

Press information for media

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General Information about ECCMID 2009

The 19th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) is organised by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and will take place from 16-19 May 2009 in Helsinki, Finland.

The conference, which attracts some 10'000 experts from all over the world, will address a broad scope of topics ranging from diagnosis and prevention to epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment of infectious diseases. Special emphasis will be given to emerging infections, including influenza, antibiotic resistance and infection control.

As Europe's largest conference on clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, ECCMID offers microbiologists and clinicians an invaluable opportunity to share the most recent research knowledge in the battle against infectious diseases. The global challenges and hazards threatening European citizens will be addressed in some 150 sessions, workshops and symposia and approximately 1'700 poster presentations.

Venue of ECCMID

The Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre
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ECCMID International Press Conference

The official press conference will take place on Saturday, 16 May 2009, 11:30 am at the Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre, Helsinki, Finland.

Journalists interested in the agenda of the press conference should contact Claire Hoffman at [claire.hoffman\[at\]bartley-robbs.co.uk](mailto:claire.hoffman[at]bartley-robbs.co.uk) or consult the website at http://www.escmid.org/news_discussion/press_activities.

Embargo Policy

Please respect the embargo date of press releases which is the 16 May 2009, the congress opening day.

The abstracts of the congress will be available 10 days before the congress starts and will be accessible online on the ECCMID website. www.escmid.org/eccmid2009 (choose „Scientific Programme“).

<p>Press Credentials and Online Registration of Journalist to ECCMID 2009</p>	<p>Members of the press are invited and encouraged to attend the ECCMID. Press registration is complimentary and includes all privileges of regular meeting registration. Travel expenses and hotel accommodation will be the responsibility of each individual journalist.</p> <p>Only accredited journalists or reporters, writers or editors with credentials from a newspaper, magazine, radio or TV station, wire service, syndicate or other news organization may register and receive a press badge. Publishers and representatives of sales, advertising or marketing departments of publications or other news organizations may not register as media. No exceptions will be made.</p> <p>Appropriate credentials include: A recognized press card, a business card clearly showing media affiliation and position, or a letter on official letterhead from an editor of a publication or a producer of a program certifying coverage of the conference for an identified organization.</p> <p>Please note: Freelancers must present proof from a news organization that they have an assignment to cover the meeting. Freelancers who wish to cover the meeting on a speculative basis are asked to write to us on their letterhead requesting accreditation.</p> <p>For online registration please return the special registration form available on the ESCMID website http://www.escmid.org/news_discussion/press_activities.</p> <p>Members of the press who qualify for press registration and who have not pre-registered can use the on-site registration at the Congress venue.</p>
<p>Press Kit</p>	<p>The press kit will be available for all registered journalists. Because its content is embargoed it will only be available on the day of the official ECCMID press conference. Journalists wishing to have information about the press kit in advance of the congress should contact Claire Hoffman at claire.hoffman[at]bartley-robbs.co.uk.</p>
<p>Press Centre</p>	<p>The press centre will be located on level 1 of the Helsinki Fair Centre. There will be a well-equipped press working room with PC workstations (internet connected), printer, telephone and fax.</p>
<p>Attending Journalists</p>	<p>Media normally attending the ECCMID press conferences are mostly: trade publications, press agencies and daily newspapers (scientific column). The Media presence is international, mostly European.</p>