

ESCCA NEWSLETTER

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A foot in the past, a look into the future

The end of this calendar year will mark the end of my tenure as ESCCA president. Our next newsletter will be focused on the Conference that we will hold in Montpellier, so this newsletter in the lazy month of July/August gives me the precious opportunity to make a sort of emotional review of my last years in ESCCA.

What has always intrigued me of the society is the international profile, and consolidating this characteristic of the society this has been a solid aim of my presidency. From 2018, when I entered the Board, we have substantially increased the number of affiliated societies (now we have 9 of them). To be an affiliated society is not a mere bureaucratic aspect; to access ESCCA through its own society gives to members a preferential bridge to ESCCA, an early access to our initiatives and some discounts on the fees to participate in our events. Speaking about the internationality, last year in Palma de Mallorca participants from no less than 46 countries were present, ranging from Australia to the Middle East (Qatar, Saudia Arabia) and Asia (Singapore, South Korea, Thailand). This year in Montpellier we are heading in the same direction. We are grateful to all of them. And I tell you that we are planning to organize com web-based or in-person event called post-ESCCA meetings that might be held in countries other than Europe (Latin America, Middle East) to disseminate the novelties in the field of flow cytometry and reach even more people. What do you think? Would you like it? Moreover we have our case-based webinars (ESCCA Forums), every month, the activities of our committees and much more in the future.

Last from my side, this is an election year, and we will have 3 positions opened for the next tenure of 4 years. Please participate in the voting to be part of the society and support our Board.

Happy to meet and greet you in Montpellier!

On behalf of the ESCCA Board,

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Francesco Buccisano

ESCCA President





New! From now on the online programme can be viewed via the programme page of the website.

This feature offers a combination of the daily programme at a glance and the full programme, and also includes the abstracts of the invited speakers and oral abstract presenters. Not all abstracts are available yet, but the programme will be automatically updated as soon as a new abstract has been submitted.

<u>Register</u> before 10 August to benefit from the discounted fee! As always the courses are in high demand, so don't wait too long if you want to be part of it. Workshop 1 is already fully booked.

In case a direct flight to Montpellier is not available, you could consider flying into

Marseille Provence Airport (MRS)

- Frequent international flights from Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa
- From the airport MRS to Montpellier: Direct high-speed train (TGV): ~1h45

Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport (LYS)

- Direct TGV from the train station in Lyon (Lyon Part Dieu): ~1h45
- From the airport, train with 1 transfer in Valence or Avignon: ~3.5 hours

Barcelona El Prat Airport (BCN)

- Ideal for participants from southern Europe and Latin America
- Direct train from the train station Sants in Barcelona: ~3.5 hours–4.5 hours

Several hotels with beneficial rates can be booked via the conference website (see <u>Venue/hotels</u>). The ESCCA Board's Headquarters will be the <u>Radisson Blu hotel</u>. We haven't been able to get a room block, but you could try to reserve directly via their website or your own channels.

ESCCA Elections – Call for candidates

Would you like to be actively involved in ESCCA? As a member you can submit your candidacy for a position in the ESCCA Board.

The role of ESCCA board members is to ensure that our society's goals are pursued and to support our member's interests. Duties include strategic planning, organising educational events and identifying areas of interest for initiating new projects, among other things. All board members are active participants in the scientific committee for our annual conference, and we also work with other organisations; ESCCA has representation within the Biomed Alliance and on the ICCS Outreach committee. Mandates are for 4 years.

Candidates should submit:

- letters of support from two active ESCCA ordinary members
- a concise professional profile, including a statement indicating your motivation and how you will support ESCCA's activities, if elected (maximum 800 characters)
- a recent photo in jpg format

Deadline for submission is Friday, 15 August 2025. Candidacies should be sent to the ESCCA Secretary, Juan Flores-Montero, via support@yourconferencesupport.com

The approved candidates will be announced in the membership section on 2 September, at which day the electronic voting opens as well.

ESCCA Certification Exams – important updates

From now on, non-members can apply for the ESCCA examination. The cost is € 250 including 1 year of free ESCCA membership. For more information and to apply, see the ESCCA Certification Exam page.

In addition, to qualify for taking the exam for the European Certificate for Cytometry Specialists - hematooncology, the European Certification for Cytometry Operators is **no longer required!** So no need to pass this exam for Cytometry Operators first.

Call for photos!

Call for Photos – Your picture on the ESCCA Website!

We're looking for a fresh new image for the ESCCA homepage — and we want your help!

Do you have an eye-catching, inspiring, or simply beautiful photo that captures the spirit of science, cytometry, collaboration you'd love to share with the ESCCA community?

Submit your photo and get the chance to see it featured on the home page of our website.

f Bonus: The winning photo comes with a free registration for the ESCCA 2026 Conference!

Technical guidelines:

Minimum size: 2560 x 1600 pixels

Orientation: Landscape

File size: Max. 8 MB

- Center your subject, and leave some space around it, taking into account the congress button that is
 placed over the banner (see https://escca.eu/)
- A greyish/soft blueish background (as in the current picture) is preferred.
- Coulours should not clash with the pinkish colours of the ESCCA logo and congress button. Less is more!

Deadline: 5 September 2025.

Send your photo to: support@yourconferencesupport.com. The winning photo will be announced at the closing session of the Conference in Montpellier on 20 September.

News from our main sponsors

ESCCA would like to express their gratitude for the 2025 sponsors. Without their support we wouldn't be able to organise this Conference for you!

Premier sponsor



Bonjour Montpellier!

In 2025, we are proud to once again sponsor ESCCA. Our booth in Montpellier is being prepared to showcase our cutting-edge solutions—from automated sample preparation and advanced reagent technologies to state-of-the-art clinical analyzers and analysis software.

Whether you're aiming to enhance your translational research with advanced tools or streamline your workflow with optimized in-vitro diagnostic kits, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences is here to support your journey.

We warmly invite you to attend our scientific program during the Meet the Expert Sessions. These sessions offer a unique opportunity to connect with fellow researchers, exchange insights, and learn from the broader scientific community. Stay tuned for more updates by following us on LinkedIn.

We look forward to seeing you in Montpellier!



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Connect with Sysmex at ESCCA and discover how thoughtful automation, traceability and compatibility of a perfectly orchestrated solution can help you focus on patient care – within and beyond your clinical flow cytometry laboratory.

At our booth #PL3 you can

- see how our unique CyFlow WA Work Area Management software helps to smartly connect haematology and clinical flow cytometry data analysis.
- discover the latest developments in our XF-1600 clinical cytometer.
- engage with our experts to discuss strategies for improving standardisation and streamlining workflows.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Join us at our booth to experience innovative tools and solutions that are redefining the landscape of clinical research, clinical trials and standardised care.

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For the first time, explore our **Medical Information Corner** - a unique space where you can meet the BD Medical and Scientific Affairs Team. Visit us and discuss tomorrow's needs in patient care.

Discover BD spectral flow cytometry

Unlock deep biological insights to advance precision medicine from clinical research to exploratory endpoints within clinical trials. Discover how the **BD spectral analyser** is redefining the journey towards clinical discovery. Secure your spot, seats are limited.

Experience advanced multiparametric analysis

Bring your anonymised complex flow cytometry files and watch our team turn complexity into clarity. Visit our booth for a demo and see simplicity in action.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this!

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