



## ESCCA NEWSLETTER

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### Editorial

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Dear colleagues and friends,

It was great to meet so many of you in person again at our annual congress in Belfast. As the new president of ESCCA I would like to personally thank all participants, speakers, sponsors and committee members for the support you gave to our society. We also thank the City of Belfast for their generous support.

It's now time to turn the page to the next chapter: ESCCA 2023. As you know, we had planned to go to Vilnius, but the situation in the region continues to be too unstable. It will be postponed, not cancelled though. Next year the Conference will move to **Utrecht** in the heart of the Netherlands.

As usual we will try to build a programme that covers all the different aspects of modern flow cytometry. We made a thorough review of yours comments on the Belfast conference and we will take them in strong consideration to further improve the level. We will have three parallel courses, covering hematological-oncology, immunology and more operational topics of flow cytometry. We will have also outstanding keynote lectures, interactive sessions and joint session with other scientific societies (no spoiler here 😊). We will confirm some pre-conference courses, with a more practical cut, and special initiatives. In brief, we hope to come back together toward normal life!

On behalf of the ESCCA Board,

Francesco Buccisano  
ESCCA President



## Save the date: 27-30 September 2023

You will feel right at home in the charm of the fourth largest city in the Netherlands, with its historic centre, its intact medieval buildings and the canals with centuries' old wharf cellars – unique in the world – and the tallest church tower in the Netherlands, the Dom Tower.

It will take only 30 minutes by direct train from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to reach Utrecht. The Conference venue is a few minutes' walk from Utrecht Central Station and the conference hotels. The historic city centre is just 5-10 minutes' walk away.





Our venue will be the **MediaPlaza / Supernova** complex of the Jaarbeurs, one of the most modern and innovative conference and meeting centres in Europe; a knowledge hub where everything revolves around connecting and energy. Thousands of LED lights, innovative applications and ultra-modern facilities in the field of image projection, sound effects and furnishing provide a unique character.



The Scientific Committee will start with the programme planning soon, we will keep you updated via the social media and the conference website. Abstract submission and registration will open on 15 May 2023.

[www.escca.eu/escca2023](http://www.escca.eu/escca2023)

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## ESCCA Examination

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ESCCA is aware of the technical complexity and constant evolution of cytometry instrumentation and its applications, requiring continuous training and education. We also aim to help ESCCA members, and especially the young ones, to attain excellence in their work in cytometry, be it in the clinical or in the basic fields. In order to attest the level of excellence of cytometrists the ESCCA Education and Accreditation Committee has created the European Cytometry Certificate:

- Level 1: The European Certificate for Cytometry Operators
- Level 2: The European Certificate for Cytometry Specialists

Online exams for both Level 1 and 2, as well as updated ESCCA Certificate Guidelines are expected to be ready early 2023. Conditions for application: ESCCA membership and 3 years of experience in the field for Level 1 and valid European Certificate for Cytometry Operator for Level 2.

If you are interested in taking any of the exams, please send an email to the ESCCA secretariat [membership@escca.eu](mailto:membership@escca.eu) in order to receive a notification as soon as the application is open.

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## Sponsor messages

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## It was great seeing you at ESCCA

This was an opportunity to show synergies between Cytognos and BD in the fields of immunology and haematology.

We are welcoming 25 years of advanced flow cytometry solutions to the BD family.

[Learn more](#)

## By your side through IVDR

The European In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device Regulation (IVDR) (EU) 2017/746 came into effect on 26 May 2017 and replaced the European In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device Directive (IVDD) 98/79/EC. As a leader in healthcare and patient safety, BD is committed to providing IVDR compliant solutions to continue delivering safe and effective IVD medical devices to serve you and your patients.

We want you to get IVDR-ready in the easiest possible way. So, we are driving the implementation of this new regulation and our solutions planned for IVDR compliance will help you in doing so.

[Learn more](#)



Thank you for coming to ESCCA 2022!

We want to take this opportunity to thank the organizers and all of you for the great event in Belfast.

Our presence was all about workflow efficiencies in the clinical lab and was reflected in our industrial partner presentation entitled *Benefits of adapting new technology in a clinical laboratory*.

Alan Dunlop, Head of Immunophenotyping at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, shared insights into the evolution of his lab, explaining how he has fundamentally changed every part of the workflow following the lean methodology to ultimately do more with less.

To find out more about the technologies Alan uses, please visit:

[www.beckman.de/flow-cytometry/clinical-flow-cytometers/dxflex](http://www.beckman.de/flow-cytometry/clinical-flow-cytometers/dxflex)

[www.beckman.com/cellmek-sps](http://www.beckman.com/cellmek-sps)

[www.beckman.com/aquios-stem](http://www.beckman.com/aquios-stem)

We would like to thank our phenomenal speakers in the *Meet the Experts* seminars who talked about timely topics in stem cell enumeration, the use of nanobodies in the detection of CD38-masked plasma cells and overcoming challenges of the IVDR. We hope you enjoyed that format and were able to connect with other like-minded scientists.

Whether you are looking to optimize the processing of your lab developed tests or looking for workflow optimized in-vitro diagnostics. Beckman Coulter Life Sciences is your partner on the patient's journey, providing solutions to the most demanding needs of modern clinical flow cytometry.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Thank you for the good interactions at the ESCCA conference!

We were grateful for the chance to meet so many of you who attended the ESCCA conference in Belfast!

If you did not have a chance to stop by our booth there, find out more about how Sysmex is applying our expertise in workflow consultancy, automation and data integration to help flow cytometry laboratories find solutions to simplify and standardise their work.

Please visit [www.sysmex-europe.com/clinical-flow](http://www.sysmex-europe.com/clinical-flow)

We look forward to hearing more from you!

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