



In cc: Nederlandse Vereniging voor Medische Microbiologie (NVMM); Vereniging voor Hygiene en Infectiepreventie in de Gezondheidszorg (VHIG); Vereniging voor Infectieziekten (VIZ)

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to ask for your active support as representative of a professional Society in Infection Control or related fields in selecting members for the **Advisory Board** and the **National Committees** of the **European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC)**.

ESCMID since many years devoted resources to reduce the burden of healthcare associated infections (HAIs). To further strengthen this effort, EUCIC, a new ESCMID Committee has been founded in 2014. Besides EUCAST, EUCIC is the second standing committee initiated by ESCMID. It is therefore a professional and scientific Committee and not a government institution.

EUCIC wishes to create a new European network of Infection Control able to define limitations of current approaches, define mitigation actions, and engaging representatives from major stakeholders and experts to develop consensus program and homogenous approach on current and future infection control strategies in Europe. New developed educational tools will focus on real life applicability and support of a new generation of infection control specialists.

The EUCIC structure includes a Steering Committee, three Boards (Advisory, Stakeholders, and Education) and National Committees. The **Advisory Board** comprises one **national representative per country** and provides a national view to EUCIC on issues relating to infection control, antimicrobial resistance, and antimicrobial stewardship. Tasks and merits of the representative:

- Provide the link between EUCIC and the National Committees.
- Respond to consultation documents from the EUCIC steering committee.
- Lead the National Committee of his/her home country and provide a national view on specific issues and limits of implementation.
- Participation in the annual meeting with the EUCIC steering committee at ECCMID. Travel costs, accommodation, as well as registration fee will then be covered by ESCMID
- Participation in voting at the annual meeting to reach consensus on planned EUCIC activities or projects

The **National Committees** should consist of 5-10 experts per country, well connected and recognized in their home country, led by the national representative. The selection of the national



representatives and the experts should be based on professional and scientific experience and involvement in national activities on infection control or related fields. All suggested members need approval by the ESCMID Steering Committee.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to nominate between 2 and 4 **experts** in infection control as well as the national representative for your country. Please be aware that we contacted all the relevant societies (see cc in this letter) in your country focused on different aspects of infection control. Although all the suggested experts can work together in the national committee only one national representative for the Advisory Board would be advisable. Therefore an agreement on only one national representative is strongly encouraged. As last resort two or more national representatives (one from each society) can be selected, but only at one time only one can attend the meeting of the Advisory Board and vote.

For your efforts and contribution to the success of the project, we would like to thank you very much in advance.

If you have further questions feel free to contact us at any time. [EUCIC@escmid.org](mailto:EUCIC@escmid.org)

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