

ESGREV NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ESCMID STUDY GROUP FOR RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ESGREV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

As we start to close out 2023, the ESGREV Executive Committee would like to reflect on the accomplishments of our wonderful members and thank you for your contributions that help advance our Study Group missions:

- Bring together the leading experts on respiratory viruses and link existing initiatives, and align research efforts
- Seek scientific consensus on recent scientific data and remaining data gaps
- Drive the development of cross-organizational clinical guideline recommendations on diagnostic testing strategies, antiviral treatments, and vaccines
- Help reduce the burden of respiratory viruses in society through public awareness and educational activities

We also extend an invitation to all of our members and interested members of the community to attend our Winter Webinar this month on the impact of COVID-19 on respiratory viruses. See pg. 4 for registration and details.

Chairperson: Prof. Roy Chemaly, United States
Secretary: PD Dr. Chrysanthi Skevaki, Germany
Treasurer: Prof. Barbara Rath, France
Science Officer: Prof. Sotirios Tsiodras, Greece
Education Officer: Prof. Louis Bont, Netherlands



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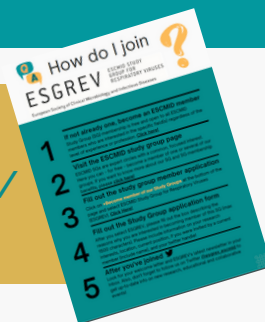


MEMBERSHIP REPORT

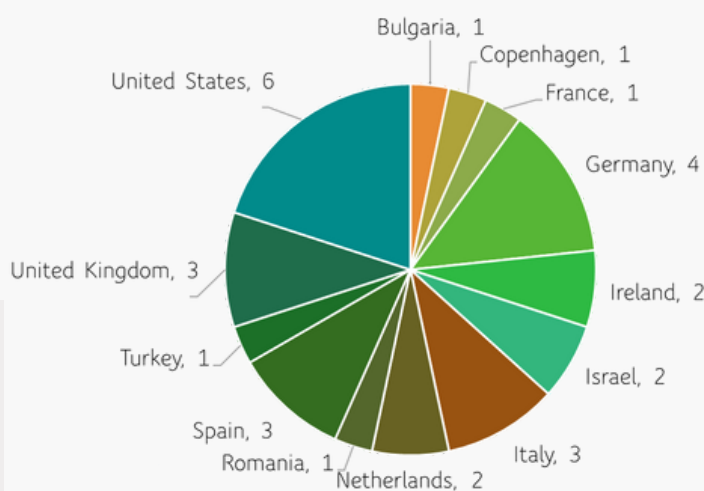
➤ We have welcomed **30** new members in 2022 from 13 countries, 18F | 12M. Our new members come from diverse backgrounds, specialties & levels of experience, from students to distinguished professors. Currently, ESGREV has **73** members.

➤ ESCMID requires all study groups to have 90+ members by 2024. To help us reach this goal, we ask that all of our current members extend an invitation to interested colleagues, mentees, or mentors to join ESGREV!

Here is a helpful guide to share with your colleagues on [How to Join ESGREV](#)
Find the PDF [here!](#)



Our new members in 2022
come from near & far!



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Lorenzo Zaffiri MD, PhD is a Transplant Pulmonologist with a background in Infectious Diseases and Immunology. He is the Associate Director of

the Lung Transplant Program at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, CA. His research includes understanding the impact of respiratory virus infections on lung transplant recipients and changes in lung immune responses.



**Welcome to ESGREV,
Dr. Zaffiri!**



Follow him on Twitter @lorenzozaffiri

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

- Dr. Elen Vink (Glasgow, UK)
- Dr. Anne Wyllie (New Haven, CT, US)
- Dr. Caoimhe Brennan (Dublin, Ireland)
- Dr. Georgios Angelidakis (Houston, TX, US)
- Dr. Helle Brander Eriksen (Denmark, Copenhagen)
- Dr. Eduardo Lagarejos Gonzalez (Canary Island, Spain)



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MEET THE PROFESOR



PD Dr. Chrysanthi Skevaki is the Campus and Research Group Leader at the Institute of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiochemistry, University Hospital Gießen and Marburg, Germany.

PD Dr. Chrysanthi Skevaki is a physician specialist in laboratory medicine, microbiology, virology, and infection epidemiology. She also works as a senior attending physician and leads the Gießen Campus of the Institute of Laboratory Medicine at the University Hospital of Gießen and Marburg, Germany.

Dr. Skevaki is also a Research Group Leader with a strong focus on biomarkers in allergy, as well as on the interrelationship between respiratory viruses and chronic inflammatory lung diseases, such as asthma and COPD.

Her group utilizes in-silico, in-vitro, and in-animal models for their investigations. Dr. Skevaki is also the PI for several clinical studies, and her research projects are funded by the German Research Council (DFG), the German Lung Center (DZL),

PD Dr. Chrysanthi Skevaki

the Foundation for Pathobiochemistry and Molecular Diagnostics, and the Rhön Klinikum, among other sources.

