



# ESCCA NEWSFLASH

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#### **Editorial**

Dear ESCCA Member, dear colleagues and friends,

Two more months before the ESCCA Virtual Conference! When we announced the postponement of the Conference to April 2021 in the last Newsletter, we were still optimistic that we would be able to meet each other in Vilnius. The COVID-19 pandemic determined otherwise for us and forced us to go fully virtual.

The past few months we have worked on adapting the programme to a virtual format, re-inviting the speakers and arranging a professional virtual conference platform to accommodate live and on-demand sessions, virtual poster presentations and a virtual exhibition. The first glances of the platform makes us excited about the virtual event, even though we will miss seeing you face to face this year.

The lovely city of Vilnius is not out of the picture: we'll convene there in 2023, after having celebrated, hopefully, the comeback of the physical conference in Belfast in September 2022.

On behalf of the ESCCA board

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Paula Fernandez ESCCA President

The final programme is on the Conference website for downloading, please <u>click here</u>. The submitted abstracts are being reviewed as we speak, and accreditation has been applied for.

To give you a taste of what to expect, we would like to introduce the **TET - THURSDAY ESCCA TEASER**. This will be a series of short videos introducing the educational programme tracks and give the opportunity to keynote speakers to give you a glimpse of their topic.

> Start with this **TET - THURSDAY ESCCA TEASER** – by the ESCCA President! Access the video here

On another note,

in appreciation of the hardship brought by the pandemic, we decided to give ESCCA members an extra discount of 50 euro on the early registration fee. Thus you save your membership costs this year! This fee is valid until 22 March 23:23:59 CET.

Last but not least: we gladly announce that the pre-conference training courses will be scheduled as webinars later this year. We will keep you posted!

ESCCA Elections 2021

This year, a term election will take place to renew positions in the ESCCA executive Board as well as two ESCCA Financial Auditors.

We are happy to announce the candidacies of Juan Flores-Montero (Salamanca, ES), Evdoxia Gounari (Thessaloniki, GR), Willemijn Hobo (Nijmegen, NL), Enrique O'Connor (Valencia, ES). Check the <u>membership section</u> for more information.

Online voting will start on 23 March – members will receive an email notification with a personal link to vote before the Virtual Conference. Make sure your membership is valid to actively participate in electing the next ESCCA Board.

The election results will be announced during the General Assembly on Thursday 22 April from 16.40-17.45 hrs.

ESCCA Affiliated Membership

As an Affiliated Society member you can benefit from an ESCCA Affiliated Society membership for the reduced fee of  $\in$  30.

In addition to this reduced membership fee, the ESCCA Affiliated Society membership gives you the opportunity to

- keep in touch with expert clinical scientists in a multi-national, friendly and collaborative environment;
- receive expert advice and assistance with technical problems;
- register for the annual ESCCA Conference at a substantially reduced price;
- have free access to ESCCAbase learning tools in 2021;
- download teaching material and presentations from past ESCCA Conference courses/educational tracks;

- have web access to current and past Clinical Cytometry Journal issues at a reduced price;
- participate in ESCCA scientific initiatives, courses, studies and surveys.

Please contact your national society for more information and further instructions. For a list of current ESCCA Affiliated Societies please <u>consult the website</u>.

## ESCCA 2021 Virtual Conference Sponsors

ESCCA would like to thank the sponsors who have committed themselves to the 2021 Virtual Conference.

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- How software can help simplify flow cytometric analysis
- The time-saving advantages of ready-to-use reagents

Also we are asking the question if flow cytometry standardization is important—and can it be simplified? YES to both! And it's all combined in one instrument. Meet the DxFLEX, the first 13 color CE IVD Flow Cytometer for the clinical lab. Fortunately, new technology lets you **use one standardized setting** to reduce complexity in instrument setup calibration, thereby simplifying workflows and saving time and money.

We will also be showing a new member of our well known CytoFLEX flow cytometer platform. We are introducing the all new **CytoFLEX SRT**. The new benchtop cell sorter.

