



ESCMID

Study Group for
Mycoplasma and Chlamydia
Infections ESGMAC

ESGMAC Newsletter, September 2026

A Message from the ESGMAC Executive Committee

Dear ESGMAC Members,

We hope you have enjoyed summertime and were not troubled by the at times extreme weather conditions! Now autumn has arrived in Europe, time to be back for science and studies on *Chlamydia* and *Mycoplasma*.

We have two more interesting webinars this year, in September (coming soon!) and in November 2026.

Please see details on the next one which will be on **23 September, starting at 9.30 AM CEST**.

Future congresses and meetings in this year and the next are also mentioned below.

The Executive Committee (ExCom) will be renewed in April 2027 with the election of at least three new members. Please consider already if you want to be part of this ESGMAC ExCom! And of course, 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

Since each ESCMID member can presently join maximally 3 Study groups, we are pleased that the number of ESGMAC members has now stabilized to a relatively high number.

We presently have **665 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 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM CEST

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

Program:

Moderators:

Sylvia Bruisten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Mike Beeton, Cardiff, UK

9.30 PM: Moderator: Welcome and introduction

9.40 PM: *Chlamydia pecorum* vaccine for koalas

Samuel Phillips, School of Health, University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia

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

Petra Wolffs, Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands

10.50 PM: General discussion

11.00 PM: Conclusions and closure

Link for participation:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uAT0cOioS4mt_pf6xsxGjA

Other webinar this year:

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!

Conference announcements

The 27th World and European Congress IUSTI, Prague Congress centre, Czech Republic, 14-17 October, 2026

IUSTI INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS
EUROPE



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

Please do not forget to renew your ESCMID membership

The 37th ESCMID Global meeting, Stockholm, 9-13 April 2027



ESCMID Global

Congress of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

[Munich 2026](#) [Registration & Travel](#) [Programme](#) [Abstracts](#) [Sponsorship](#) [Faculty](#) [Past Congresses](#)



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

Abstract submission: 07 October - 18 November 2026

Awarded session proposals for the 37th ESCMID Global 2027

Please find below the 2 session proposals which were (conditionally) accepted.

The reasons that our other proposals were not accepted were topic repetition (n=2) and low score (n=4), according to the reviewers of research proposals.

Type	Title	Category
2-hour Educational session together with ESGMATCH	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 Conditionally accepted
2-hour symposium together with ESTISG	Antimicrobial resistance in sexually transmitted pathogens: gonorrhoeae and beyond	2. Bacterial infection & disease Accepted

ESTISG = ESCMID sexually transmitted infections study group

ESGMATCH = ESCMID Study Group for Maternal and Child Health

Research Studies performed on behalf of ESGMAC and published in 2026

Kebbi-Beghdadi C, Longbottom D, Marti H, Greub G, On Behalf Of The ESCMID Study Group For Mycoplasma And Chlamydia Infections (ESGMAC).

[**Waddlia chondrophila: from a bovine abortigenic agent to a potential cause of human adverse pregnancy outcomes.**](#)

J Med Microbiol. 2026 Mar;75(3):002130. doi: 10.1099/jmm.0.002130.PMID: 41885922

Zhang XS, Sidorov S, Dalrymple U, Emborg HD, Uldum SA, Beeton ML, Meyer Sauter PM; European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) Study Group for

Please do not forget to renew your ESCMID membership

Mycoplasma and Chlamydia Infections (ESGMAC) and the ESGMAC Mycoplasma pneumoniae Surveillance (MAPS) Study Group.

[Improving prediction of future Mycoplasma pneumoniae epidemics using data-driven transmission models.](#)

Lancet Microbe. 2026 Jul;7(7):101429. doi: 10.1016/j.lanmic.2026.101429.

**Recently published articles by ESGMAC members
and members of the Chlamydiota phylum or on Mycoplasmataceae**

Gadegaard H, Hamilton M, Oliver C, Saunders P, Gunson R, Marsh K, Beeton ML, Evans J.
[Epidemiology of Mycoplasma pneumoniae and co-detection with other respiratory pathogens in a respiratory sentinel surveillance system in Scotland, October 2022 to May 2025.](#) Euro Surveill. 2026 Jul;31(29):2500845.

Puolakkainen M, Paavonen J, Brunham RC.

[Chlamydia trachomatis Infection as a Risk Factor for Ovarian Carcinoma.](#)

Microorganisms. 2026 Jul 27;14(8):1637.

Ghazi-Soltani G, Kebbi-Beghdadi C, Adams SE, Greub G.

[Functional insights into nucleoside diphosphate kinases encoded by two ndk paralogs in Waddlia chondrophila.](#) Curr Res Microb Sci. 2026 Jun 17;11:100635.

[Törmänen H, Huhtamäki H, Holster T, Puistola U, Puolakkainen M, Urpilainen E. Prior Chlamydia trachomatis Infection and the Risk of Epithelial Ovarian Cancer and Borderline Ovarian Tumors.](#) Anticancer Res. 2026 Jun;46(6):3257-3265.

Zubler D, Marti H, Kratochvíl J, Borel N.

[Tetracycline-resistant and -susceptible Chlamydia suis remain viable during manure processing.](#) Res Vet Sci. 2026 May;203:106127.

Rodriguez Rozo D, Adams SE, Kebbi-Beghdadi C, Pillonel T, Aeby S, Greub G.

[Iron limitation-induced modulation of transcription in Chlamydia trachomatis.](#)

Sci Rep. 2026 Apr 27;16(1):19479.

Holster T, Joki-Korpela P, Yu H, Brunham RC, Tiitinen A, Paavonen J, Puolakkainen M.

[Serum IgG1 and IgG3 Antibodies to Chlamydia trachomatis Pgp3 and Hsp60 in Men of Subfertile Couples.](#) J Infect Dis. 2026 Feb 18;233(2):e301-e310.

Vanbaelen T, Huis In 't Veld D, Visser BJ, De Baetselier I, Van Praet JT, Manoharan-Basil SS, Van den Bossche D, Kenyon C.

[Combination therapy for multidrug-resistant Mycoplasma genitalium infections: a case series.](#) Sex Transm Infect. 2026 Jan 16;102(1):43-46.