Dear Young ESPID members,

Hope you are all well and starting to get excited about Malmo May 28- June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2018.

The draft programme is looking fantastic, abstract submission is likely to open on November 27\textsuperscript{th} 2017.

As with previous years we will be in touch soon asking for:

- Young ESPID members to coordinate the Meet the Professor morning sessions – a great chance to liaise with experts in the field.

- We will be running the Speed Dating sessions with senior academics, so if there is a senior ESPID member you’d really like to have the opportunity to discuss research with let us know and we’ll try and get them on the list.

In the past two years these have both been really popular so have been strictly first come first served – if you see an email about them get in quick!

In January we will be asking for people to stand for positions of Young ESPID representative and board member (replacing Elisa) or research networking committee (Paula Tähtinen) both of whom are approaching the end of their terms.

Remember we have the YE country representatives – many of whom are coming to the end of their two-year terms in January. Let us know if you want to apply.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on the ESPID website – there are lists of upcoming relevant courses and all the ESPID awards that you could apply for.

**A practical approach to serious infections in children**  
8th-10th February 2018, Reykjavik, Iceland

This course is aimed at those who have to recognize and manage children with serious infections. This includes pediatric trainees, emergency medicine doctors, general pediatricians and those with a specialist interest in infections in children. The course uses highly interactive small group workshops discussing clinical cases, and short lectures to emphasize core factual knowledge. It covers common serious infections, infections in the immunocompromised and basic immunology relevant to infectious diseases. Integrated with this there is the opportunity to see the natural beauty of Iceland, and maybe even the Northern Lights. The course is now in its fourth year, and has received glowing feedback from previous delegates.

Program and registration:  [https://icelandcourse.cpreykjavik.is/](https://icelandcourse.cpreykjavik.is/)

Book soon because places are strictly limited and Early Bird discounts are only available until 15\textsuperscript{th} December 2017.

**ISSAD International Symposium on Streptococcus Agalactiae Disease**  
20-23\textsuperscript{rd} February 2018
Cape Town, South Africa

The ISSAD promises to be an interactive and comprehensive platform covering topics ranging from the GBS disease burden and challenges to the epidemiology, immunology and vaccinology of GBS and everything in between. A limited number of travel scholarships will be available for delegates from countries with developing economies. We look forward to welcoming you to the Mother City for this exciting pilot event!

Please get in touch at youngespid@espid.org with any queries or suggestions & don’t forget to pay your membership subs for 2018!

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