

Welcome to our March 2018 TAE Newsletter!

Dear colleagues,

We will keep you updated about TAE activities, top papers in the field of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, useful courses, scholarships, grants and upcoming events!

We hope this will be helpful for all trainees and young researchers who are in love with clinical microbiology and infectious diseases.

TAE Steering committee



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Upcoming events

Check upcoming ECCMID 2018!

Join us on Trainee day on Saturday April 21st!

At ECCMID we organize round table sessions with experts to learn about career development, to think about possibilities and to get inspiration from experts who were once trainees. This will also be a perfect opportunity to build stronger links between senior experts and future professionals. In addition, you will participate in the ceremony of the “TAE awards for training achievements”.



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Join us at the ECCMID session on Career development for the next generation of CM/ID professionals in Hall H, at 13:30 on Tuesday 24 April!

During this session prominent experts in the field of antimicrobial stewardship, infection control, and next-generation sequencing will inform you with the latest news and recommendations for career development.

TAE congratulates 2018 TAE Awardees for Training Achievements!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 TAE Awards for Training Achievements who will receive their awards during the TAE Day session on Saturday 21 April at ECCMID 2018.

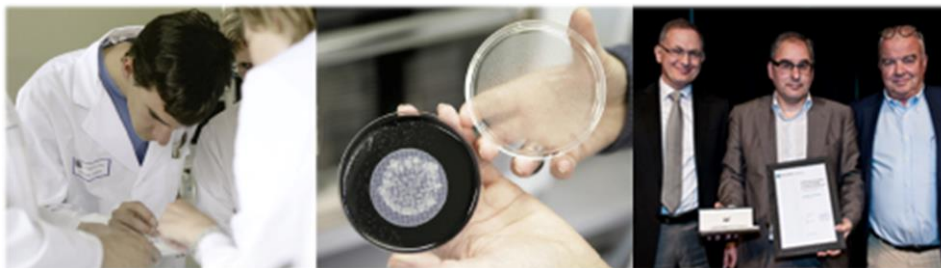
This year's awardees are **Robbert Bentvelsen**, resident in clinical microbiology at Leiden University Medical Centre, the Netherlands and **Maroun Sfeir** from Weill Cornell Medicinal University, resident in infectious disease.



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ESCMID offers attendance grants for educational and scientific events

ESCMID support young European scientists who wish to attend an educational and/or scientific event organized or endorsed by ESCMID and provide free tuition and/or travel. If you are interested, please check the ESCMID webpage.



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ESCMID Observership

ESCMID Observership: applications being accepted from 7 March!

Now you can apply for one of the 50 funded observerships available. The deadline is 18 March so make sure you get your application to us before then. Don't forget to pay attention to the updated criteria and ensure you have all the necessary documents to send with your application. You may also apply for unfunded observerships via [this link](#).

Any questions, please contact observerships@escmid.org. The next call for funded observerships will be announced in the summer.

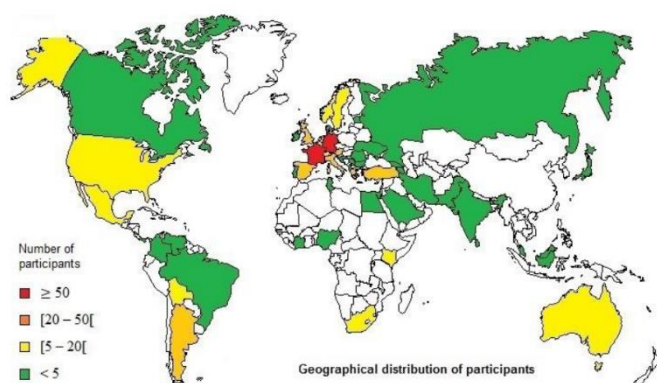


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ESCMID publication of the month

The objective of this interesting international ESCMID cross-sectional survey was to explore the management of bloodstream infections (BSI) by infection specialists. Six hundred and sixteen professionals from 56 countries participated, 76% being members of an antimicrobial stewardship team. This survey showed large variations in practice among infection specialists, in particular for the *E. coli*, *E. faecalis* and *P. aeruginosa* vignettes. International guidelines on management of BSI are urgently needed.

Diallo K, et al. Management of bloodstream infections by infection specialists: an international ESCMID cross-sectional survey. *Int J Antimicrob Agents*. 2018 Jan. doi: 10.1016/j.ijantimicag.2017.12.010.



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How does it look like to be a TAE member?

Read more about the experience of the past TAE Vice-president Dr Alberto Enrico Maraolo:

“My life as TAE member can be summed up in a few words: a fantastic and ever-stimulating journey that lasted three years. Notwithstanding, some additional words are necessary to better describe how it started and has influenced my life and career.

I began my residency in Infectious Diseases in 2011, at the University of Naples (Italy) “Federico II”. Two years later, I become an ESCMID member, and a long series of opportunities opened up, starting from a travel grant for an international postgraduate course in Croatia.



At once (it was Autumn 2013) the call for the TAE Steering Committee election was launched. I applied as potential candidate and my candidacy was accepted: I wanted to be active part of a group of people committed to help other colleagues. To be honest, I did not think I would win the ballot, but it happened.

When I received the letter that made official the results, mixed feelings overwhelmed me: happiness on one hand, worry on the other hand: would I have been up to the task?

Curiously, the first (winter) meeting was held in Croatia: a sort a sign of destiny, I thought. Gradually, my fears began disappearing: I was quickly “infected” (sorry, professional deformation) by the enthusiasm of a group of young women and men, who had decided to dedicate relevant part of their free time to the ESCMID activities.

Making the entire list of initiatives I have been involved in during these three years would be boring: as an example, I could mention the organization of TAE day and of some scientific sessions at ECCMID editions 2015/16/17, the conduction of two web surveys, the participation in several committees. Among the many things done, I am particularly proud of the efforts related to turn the results from the first survey (on working conditions and training adequacy of CM and ID residents across Europe) into two published papers, to prove our willingness to have a tangible impact on the lives of European trainees.

Nevertheless, all good things must come to an end, sadly. Of course, on a personal level, this long journey has been something more than a list of task and activities. It has been a growth path to improve myself, to broaden my horizons; this experience has been a constant nudge to acquire new interpersonal skills, to ameliorate the fluency of my English, to establish international contacts, including renowned professors and passionate medical students, besides a lot of trainees and young specialists.

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to travel across Europe, to represent one of the most important medical society in the world, and to cultivate friendships that, hopefully, will last for life.

Job/research opportunities for ESCMID young scientist members

Are you looking for a new job or research opportunity? Check this open call for position for Medical Advisor Syndromic Approach in bioMérieux SA, United Arab Emirates or the open call for position for Bioinformatician/Post-Doctoral Research Associate at University of Bern, Switzerland.



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