Dr. Skevaki serves as a reviewer for numerous journals and grant councils and has published over 90 peer-reviewed articles.

Dr. Skevaki has also served on several positions of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology-associated Committees and Task Forces, such as Chair of the Infections and Allergy Interest Group.

Finally, she is the founder of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) Study Group on Respiratory Viruses (ESGREV) and an ESCMID fellow.



**You can follow PD Dr. Skevaki
on Twitter @cskevaki**



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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

- **ESGREV** would like to hear about your latest updates, like new jobs, promotions, publications, grants, research initiatives, and other big life updates!
- Share your exciting news with us so we can help celebrate our members' accomplishments!

ESGREV MEMBERS TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW...



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Congrats!



@MichaelGIsonMD

to ESGREV member **Dr. Mike Ison MD, MS**, on his new position as the Respiratory Diseases Branch chief for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)! He will oversee all extramural research related to respiratory infectious diseases, including influenza, COVID-19, and tuberculosis. Way to go, Dr. Ison!



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Research

Call for Collaborators



Title: Clinical characteristics and outcome of hematological malignancies in omicron-variant COVID-19 patients treated with Obinutuzumab or Rituximab - a multi-center study.

PI: **Prof. Lior Nesher** & **Dr. Tali Shafat**

Objective: To investigate the effect of different anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies (mAb) agent on COVID-19 clinical course and outcome.

Invitation to participate: The project PIs are looking for participating centers where each local PI will be a study investigator. For more information, please e-mail Prof. Lior Nesher and Dr. Tali Shafat.



ESGREV Annual Evaluation



ESCMID requires that each study group demonstrates a commitment to academic and collaborative science, and list their achievements in their annual reports.

- **WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?** The top 5 study groups with consistently high performance is eligible for the Study Group Excellence Award and a monetary prize.
- **HOW CAN I HELP?** Engage with us on publications, research initiatives, collaborations with other ESCMID study groups, and educational activities that meet ESCMID's requirements.



ESGREV WINTER WEBINAR

The Interplay of Respiratory Viruses and COVID-19: Re-emergence of Respiratory Viral Seasonality and the New Normal After the Pandemic

