

## European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC)

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## Meet the new Steering Committee of EUCIC

In April 2024, following EUCIC recommendation, a new Steering Committee was appointed by ESCMID. In January 2025, following elections among all EUCIC country representatives, Andreas Voss and Ana Budimir were voted as the new Advisory Board representatives in the EUCIC Steering Committee.

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## New communication officers

EUCIC would like to officially welcome our new communication officers:

- Claire Kamaliddin (Canada)
- Sabrina Green (Belgium)
- Anna Giulia Salvadori (Italy)
- Joana Granado (Portugal)

Our new communication officers will help increase the visibility of EUCIC in various social media platforms and during ESCMID Global. Follow us on [Twitter/X](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) to keep an eye on all EUCIC news!

### EUCIC Alumni Working Group

Our newest Working Group, acting as a networking platform, aiming to keep supporting the trainees and graduates of the EUCIC Training Programme even after their graduation. Stay tuned for future activities with our new working group!

### EUCIC collaborations and outreach

#### **EUCIC and EU-JAMRAI-2**

EUCIC proudly participates in EU-JAMRAI-2, a European joint action that aims to strengthen collaboration and promote joint activities in the fight against antimicrobial resistance. EUCIC is invited to support the WP7 of EU-JAMRAI-2 on IPC with peer-to-peer, observership and mentorship activities. The collaboration started last December 2024 with a face-to-face meeting in Barcelona (see photo). Stay tuned for specific activities within 2025.



#### **EUCIC Webinars**

We are excited to introduce a new initiative in collaboration with JAMRAI-2: a series of quarterly webinars addressing essential topics in infection prevention and control (IPC). This initiative aims to provide valuable insights in partnership with key groups working in this field.

The first webinar in this series “Controlling Outbreaks in Healthcare: The Role of Environmental Hygiene”, is organized in collaboration with ESGNI and HIS and will take place online on **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 CET** in the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83414523490?pwd=k7OkAsFXEe9FUrKwcFq8lYPETVaNbG.1>

You can see below the detailed webinar schedule for this year. Please consider sending us your own suggestions for EUCIC-hosted webinars!

DATE	TITLE	TOPICS
<b>March 7th, 2025</b> <b>Time: 13:00-14:00 CET</b>	Controlling Outbreaks in Healthcare: The Role of Environmental Hygiene	Ensuring Environmental Hygiene in Outbreaks: Key Practices and Benefits  Why Conduct Environmental Sampling? Key Reasons and Insights
<b>June 6th, 2025</b> <b>Time: 13:00-14:00 CET</b>	Ventilator Associated Pneumonia: Diagnosis and Infection Prevention and Control	Diagnosis of VAP  IPC measures for VAP
<b>September 5th, 2025</b> <b>Time: 13:00-14:00 CET</b>	Matching surveillance targets with IPC implementation	Implementation of a sustainable infection surveillance (monitoring) program  AI use in surveillance
<b>December 5th, 2025</b> <b>Time: 13:00-14:00 CET</b>	Exploring the relationship between hospital infrastructure and IPC	Importance of Hospital Infrastructure in IPC  Auditing infrastructure in hospital IPC

### EUCIC and global textbook

EUCIC has endorsed the global digital textbook "Global infection prevention and management in healthcare", a large collaboration of professionals from around the world, with participation of several EUCIC members. The textbook consists of 3 volumes and can be freely downloaded at <https://infectionsinsurgery.org/global-digital-textbook/>

## EUCIC and UEMS-CESMA

Among the ongoing efforts of EUCIC to establish a European-accredited system of IPC training, EUCIC delegates Anders Johansson and Constantinos Tsioutis actively participated in the Autumn meeting in the UEMS House in Brussels, on 6-7 December 2024.



## EUCIC survey on IPC knowledge and attitudes of medical students

We are pleased to invite you to share a survey with the medical students at your institutions.

This initiative is designed to assess the level of knowledge among medical students regarding Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

The survey takes approximately **five minutes to complete** and is available **online in multiple languages** via the link below.

It will remain open **until 15 April 2025**.

The questionnaire is entirely anonymous, and all responses will be kept confidential.

