch

### Focused breakout sessions

- Stream I: Towards equality based on merit**
- 14:00 We take gender issues seriously: the results of the ESCMID questionnaire and how to move on. *Evelina Tacconelli*
- 14:20 How to promote women in research and career advancement? *Titia Kortbeek*
- 14:40 Taking care of young members: ESCMID Mentorship Programme. *Nur Benzonana*
- 15:00 How many Europes exist? *Dan Otelea*
- 15:20 A common EU immunization schedule: myth or reality? *Pier Luigi Lopalco*
- 15:40 What kind of advocacy do we need to improve the poor visibility of CM? *Gunnar Kahlmeter*

### Stream II: Striving for a common European curriculum and exam in CM/ID

- 14:00 A common European curriculum and exam is possible. *Branka Stirn Kranjc, Špela Štunf*
- 14:20 The results of the mock CM/ID exam performed by TAE. *Davorka Dušek*
- 14:40 Curriculum content and delivery: The British experience. *Nicholas John Beeching*
- 15:00 Train the trainers. *Nicholas John Beeching*
- 15:20 The ID specialty in all EU counties: dream or reality? *Jesus Rodriguez-Baño/Adriana Vince*
- 15:40 Clinical Microbiology as part of Polyvalent Laboratory Medicine: an outdated concept. *Hilpi Rautelin*



# Organisation

### Conference Venue

Main Lecture Hall, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Korytkova 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, [www.imi.si](http://www.imi.si)

### Registration Fee

- Members of ESCMID and Affiliated Societies  
Before and on 23 May 2014: EUR 250  
After 23 May 2014 and onsite: EUR 350
- All others  
Before and on 23 May 2014: EUR 350  
After 23 May 2014 and onsite: EUR 450

### Registration

The registration fee includes the congress material, scientific sessions, coffee breaks, lunch on Friday and networking evening. Travel and accommodation are not included. More information on the workshop and on how to register is available on the ESCMID website at [www.escmid.org/PAworkshop14](http://www.escmid.org/PAworkshop14).

### Attendance Grants

ESCMID provides a number of attendance grants preferably for ESCMID "young scientist members" (members who are 35 or younger) and which cover the registration fee, but not accommodation or travel costs. Please apply via the link provided on the conference website before 31 March 2014, 12:00h. Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by 4 April 2014.

Application for an attendance grant does not automatically register you for the workshop. Please register online with the link supplied on the website.