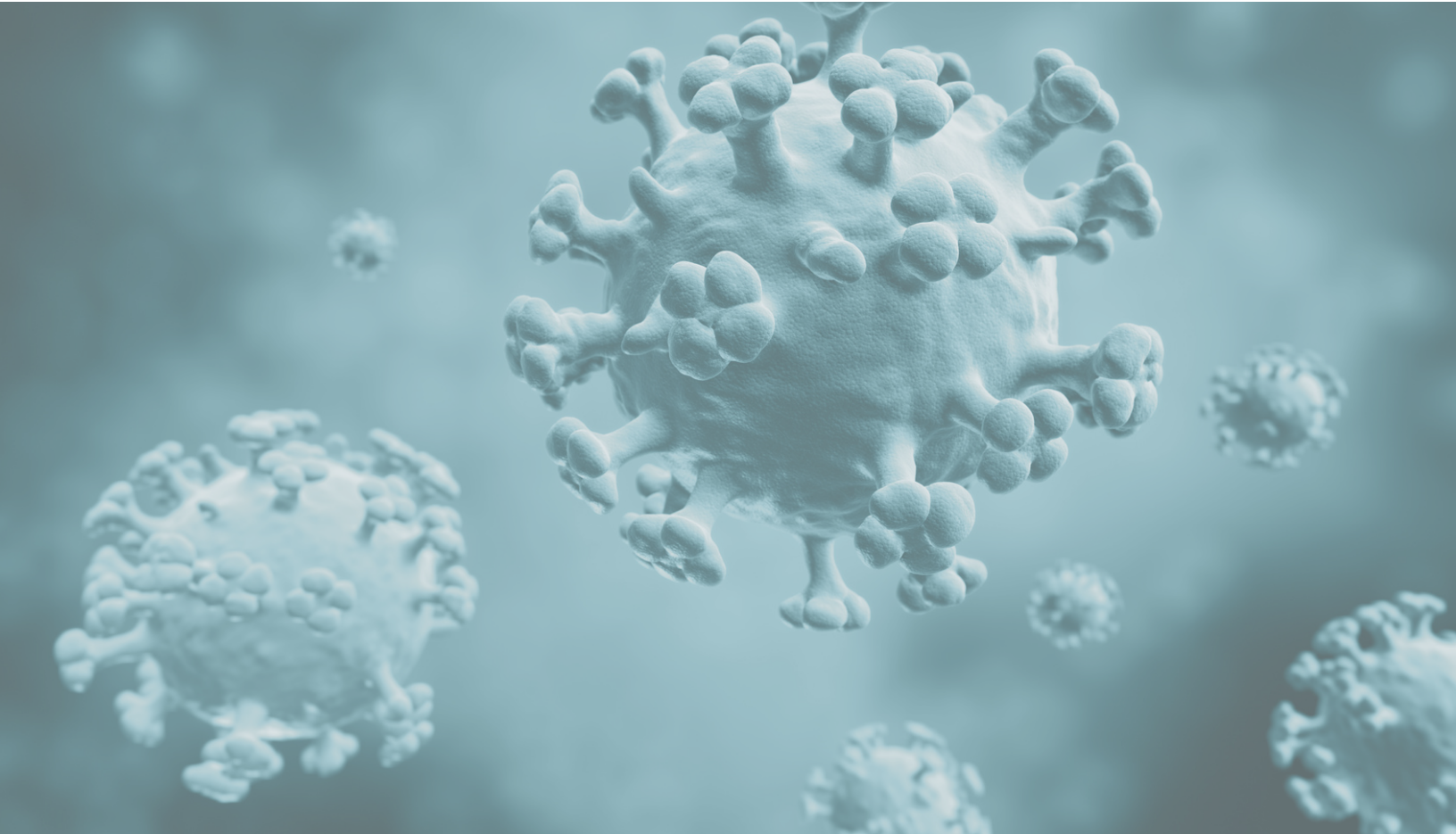
WINTER
WEBINAR



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

0930-1300 CST | 1630-2000 CET

HOSTED BY THE ESGREV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ESGREV WINTER WEBINAR



Join us on Nov 17th!

Join us by registering at the link below to hear presentations from ESGREV executive committee members and junior members. Topics include *hospital-acquired COVID-19 and other respiratory viral infections during the pandemic, respiratory viral co-infections in patients with COVID-19, COVID-19-related changes in RSV epidemiology, the upcoming influenza season and what we can expect, the next generation of COVID-19 immunizations, and the current scientific challenges and lessons from national/global response to COVID-19.*



Dr. Amy Spallone



Dr. Paraskevi C. Fragkou



Dr. Annefleur Langedijk



Dr. Maren Alchikh



PD Dr. Chrysanthi Skevaki



Prof. Lior Nesher

**REGISTER
HERE**



Prof. Sotirios Tsiodras




Prof. Roy Chemaly



ESGREV AT ECCMID 2023

Join us during our **ESGREV sessions at ECCMID 2023!**
These special events will highlight the latest research and data on a variety of respiratory viral pathogen topics and their presentations in special populations & host-pathogen interactions.

Workshop

 Immunology & vaccinology
ESGREV, ESGMYC, EFISG

Title: Host-pathogen interactions and immunotherapies in infectious diseases

- A framework for understanding host-pathogen interactions in infectious diseases
 - Liise-Anne Pirofski (United States)
- Host-pathogen interactions and immunotherapy in mycobacterial infections
 - Reinout van Crevel (Netherlands)
- Immune dysregulation and immunotherapy for fungal infections
 - Michail S. Lionakis (United States)

Symposium

 Viral infection & disease
ESGREV, ISIRV

Title: Tackling influenza and RSV management in the post-COVID-19 era

- Differences in the clinical presentation and outcomes of respiratory viral infection at extreme of ages
 - Virginie Prendki (Switzerland)
- The impact of diagnostics on the timeliness of antiviral treatment of influenza, RSV, and COVID-19
 - Giulia DeAngelis (Italy)
- From the clinical trials to clinic practice: the evolution of management of COVID-19, RSV, and influenza in North America
 - Nelson Lee (Canada)
- Treatment or prevention? Global and public health perspectives of guideline development for respiratory viruses
 - Sylvie Van Der Werf (France)

SAVE THE DATE:


Submit your
abstracts to
ECCMID 2023

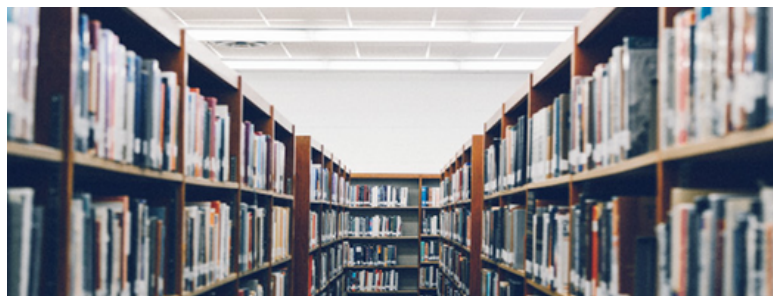
Oct 17 – Nov 30



ECCMID 2023 Outreach Grant applications now open


ESCMID is proud to continue the ECCMID Outreach Grant once again for ECCMID 2023. This grant is aimed at supporting and promoting ECCMID participation from persons residing in Low- and Lower-middle income countries. The call to apply is now open! Learn more and see the NEW eligibility criteria on the ESCMID website.

 Read more [here](#)



Check out ESCMID courses for 2023!

ESCMID already has a number of postgraduate courses open for registration for 2023! Get a head start on planning out your educational content for next year by visiting the ESCMID website and checking out the course flyers there.

 Read more [here](#)



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