We sincerely thank you for your support and valuable participation.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Guillaume Mellon. ([guillaume.mellon@aphp.fr](mailto:guillaume.mellon@aphp.fr)).

*Survey versions in different languages:*

English: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/197597?lang=en>

Deutsch: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/796113?lang=en>

Türkçe: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/339373?lang=en>

Italiano: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/292983?lang=en>

Português: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/356532?lang=en>

Français: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/391558?lang=fr>

Ελληνικά: <https://lime.aphp.fr/index.php/888559?lang=en>

### **EUCIC presence in ICPIC**

EUCIC and ESCMID will host a Symposium during the 8th International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16-19 September 2025.

The symposium is titled: **“Is there a secret recipe to win against HAI and AMR?”**

We will send you more details once the programme is finalized. For any further information, you can browse the ICPIC website at: <https://conference.icpic.com/>

## EUCIC in ESCMID Global 2025

You are all invited to join the EUCIC General Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 14.00-16.00 in meeting room Schubert 1+2!

See below the list of scientific sessions organized with the contribution of EUCIC.

Time & Place	Friday 11 April, 16.15-18.15 Hall B	Saturday 12 April, 11.00-12.00 Hall 11	Sunday 13 April, 14.45-15.45 Hall 4	Monday 14 April, 08.30-10.30 Hall 14	Monday 14 April, 11.00-12.00 Hall 4
Session type	Educational session	1-hour Symposium	1-hour Symposium	2-hour Symposium	1-hour Symposium
Session title	Primer on infection prevention and control: the crucial support by clinical microbiology	How long should contact isolation precautions be continued?	How innovations of AMR and HAI surveillance systems help the clinical practice	Challenges in infection management, prevention and antimicrobial stewardship in long-term care facilities	Infection prevention and control and intensive care: challenges and solutions
Chairs	<i>Nico Tom Mutters</i> (Bonn, Germany) <i>Margreet C. Vos</i> (Groningen, Netherlands)	<i>Cansu Cimen</i> (Oldenburg, Germany) <i>Kyriaki Tryfinopoulou</i> (Heraklion, Greece)	<i>Mandy Wootton</i> (Cardiff, United Kingdom) <i>Pascal Astagneau</i> (Paris, France)	<i>Giusy Tiseo</i> (Pisa, Italy) <i>Gaetan Gavazzi</i> (Grenoble, France)	<i>Antonios Katsounas</i> (Bocum, Germany) <i>Claire Roger</i> (Nimes, France)
Speakers	Microbial fundamentals: building blocks of infection prevention and control <i>Laurence Armand-Lefevre</i> (Paris, France)  Optimising environmental sampling in infection control: rational use of the microbiology laboratory <i>John E. Coia</i> (Esbjerg, Denmark)  The crucial role of molecular typing in infection control	Contact isolation in patients with MDR organisms: why, when, where? <i>Gabriel Birgand</i> (Nantes, France)  Is discontinuation of contact precautions associated with an increase in infections? <i>Daniel J. Diekema</i> (Harpeswell, United States)	The EUCAST system in surveillance of AMR <i>Sören G. Gatermann</i> (Bochum, Germany)  Insights into developments in the surveillance of HAIs <i>Diamantis Plachouras</i> (Solna, Sweden)	The burden of nosocomial infections in long-term facilities <i>Virginie Prendki</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)  Pneumonia in the elderly: management and prevention <i>Restrepo Marocs I.</i> (San Antonio, United States)  Challenges in the clinical diagnosis of infection in the elderly	Intensive care unit (ICU) and infection: two sides of a coin <i>Reto Schuepbach</i> (Zurich, Switzerland)  Ventilator- associated pneumonia (VAP) and ICU environment: how can we improve practices? <i>Despoina Koulenti</i> (London, United Kingdom)

