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Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons (with all due respect for pigeons...)!

Dear colleagues and friends,

Less than three weeks and we will meet in Montpellier!

As you can see on our website, this year our symbol is seven pink flamingoes: rose is a color that brings novelties and hope for the future. And the ESCCA board (the 7 flamingoes...) will bring to the conference novelties and inspiration for your work, both clinical and basic research.

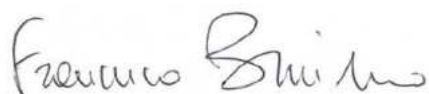
Our traditional ticketed pre-conference workshops will cover different topics, from the diagnostic of Myelodysplastic Syndromes to spectral cytometry, to platelet function assessment by flow-cytometry to computational flow, to Extracellular Vesicles, animated by our colleagues of the ESCCA committee on EVs. Some places are still available, and I would like to endorse your participation. Following your indications, these will be “hands-on” sessions, and you will discover that even complex analytical approaches may become familiar with our teachers!

As you will read below, the programme is in line with our previous conferences, with a plenary part, including the so-called “joint sessions”, and two parallel tracks focused on hemato-oncology and immunology, respectively. Joint sessions have been organized together with outstanding scientific associations: the International Clinical Cytometry Society (ICCS), our twin overseas society, the French CytHEM and ESID. The purpose is to create a common place to discuss and develop in the future common strategies for optimising the clinical and diagnostic management of patients.

Two final remarks: this year is an election year, please remember to support our society also through your votes. We will have some outstanding candidates for the Board; support them with your votes and let your voice be heard in the society. And, please, participate to the General Assembly, because we really would like to discuss with you face to face.

The last remark is a personal (and emotional) one... This will be my last conference as president and my last year in the Board. Quite a heartbreaking moment after 7 years, but an inevitable choice, because we do firmly believe in renewal and changes to keep a scientific society alive. A warm thank to Iuri Marinov and Ulrika Johanson, who will leave with me after so many years, and a huge “good job” to those who will remain carrying on the society along the path that we have designed in these years!

From your President, I wish you all the best



Francesco Buccisano



Are you ready to fly to Montpellier and flamingle?

Montpellier combines academic excellence, innovation, and Mediterranean energy — an ideal setting for networking and knowledge sharing. We can't wait to welcome all the delegates from 44 countries at the Conference!

You can already view the full programme and the abstracts via the [programme page](#) of the website, in anticipation of the Conference App. Two pre-conference workshops are fully booked, but you can still join one of the other three. Hurry though, usually there aren't any places left when you arrive on-site.

On **Thursday** evening we will go to Effet Mer, a beach club in La Grand-Motte. **Sunset, cocktails, BBQ, and beats by the sea!** From toes in the sand to dancing under the stars - join us for a relaxed yet festive evening. Think welcome cocktail at sunset and delicious food during the walking dinner & BBQ, while the DJ sets the perfect vibe for you to enjoy the relaxed beach club atmosphere. After dinner, the music turns up and it's time to hit the dance floor. *Forgot to order a ticket? Please contact the Registration Office registration@parthen.nl before 8 September 18:00 CEST!*



ESCCA 2026 – Save the date

Mark your calendars: ESCCA 2026 will be held from **9 - 12 September 2026**.

We will announce the destination during the Closing session in Montpellier, but we can already tell you that you *really* don't want to miss this one!

ESCCA Elections – Call for Votes

Following the Call for Candidates for the ESCCA Executive Board, three members have submitted their candidacy. Their CV and motivation can be found in membership section, at the ESCCA Elections page.

All ESCCA members are cordially invited to vote! This can be done **from 2 - 17 September 12:00 hrs. CEST**.

The results will be announced during the General Assembly on Friday 19 September.

A Call for Votes will be emailed to all members on 2 September, but the voting form can be accessed via the aforementioned webpage as well.

Call for photos – Extended submission deadline

You may have missed the Call for Photos – Your picture on the ESCCA homepage – announced in the previous Newsletter. That's why we have extended the submission deadline until **10 September**.

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.

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.
- Colours should not clash with the pinkish colours of the ESCCA logo and congress button. Less is more!

Extended deadline: Wednesday 10 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.

Our main sponsors at ESCCA 2025

We will extend a warm welcome in Montpellier to all [2025 sponsors](#). It is their generous support that makes our Conference come alive. Do visit their booths!

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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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Cytek Will Be At ESCCA 2025!

Please visit us at booth PL2 and attend our Industrial Partner Presentation on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 12:15 PM in the Pasteur Room.

Joseph C. Lownik, M.D., Ph.D., Hematopathologist in the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at Cedars-Sinai, will present a talk titled: "Pairing Of Spectral Flow Cytometry And Machine Learning Based Decision Support System For Accurate Diagnosis Of Leukemia and Lymphoma."

Dr. Lownik will present an integrated solution that includes feasibility of the validation and implementation of laboratory developed tests (LDTs) for leukemia and lymphoma diagnosis in his research, utilizing the Cytek Northern Lights™ flow cytometer and a new machine learning algorithm. This method helps detect abnormalities and reduces the burden of data analysis, enhancing laboratory efficiency. He will illustrate how support software for clinical decision making can be integrated into routine diagnostics of leukemia and lymphoma.

For more information about Cytek's products and solutions, please visit <https://cytekbio.com/>.



Sysmex is looking forward to connecting with you at the conference in Montpellier!

Here are some ways you can connect with us:

Join our **Industrial Partner Presentation** (in the Plenary room):

- Wednesday, 17th September: 15:00-15:30
- Beyond Routine Haematology - Leveraging Sysmex Integrated Solutions to Support Diagnosis of Leukaemia and Lymphoma
- Speaker: Prof. Timothy Farren, Barts Health NHS Trust, UK

Stop by our booth to

- chat with our specialists about how thoughtful automation, traceability and compatibility of a perfectly orchestrated solution can help you focus on patient care – within and beyond the clinical flow cytometry laboratory, and
- learn about the new expanded capabilities of our clinical flow cytometer – be curious! 🤖 🌈 ⭐

See you there!

Feel free to learn more by clicking the links below:

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Discover Innovation in Scientific Discovery and Patient Care at ESCCA 2025

Join BD's Industrial Partner Presentation on **Wednesday, September 17 at 4:00 PM**, featuring Dr. Karen Smith-Baker, FRCPath. She will share insights on implementing screening, diagnostic and MRD for Multiple Myeloma using BD OneFlow™ and BD Cytognos™ assays, addressing NHS challenges like standardisation and resource constraints.

New this year: Meet the BD Medical and Scientific Affairs Team in a dedicated space to exchange ideas and explore future directions in patient care.

Visit the BD Booth for dynamic 20-minute live sessions of the BD FACSDiscover™ A8 Cell Analyzer, showcasing BD SpectralFX™ and CellView™ technologies. Book your slot [now!](#)

Explore BD Infinicyt™ and BD FACSuite™ software with ElastiGate™ Technology* for advanced data analysis.

Poster Spotlight: Check the Poster IMM-11 and learn about rare CAR-T cell detection with BD® 1-step CAR Detection Reagent.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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