European Confederation of Medical mycology

The 23 member countries of the ECMM

- Instituted at the Institut Pasteur in Paris on November 25th, 1993
- Umbrella organisation of the European mycological entities
- ECMM council and board: elected delegates from European ECMM member countries
- Support to science and research, international coordination of scientific and clinical activities, the organisation of mycological conventions and of training programmes.
https://www.ecmm.info
Improving outcome of fungal diseases – Guiding experts and patients towards excellence

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- European guideline initiative
- ECMM Academy
- ECMM Excellence centres
ECMM Academy

• ECMM Academy launched in September 2016 (18 founding members)
• MISSION: recognise scientists for outstanding contributions to medical mycology and provide medical expertise in the service of science and public
• Title: Fellow of the European Confederation of Medical Mycology, FECMM
• The designation is available for a wide range of professionals, from laboratory-based scientists to clinicians

https://www.ecmm.info/fecmm/
FECMM Prerequisites

• International, national or local recognition for research, teaching, clinical, or committee work
• At least 15 peer-reviewed publications in the field of clinical mycology that meet the scholarly and pedagogical expectations of the ECMM
• Promoting the science and practice of all aspects of medical mycology throughout the European continent or world-wide
• Participation in ECMM studies, including registries
• Initiating, facilitating and coordinating research and other scientific activities on an international basis throughout Europe or world-wide
• Facilitating the discussion and dissemination of the results of international collaborative research
• Promoting scientific meetings and training courses
2016: 22 FECMM
2018: 56 FECMM

25% of FECMM are from outside Europe
Submit applications electronically via [https://www.ecmm.info/fecmm](https://www.ecmm.info/fecmm) and then details to [president@ecmm.info](mailto:president@ecmm.info)

Applications should contain:
1. Letter of application
2. Point by point statement explaining how the prerequisites were met
3. Full CV
4. Full list of publications including impact factors at the time of acceptance and number of citations
5. Two letters of support from experts in the field
Peer review by
ECMM Academy Committee

Katrien Lagrou (Chair)
Ferry Hagen, the Netherlands (Committee member)
Malgorzata Mikulska, Italy (Committee member)
Michaela Lackner, Austria (Committee member)
Jörg-Janne Vehreschild, Germany (Committee member)
FEES

Annual membership
Fees are due upon successful application and at the beginning of each subsequent year. With acceptance after 1 October, fees are invoiced the next year.

ECMM Member States
Initial € 300
Maintenance € 100 annually

ECMM non-Member States
Initial € 375
Maintenance € 125 annually

ECMM non-Member States if GNI PPP* < USD 20.000
Initial € 100
Maintenance € 50 annually

FECMM for Life
One-time payment equivalent to 10 annual fees (e.g. € 1200 in ECMM member countries) is due upon successful application.
FECMM Prerequisites

• Starting in 2020:
  – Courses, internships or employment at an ECMM Excellence Centre extending over at least 80 hours (cumulative).
  – Applicants who are not employed at an ECMM Excellence Centre alternatively need proof that they have attended a total of at least 80 hours in educational activities or workshops offered by ECMM
Excellence centres (EC)

- Launched September 2016
- ECMM EC: institution designated by the ECMM to form part of an international collaborative network in support of building outstanding excellence in human mycology
- ECs provide specialised care for fungal infections and serve as knowledge and research centres and treatment facilities
- ECs are nominated after onsite auditing

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https://www.ecmm.info/ecmm-excellence-centers/
Tasks of ECMM EC

- High visibility for patients and physicians
- Promote patient access to a multidisciplinary team of experts
- Perform education, information, communication activities to empower patients
- Collaborate with patient organisations
- Fulfil highest standards of professional qualification and clinical and scientific experience
- Commit to cooperation and information sharing
- Emphasise coordination between professionals
- Integrate best practice, standards and guidelines for diagnosis and treatment
- Disseminate European reference diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines
Nomination by
ECMM Excellence Centres committee

The Committee for evaluation of ECMM Excellence Centers:

Cornelia Lass-Flörl, Austria (Microbiology Chair)
Oliver Cornely, Germany (Clinical Chair)
Alexandre Alanio (EC Study Coordinator)
Jesus Guinea, Spain (Committee member)
Orla Morrissey, Australia (Committee member)
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Riina Richardson, UK (Committee member)
ECMM Excellence centres
9-DAY CLINICAL COURSE WILL BE ORGANISED IN SEPTEMBER 2019
International Course Medical Mycology: 1-12 October 2018

Audience: The course starts with basic explanations but continues at highly advanced levels, such that it is interesting for a wide public. Target audience are heads of clinical laboratories, private clinics, and technicians involved in fungal diagnosis.

Instructors: Prof. Dr. G.S. de Hoog, Prof. Dr. P.E. Verweij, Dr. R.G. Vitale, Dr. J.F. Meis, and numerous international experts in various aspects of the course.

Language of instruction: The course is taught in English. Personal guidance is possible in German, Dutch, Spanish, French and Chinese.

Venue: Center of Expertise in Mycology of Radhoudumc / Canisius Wilhelmina Hospital, Geert Grooteplein 10, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Costs: € 2000,-. This includes local facilities and lunches, and a 6-month subscription to the Atlas of Clinical Fungi.

Registration: please contact Sybren de Hoog s.hoog@westerdijkinstitute.nl.