



# ESCMID

Study Group for  
Mycoplasma and Chlamydia  
Infections ESGMAC

## ESGMAC Newsletter, July 2026

### A Message from the ESGMAC Executive Committee

Dear ESGMAC Members,

Summertime has come in Europe and many of you will enjoy holidays. ESGMAC is still active, and with this letter we hope to inform you on near future events such as the possibility to submit a research proposal to ESCMID in July which can receive the support from ESGMAC.

The ESGMAC ExCom was very pleased with **all ideas for sessions** for our study group, both alone and together with other study groups. Below you can find information on the 8 proposals that have been submitted in May.

There will be more interesting webinars in September and November 2026. Future congresses and meetings in this year and the next are also mentioned. We hope that you will be and remain an active ESGMAC member.

Kind regards from the Executive Committee,

Gilbert Greub, CH (Chair)  
Mirja Puolakkainen, FIN (Secretary)  
Chris Kenyon (Treasurer)  
Mike Beeton, UK (Science Officer)  
Sylvia Bruisten, NL (Education Officer)

### ESGMAC members

The new ESCMID rules on becoming a Study Group member, have caused a substantial reduction, since each ESCMID member can presently join maximally 3 Study groups. Nevertheless, we now still have **764 ESGMAC members**.

Thanks for remaining **an active ESGMAC member!**

Please do not forget to renew your ESCMID membership

## ESGMAC Webinar agenda

### Upcoming webinar:

**23 September 2026, from 2.00 PM to 3.30 PM CET**

*Chlamydia trachomatis: how to diminish its transmission in humans and animals?*

### Program:

#### Moderators:

Sylvia Bruisten, Public health service, GGD Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Mike Beeton, Cardiff, UK

2.00 PM: Welcome and introduction

2.10 PM: *Test policy to detect Chlamydia trachomatis in the Netherlands*

**Petra Wolffs, MUMC, the Netherlands**

2.45 PM: *Koala vaccines for chlamydia*

**Peter Timms, Australia**

3.20 PM: General discussion

3.30 PM: Conclusions and closure

Link for participation will follow nearer to the date of the webinar.

### Other dates of webinars this year and speakers and titles:

#### **11 November 2026**

Edou Heddema- the Netherlands: Latest news on *Chlamydia psittaci*

Daisy Vanrompay-Belgium: Zoonotic Chlamydiae

Suggestions on subjects and speakers for additional webinars are welcome!

## Call for help to ESGMAC members

One of our members, Kamila Delaney from France, would like to be in contact with researchers or laboratory workers who can help to advance their project. The aim of their project is to develop a duplex CT/NG test. If you can contribute CT material and/or expertise please contact her: [kamila.delaney@encarta.bio](mailto:kamila.delaney@encarta.bio)

## Study grants support

The call for ESCMID Study Group research grants is still open **to 22 July 2026, 12.00 CET**

<https://www.escmid.org/science-research/grants-awards/research-grants/>

ESCMID Global offers **30K EUR** to cover either the entirety or parts of your project.

ESGMAC can support up to 2 applications. We encourage you to send us your proposals

**before July 12, 2026** for evaluation and endorsement by ESGMAC. Send it to:

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## Conference announcements

### The 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Organisation for Mycoplasmatology, Krakow, Poland, 6-10 July 2026



See: <https://iom2026.conference.pl/> for more information on abstracts and registration.

### The 27<sup>th</sup> World and European Congress of the International Union against sexually transmitted diseases, Prague Congress centre, Czech Republic, 14-17 October 2026



See for more details: <https://www.iustiprague2026.com/>

### The 37<sup>th</sup> ESCMID Global meeting, Stockholm, 9-13 April 2027



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Please see: <https://www.escmid.org/congress-events/escmid-global/>

Abstract submission: 07 October - 18 November 2026

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## Submitted session proposals for the 37<sup>th</sup> ESCMID Global 2027

Please find below the 8 session proposals which were submitted by ESGMAC in May.

Type	Title	Category
2-hour educational session	Evolving Resistance in STI Pathogens: From Bench to Bedside	2. Bacterial infection & disease
1-hour symposium	Treat First or Test First? Re-evaluating Presumptive Therapy in STI Control	4. Diagnostic microbiology
1-hour symposium Submitted together with ESTISG	Here, there and everywhere – where can we detect Chlamydia and gonococci and what is the clinical significance?	4. Diagnostic microbiology
2-hour symposium	From microbial cell biology to pathogenesis – the role of microbiota and <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> in gynecological cancers	9. Fundamental microbiology, pathogenesis & immunity to infection
2-hour symposium Submitted together with ESTISG	Antimicrobial resistance in sexually transmitted pathogens: gonorrhoeae and beyond	2. Bacterial infection & disease
1-hour symposium	Treat diseases, not infections	3. Bacterial susceptibility & resistance
2-hour symposium Submitted together with ESGMATCH	Beyond Mercer: Antibiotic Stewardship and Microbiology in Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes	2. Bacterial infection & disease
2-hour educational session Submitted together with ESTISG	Screening for asymptomatic STIs – rethinking a well-established intervention	2. Bacterial infection & disease

ESTISG = ESCMID sexually transmitted infections study group

ESGMATCH = ESCMID Study Group for Maternal and Child Health

## Highlighted Research Studies on behalf of ESGMAC

### **Improving prediction of future *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* epidemics using data-driven transmission models**

Xu-Sheng Zhang 1, Semjon Sidorov 2, Ursula Dalrymple 1, Hanne-Dorthe Emborg 3, Søren Anker Uldum 4, Michael L Beeton 5, Patrick M Meyer Sauter 6; ESCMID Study Group for Mycoplasma and Chlamydia Infections (ESGMAC) and the ESGMAC *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* Surveillance (MAPS) Study Group

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<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/42190669/>

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