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Dear ESCCA members,

Thank you for coming to Valencia this year! I hope you took the opportunity to network during the conference and, of course, took home valuable information. In case you haven't yet, remember to check our website for the past courses and also the abstract book.

We very much appreciated your feedback on the conference - thank you for useful comments and suggestions; you'll find some of them put into place at our next conference in Bergen. ESCCA is here for you.

This is made possible by many hours of volunteer work, fueled by a commitment to provide educational opportunities. This year we honored three individuals for their many years of dedication to this scope - read on to find out more about them!

Check out our progress for the next Congress on the website and reserve the dates!

All the best

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Fernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Fernandez

[Katerina Psarra's letter](#)

I feel uncomfortable trying to write about myself but I will try to write about the common pathway I shared with the world of ESCCA, the members, the committees, the board.

I consider myself very lucky to meet really wise people who taught me a lot about leading, managing but mostly about sharing with other people. Other people's opinion is many times unbelievably valuable. It lies there by you and you don't even notice how much it shines.

I was really moved when I was elected as ESCCA President three years ago. I had already been president in two Greek scientific societies for many years and I considered myself experienced but I never expected to be president of a European society. It was such of a great honor for me. Some really good friends had persuaded me to put myself forward for the board again. When I expressed my doubts about my abilities as a president somebody said "You may not be a professor but you are a good person". I will always remember this phrase. Thank you very much Maria, Stefano, Bruno.

So I just tried to be a good person and to fulfil my duties as dutifully as possible. It was not easy and it was not difficult. Some decisions may have not been the right ones and sometimes both ways, or all ways, seemed correct. The ancient Athenians used to expel people who would not vote for a certain matter. They had to opt for something. The right of the most powerful should not reign in the board not even the right of the majority. It is complicated but it is easy when there is a nice friendly atmosphere between the members of the board.

And then there were ESCCA members all around me, people showing respect and friendship, people full of smiles. How easy it is to smile back, to talk with them, to be there for them. They are the society, they rely on you.

And GCS, especially Babette, although she is Dutch and I am Greek... 😊 She was always helpful, having an answer, a good advice for everything, putting all her experience to the effort of every successful ESCCA conference.

So thank you very much my good friends, especially the board members for taking this trip with me. Thank you very much Andy, Claudio, Enrique, Frank, Jordi, Paula, Stefano, Silvia for making such a good team. This trip has been wonderful.

«As you set out for Ithaka, hope the voyage is a long one, full of adventure, full of discovery...»
Konstantinos Kavafis

Warm regards
Katherina Psarra

[ESCCA 2018 Conference: Valencia summary and portfolio!](#)

Dear ESCCA members,

As you know, the annual ESCCA meeting successfully took place in Valencia between 12 and 15 September 2018. During these 4 days we received education, updates and high-quality reviews on specific immunology and haematology topics covered by a thorough scientific program. We also became familiar with new cytometry related products and reagents, and in coffee breaks and poster exhibitions we met old friends and made new ones. But of course.... we also found some time to taste nice food, listen to "La Tuna" musicians, dance with them and have some fun.



Once again, the ESCCA meeting was characterised by a friendly atmosphere, and an environment where it is so easy to exchange opinions and seek advice from world experts. We are proud to announce that this meeting received 438 delegates from 44 countries, and some of them come from countries as remote as India, Singapore, Australia and Sudan among others. Remember that as an ESCCA member you have access to presentations via the member's section of the website (www.escca.eu).

In this meeting ESCCA said goodbye to the directive committee, and the farewell of President Katerina Psarra was particularly touching. Katerina has been inspiring for many ESCCA members because of her extraordinary perfect combination of hard work and good mood. She is a solid model for us and we thank her a lot for everything she did for us.





Now we have a year ahead until 2019 meeting, giving us time to go over what we have learned in Valencia, and to prepare our own data for the next annual meeting in Bergen, Norway. We hope to see you all there.

[Bergen- Norway 19-21 September 2019](#)



[BERGEN · NORWAY 19-21 september 2019](#)

www.escca.eu/norway2019

ESCCA 2019 will be held in Norway, in the picturesque city of Bergen, from **Thursday 19 - Saturday 21 September 2019**.

Bergen

Packed with history and tradition, this UNESCO World Heritage City has the ideal combination of nature, culture and exciting urban life all year around. Visitbergen.com to get inspired! With its ideal location right in the heart of the Fjord Norway region, it is the perfect starting point for day trips to one of the world's biggest scenic attractions, [the fjords](#). *Norway in a Nutshell* offers you a 1-day tour to the fjords departing from Bergen. You will experience the scenic Bergen Railway, the breathtaking Flåm Railway, the Aurlandsfjord, the narrow and dramatic UNESCO-protected Nærøfjord and a bus trip through the beautiful scenery of Western Norway. A short video and more information can be found [here](#).

Conference venue

The Conference will be held in the [Quality Hotel™ Edvard Grieg](#), located just 5 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes from the city centre of Bergen. The hotel offers stunning views, fabulous interior design and a wonderful atmosphere. On the Conference website you will find a short video of this hotel.

Guest rooms will be available in the Edvard Grieg Hotel and the Comfort Bergen Airport Hotel. Each morning and afternoon a shuttle between the two hotels will be provided. Daily shuttles to and from the airport and to the city centre will be provided as well.

Programme

The Scientific Committee has reviewed the results of the online evaluation held right after the Valencia Conference. ESCCA thanks the participants who took the time to complete it! The Committee will take your comments into account and will aim to create an interesting programme including more interactive sessions and opportunities for networking as well.

In addition, several basic and advanced pre-conference training courses for a limited number of participants will be organised on Wednesday 18 September.

Accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) will be applied for.

Key dates and deadlines

1 May 2019	Abstract submission and Registration online
30 June 2019	Deadline abstract submission (23:59:59 CEST)
4 August 2019	Deadline early registration fee

Consult the website for regular updates: www.escca.eu/norway2019

[ESCCA Valencia 2018 Statistics](#)

Number of countries represented: 44

Number of abstracts submitted: 140

Total number of delegates: 438





[22nd Association Française de Cytométrie Annual Congress](#)

The 22nd Association Française de Cytométrie Annual Congress was held at the Palais des Congrès, in Lyon, the capital of the Auvergne, Rhône-Alpes region from 17 to 19 October 2018.

Dr Katerina Psarra the ex-President of ESCCA for the past three years, was invited by Lydia Campos (the President of the French Association) to present ESCCA. Dr Psarra explained ESCCA evolution, ESCCABase, affiliated societies and the cytometry certification exams to the French participants. The French delegates form a real family, a society of friends, happy to meet each other.

A very interesting remark about the congress according to Dr Psarra was the plenary session called « Parole aux industriels » which enables sponsors (commercial companies) to promote their innovations in short presentations of 10 minutes each, questions at the stand. In this way participants know what to ask when they visit the stand.

The scientific program was very interesting. Mass cytometry, image cytometry spectral cytometry applications, mainly research but clinical as well regarding immunology and haematology were presented. Data analysis and microbiology had a central place in the congress. It was a very successful meeting full of up to date science, good food and wine and lots and lots of discussions.



[Membership fees](#)

Membership fee 2019

- Basic membership: 50€
- Reduced Basic membership: 20€
- Affiliated Society (bulk): 30€
- Cytometry B: 40€
- Use of ESCCA Base: 0€ (after 2019: 30€)
- Examination: 100€
- Examination in combination with ESCCA Base: 0€ (after 2019: 120€)

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