



ESCCA NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Dear ESCCA Member, estimated reader of this Newsletter,

These last weeks we have been faced with for many of us unprecedented challenges, with rapidly changing situations and regulations, both in our professional as well as private lives – in these difficult times we wish you strength and endurance.

Biosafety measures are important to prevent transmissions – you will find some recent laboratory safety considerations in this special article: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajcp/aqaa047>.

Please find some important news on ESCCA by reading on.... Stay safe & healthy!

on behalf of the ESCCA board

Paula Fernandez

ESCCA President

ESCCA International Schools 2020: postponed or cancelled

To our great regret all the 2019 ESCCA International Schools have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19:

- 25-29 May 2019 - 7th Prague School
- 3-7 June 2019 - 2nd Kos School
- 22 June - 1 July 2019 - 7th Valencia School

The Prague School has been postponed, registrants will be notified individually.
Valencia and Kos Schools will take place in 2021. Please visit [the website](#) for updates.

ESCCA 2020 Conference in Vilnius: new education tracks!

For now we continue to plan the ESCCA 2020 Conference, scheduled for Wednesday 9 - Saturday 12 September 2020. The Scientific Committee has drafted the preliminary programme and is in the process of inviting the speakers.

Two new educational tracks have been developed:

- Antigen-specific immunity: This new guest track will reflect the latest developments in this exciting area and will run as a new parallel track, closely coordinated with other related immunological and clinical topics in the programme.
- Data analysis: from general principles of flow data representation/analysis to data handling and repositories, from data preparation to high-dimensional data analysis and large cohort – aspects we need to know about modern data analysis are covered in this parallel track.

Check the Conference website: <https://escca.eu/vilnius2020>.

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ESCCA website: check it out on your smartphone!

We proudly announce that the ESCCA website is finally responsive to smartphone and tablet and has a new look & feel, with improved menu structure. We hope you like it!

Please visit <https://escca.eu/>

ESCCA Membership: new simplified registration

As ESCCA is constantly seeking to improve its membership services, we have implemented some important changes:

- The membership will now be valid from the date it is renewed until the same date the year thereafter. Thus you are ensured of a full membership of 12 months, even if you register in the course of the year!
- There are now 3 membership categories: Basic, Student and Low income members. Each category can now add on a subscription to *Cytometry B* and ESCCAbase.

In addition, we have made it easier for you to register, renew and access your membership:

- Simply use your e-mail address as username!
- Each membership category has a separate registration form clearly indicated on the website.
- Affiliated society members will be able benefit from a reduced membership fee as usual.

On Monday 30 March all 2019/2020 members will receive an email with further information and instructions for the renewal/updating of their membership. Please check your spam box if you haven't received this email by 16.00 CET.

For more information on the memberships, the benefits and the 2020 fees, please visit the website <https://escca.eu/membership/become-escca-member>

ESCCAbase

ESCCA is pleased to announce that ESCCAbase is offered for free to ESCCA members in 2020! So do try it out and add this option to your 2020 membership!

ESCCAbase is a remote learning and training instrument consisting of a library of annotated cytometric files that can be viewed with its dedicated software (ESCCAvier). The library covers a wide range of topics.

The ESCCAbase will also be used for several future ESCCA activities including the ESCCA certification exam, distant learning courses, and so on.

For more information and to access the ESCCAbase, please see <https://escca.eu/education/esccabase>

Last but not least: Congratulations Andy!

Congratulations to our dear colleague Andy Rawstron who won the 2019 Wallace H. Coulter Award! This prestigious award is presented by ICCS in recognition of a lifetime contributions to the science, education and practice of Clinical Cytometry. Well deserved!

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