

ECCMID 2021 – Moving to a fully online congress

Dear Ferenc Schneider,

On 10 March 2021, the ESCMID Executive Committee, after very careful deliberation and consideration, made the decision that the 31st ECCMID, taking place from 9 – 12 July 2021, will be held fully online.

Whilst it had been envisaged that the congress could take place in a hybrid format, with options for either online attendance or onsite attendance in Vienna, Austria, the unpredictability of the current situation in relation to COVID-19, international travelling, large meetings and restriction measures in different countries has led to the decision having to be made to move the congress to a fully online format.

We are very much looking forward to our first ever fully online ECCMID, and to having you join us for this exciting new chapter in ECCMID history. The usual ECCMID scientific symposia, keynote lectures, meet-the-expert sessions and educational workshops will all be present, in addition to exciting new ECCMID formats tailor-made for online delivery. Be sure to join us for the keynote fireplace discussions and online escape room, amongst other new initiatives.

Of course, in addition to the invited scientific programme, the ECCMID abstract programme will be hosted online, giving members of the ESCMID community the opportunity to present their own original research and cases. Don't forget that the (late)breaker abstract submission will be open between 26 April and 7 May 2021, in case you missed the first round of abstract submission.

As usual, there will be a full industry programme accompanying the scientific programme, showcasing the latest developments and innovations through engaging integrated symposia.

Also new for 2021 are the pre-ECCMID days, a series of five full-day educational programmes taking place on the ECCMID online platform in the months leading up to the congress itself. Find out more on the ECCMID website. Registration to the pre-ECCMID days is included with your registration to ECCMID.

Up to this point, full registration for ECCMID (with the options for onsite or online attendance) has been discounted to the same cost as online only registration. All registrations already sold will be converted to online only registrations. Until 21 April 2021, the earlybird registration fee still applies, so be sure to take advantage of the reduced fees!

We look forward to seeing you online soon.

Kind regards,
ESCMID Executive Office