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The importance of being resilient

When I've received from our conference organiser the final number of abstracts submitted to ESCCA 2024, the second highest number since 2010, and the increasing number of attendees that are projected to levels comparable to the pre-pandemic era, I've thought: maybe we have come back to the real life!

With a bit of resilience, a bit of unconsciousness and a solid working group, our society is running again.

Last request: we need the support of all the members because we have prepared a new version of our statutes to make the society more modern and dynamic and we need your endorsement. Second, this is election year, and we will have four positions opened for the next tenure of 3 years. Please participate in the voting to be part of the society and support our board.

Everything is described in detail lower in this newsletter.

See you in Palma!

On behalf of the ESCCA Board,



Francesco Buccisano
ESCCA President



The ESCCA Community certainly followed up on the Call for Abstracts: we haven't received that many abstracts since 2010! Thanks to all authors who submitted an abstract.

Registration is now also well under way, so far 40 countries are represented. We are thrilled that also colleagues from Australia, Latin- and South-America, the Middle East and Asia afar are able to join us again! If you haven't registered yet, don't miss the deadline for early registration of **15 August 23:59:59 CEST**. Note that all presenting authors will need to have registered and paid by that deadline in order to be included in the programme and poster exhibition.

The updated full programme can be downloaded from the website. As always the courses are in great demand. They were fully booked in no time, but there are still a few places left for Workshop 2: *Extracellular vesicles: welcome to the nano-flow world*.

Haven't booked a hotel yet? Rates are rising fast, but there may still be rooms available in the ESCCA room blocks. We managed to get some extra – but small - room blocks in two more Meliá hotels and two other ones, one of which is at walking distance. Find out more <https://escca.eu/venue-escca-2024/hotels>

ESCCA Elections – Call for candidates

2024 is an election year for the Executive Board and Financial Auditor positions. The election takes place online from 3-24 September 2024. All interested ESCCA members with an active 2024 membership account are invited to submit their candidacy.

The role of ESCCA board members is to ensure that our society's goals are pursued and to support our member's interests. Duties include strategic planning, organising educational events and identifying areas of interest for initiating new projects, among other things. All board members are active participants in the scientific committee for our annual conference, and we also work with other organisations; ESCCA has representation within the Biomed Alliance and on the ICCS Outreach committee. Mandates are for 3 years.

ESCCA Auditors (a 2-year mandate) will independently review and approve the financial reports prepared by the external accountant and the ESCCA Treasurer.

Submitting a candidacy is straightforward, the details are below. Candidacies should be sent to the ESCCA Secretary, Juan Flores-Montero, **before Thursday 15 August 23:59:59 CEST**.

E-mail: support@yourconferencesupport.com

Candidates for the ESCCA Executive Board please submit:

- letters of support from two active ESCCA ordinary members
- a concise professional profile, including a statement indicating your motivation and how you will support ESCCA's activities, if elected (maximum 800 characters)
- a recent photo of yourself in jpg format

Candidates for the position of ESCCA Auditor please submit:

- a concise professional profile
- a recent photo of yourself in jpg format

ESCCA Board members applying for an additional term through Board Nomination please submit:

- a concise professional profile, including a statement indicating motivation and how you will support ESCCA's activities, if re-elected (maximum 800 characters)
- a recent photo of yourself in jpg format

ESCCA Certification Exams – now also for non-members

We would like to offer **non-members** the opportunity to take the ESCCA exam as well. Registration is possible from 1 September via the [ESCCA Certification Exam page](#) in the Education section.

The cost is €250 including 1 year of free ESCCA membership.

The exam can take place from Monday - Friday between 09.00 - 16.00 hrs. CET, excluding all international public holidays. The exam should take place from 1 month after submission of the online registration form; earlier dates will not be accepted.

The Certification is valid for three years.

News from our main sponsors ESCCA 2024

We thank all our [Sponsors](#) for their support.

News from some of our main sponsors (in order of confirmation):



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What You'll See and Learn in Our Booth

With ongoing staff shortages and unpredictable peaks in demand for test results, maximizing lab efficiency is now paramount. We're here to support you, presenting a variety of solutions that leverage LEAN methodologies to reduce process waste and streamline workflows.

- [CellMek SPS System](#)
- [DxFLEX Flow Cytometer](#)
- [AQUIOS STEM System](#)

Meet the Experts

We've invited four key experts in their respective fields to join us and give insightful talks:

- Alan Dunlop, UK
Workflows in clinical flow labs.
[ESCCA Industrial Partner Presentation in Auditorium Mallorca, on Thursday, 26 September from 11:15-11:45](#)
- Wolfgang Kern, Germany
Flow cytometric assessment of clonality in T-cell populations by TRBC1 and TRBC2
[Add-to-calendar](#)

- Maurer-Granofszky, Austria
Innovative solutions for FLOW-MRD detection in pediatric AML: from theory to strategy to application
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- Nils von Neuhoff, Germany
New approaches for MRD Testing
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Register for experts-led talks and other exciting activities

As we celebrate the 50 years of BD Biosciences innovation, we have prepared a special program for you with diverse activities.

Want to travel through time?

Visit our booth to experience the **FACS Time Machine** and discover the past, present, and future of clinical flow cytometry.

Want to gain scientific insights and interact with experts in the field?

- Attend our **FLOW Talks**, during lunch and coffee breaks, and get inspired by impactful 15 minutes talks led by experts in the field. You will learn about current and future hot topics in flow cytometry and beyond:
 - The interplay between the immune system and haematological malignancies
 - The future of clinical flow cytometry – from deep insights to clinical standardisation
 - The role of artificial intelligence (AI) in diagnosis
- Join our **Panel Discussion** on the importance of educational activities and exchanges between scientific societies, field experts and industry.

[Select the topic\(s\) you are interested in to receive a notification](#) with detailed information when registrations open (pre-registration required, places are limited)



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Rarity Bioscience at ESCCA 2024!

Rarity Bioscience has developed the superRCA™ assay platform, offering molecular mutation detection using conventional flow cytometry.

The superRCA assays convert nucleic acid sequences into large fluorescent particles, that when analyzed on flow cytometry provide a direct measurement of the ratio between wildtype and mutated sequences, the Mutant Allele Frequency (MAF). Assays are available and can be setup for single nucleotide variants, deletions, and insertions. Based on the unique molecular amplification method, the sensitivity exceeds conventional technologies and can be multiplex to analyze multiple mutations in the same sample.

The assay platform is designed to handle DNA from multiple sources using the same workflow, including genomic DNA from tissue and blood, as well as cfDNA from plasma, making it ideal for a broad range of translational research applications, such as MRD.

Go with the flow – Add Molecular!

For more information, visit our website: <https://raritybioscience.com>

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