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### ECCMID Congress Preview

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From April 25 to April 28, the 25th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark.



ECCMID is the global meeting place for microbiologists, infectious disease specialists and related fields. This year's Congress will offer diverse and clinically focused insight on topics through a series of keynote lectures, symposia, educational workshops and meet-the-expert sessions on parallel tracks, covering the entire field of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology.

Hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) represent an ever-increasing economic burden costing hospitals billions of euros every year. They threaten the life of patients and cause thousands of deaths. The ECCMID is the platform where specialists from the field offer insight and recommendations on how to deal with HAIs more effectively.

#### Scientific Programme

ECCMID offers an exciting programme for participants. There will be more than 2000 contributions from scientists from all over the world. The programme will include sessions on basic science, pathogenesis, infection control, clinical hygiene and clinical infectious diseases. Some new discoveries are also expected to be discussed.

#### Keynote Lectures

Opinion leaders will discuss hot topics from Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. ESCMID Excellence Awardee will also be presented. The keynote lectures will include:

- World immunisation week 2015 – WHO perspectives on vaccines
- Chasing beta-lactamases in times of economic difficulties
- Device-related infection
- Behavioural science applications in antimicrobial stewardship and infection control
- The modern ICU: are antibiotics used to save the patients or to soothe the minds of the doctors?
- Infection control in settings of viral respiratory viruses including MERS
- Current trends in global fungal epidemiology and resistance
- Analysis of social networks wording: how to understand and fight against vaccine scepticism
- Towards hepatitis C eradication
- Systemic analysis of human-associated microbes in health and disease arranged with the ESCMID Study group for Anaerobic Infections

#### Scientific Symposia

Over 150 hours during the ECCMID 2015 will be dedicated to Scientific Symposia. These will include joint sessions with other Societies and co-organised symposia from ESCMID's Study groups. Parallel symposia will convene with renowned speakers from Europe and other continents who will cover a wide range of recent developments in their fields.

## **Oral Sessions**

In parallel to the symposia, there will also be sessions from abstracts selected for oral presentation.

## **Educational Workshops**

At the start of ECCMID, a series of Educational Workshops will take place. They are organised in cooperation with ESCMID Study groups and partnering organisations. There will be 19 Educational Workshops, some of which will feature a new interactive format where questions from the audience prior and during the session will be accepted and discussed.

**When: Saturday 25 April 2015**

## **Meet-the-Expert Sessions**

Meet-the-Expert Sessions will be led by experts in their fields. Sessions will start early mornings and will cover a variety of topics from Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. These sessions rely on active participation of the audience. After a short presentation, the expert will open the session for discussion.

**When: Sunday through Tuesday at 07.45 a.m.**

## **TAE Trainees Day**

The Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE) hosts the European Trainees Day, a day of teaching dedicated to the unique needs of trainees. During this session, various topics in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases will be discussed in a highly interactive way between trainees and experienced specialists. A second and equally important aim of the day is to give trainees an opportunity to meet and network with each other.

**When: Saturday, 25 April 2015**

## **ePoster/Poster Sessions**

Most of the accepted abstracts are scheduled for poster presentation. The selection is based on a blind review by at least three experts in each field.

**When: Saturday through Tuesday**

To view the complete ECCMID schedule, please scan the QR Code or visit [http://www.eccmid.org/scientific\\_information/session\\_descriptions/](http://www.eccmid.org/scientific_information/session_descriptions/)

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