	<i>Stefanie Kampmeier (Würzburg, Germany)</i>  How can we link diagnostic and antibiotic stewardship? <i>Constantinos Tsioutis (Nicosia, Cyprus)</i>			<i>Maheen Abidi (Aurora, United Kingdom)</i>  Challenges in implementing antimicrobial stewardship in long-term care facilities <i>Elena Carrara (Verona, Italy)</i>	
<b>Organizers</b>	ESCMID Study Group for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI), EUCIC Steering Committee	ESCMID Study Group for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI), EUCIC Steering Committee, Multidisciplinary Joint Committee Infection Control UEMS	EUCAST Steering Committee, EUCIC Steering Committee, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)	ESCMID Study Group for Infections in the Elderly (ESGIE), ESCMID Study Group for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI), EUCIC Steering Committee	ESCMID Study Group for Critically Ill Patients (ESGCIP), EUCIC Steering Committee



### EUCIC Training Programme: one year into our 3rd cohort

After having successfully trained more than 50 professionals from around the world, the 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of 31 trainees from 19 countries is already heading towards its second year!

It's also worth mentioning that for the first time, ESCMID kindly provided 5 tuition scholarships for trainees from LMICs.

More details on the Training Programme are available on the website <https://www.escmid.org/education/eucic-certification-observership/>

We also invite you to create more training opportunities for our network! If you would like to support the educational activities of EUCIC by offering a training module, you can now apply online <https://www.escmid.org/education/eucic-certification-observership/eucic-excellence-centers/>

More than 16 UEMS-accredited modules, currently scheduled for the 2024-26 period, are presented below:

### Basic and Advanced Modules

	Date	Type of module	City, Country	Module coordinators
Infection prevention and control: core components	26-31 May 2024	Basic	Groningen, Netherlands	Andreas Voss
Antibiotic therapy and antimicrobial stewardship	25-26 September 2024	Advanced	Ljubljana, Slovenia	Tatjana Lejko Zupanc
Laboratory and clinical aspects of the surveillance of healthcare-associated infections: a theoretical and practical approach	22-25 January 2025	Advanced	Athens, Greece	Athanassios Tsakris
Automation in infection prevention and control: surveillance, outbreak monitoring and beyond	12-14 May 2025	Advanced	Utrecht, Netherlands	Jan Kluytmans
Technical hygiene and occupational safety	24-26 September 2025	Advanced	Vienna, Austria	Elisabeth Presterl
Implementation in infection prevention and control	13-14 November 2025	Advanced	Zurich, Switzerland	Walter Zingg
Dynamics of disease transmission: from genomes to infection control	February 2026	Advanced	Münster, Germany	Alexander Melmann, Dag Harmssen

### Local Modules

	Date	City, Country	Module coordinators
Surveillance and meta-competence	11-13 October 2024	Limassol, Cyprus	Constantinos Tsioutis
Biofilm-driven infections: research and clinical relevance	7-8 November 2024	Bucharest, Romania	Oana Sandulescu
Achieving effective behaviour change in infection prevention & control and antibiotic stewardship	2-4 December 2024	Malta	Michael Borg
Infection control, antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship in the emergency room: Simulation to enhance practice	19-20 February 2025	Lisbon, Portugal	Carlos Palos
Training professionals in patient safety	5-6 June 2025	Matosinhos, Portugal	Isabel Neves, David Peres
Hands on network and data Analysis for Infection Control	6-8 October 2025	Groningen, Netherlands	Andreas Voss, Gerolf de Boer
Multidrug resistant gram negative infections at hospitals from Mediterranean countries: know them, beat them!	December 2025	Barcelona, Spain	Juan Pablo Horcajada Gallego
Molecular and bioinformatic tools for infection control	January 2026	Bucharest, Romania	Oana Sandulescu, Dragos Florea, Marius Surleac, Simona Paraschiv, Dan Otelea
Management of “pandemic” MDROs: is it still simple and feasible?	5-7 March 2026	Venice, Italy	Annibale Raglio

### Further contact and information

Interested in supporting our educational activities or joining a Working Group? Contact us at [eucic@escmid.org](mailto:eucic@escmid.org)

You may also send us suggestions through your country's EUCIC National Board to be presented at the EUCIC General Assembly. More information at: <https://www.escmid.org/science-research/eucic/eucic-leadership-mission/>

All information about EUCIC is available at the ESCMID website: <https://www.escmid.org/science-research/eucic/>