



ESCCA NEWSLETTER

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ESCCA is reaching out!

Dear members and friends, I'm delighted to give you some good news. ESCCA has become a member of the Biomed Alliance. The Biomed Alliance in Europe is the result of a unique initiative of 34 leading European medical societies that together include more than 400,000 researchers and health professionals. The mission of Biomed Alliance is to speak as a common voice for all its members in several regulatory and technical aspects of our activities, e.g. IVDR, Artificial Intelligence, Health Data Space. It represents the full translational value chain from basic research to clinical treatment, promotes excellence in European biomedical research and translation for the benefit of the patients. All ESCCA members are welcomed at joining these activities and being part of the different initiatives.

We are also launching a forum for our members, intended to support mutual learning for experienced diagnosticians; Haematopathologists, Cytometrists, Haematologists, Immunologists. This is a friendly virtual forum where we take turns to present cases/brief case series that could be educational, challenging, or perhaps an example of something rare. Or an unusual or difficult MRD interpretation, with follow-up letting us know what happened next. While we work in a WHO/ICC diagnostic setting, flow cytometry will play a key role. The forums are currently planned as monthly, zoom sessions, and to last around 45 minutes. We expect that most participants will present a case in due course. Cases for presentation need to be pre-submitted to the forum board, to check that all information is anonymized or de-identified, and that it will fit the time frame and gist of the forum. The first forum will be on April 18th; an invitational email has been sent to ESCCA members.

On behalf of the ESCCA Board,



Francesco Buccisano
ESCCA President

Imagine....

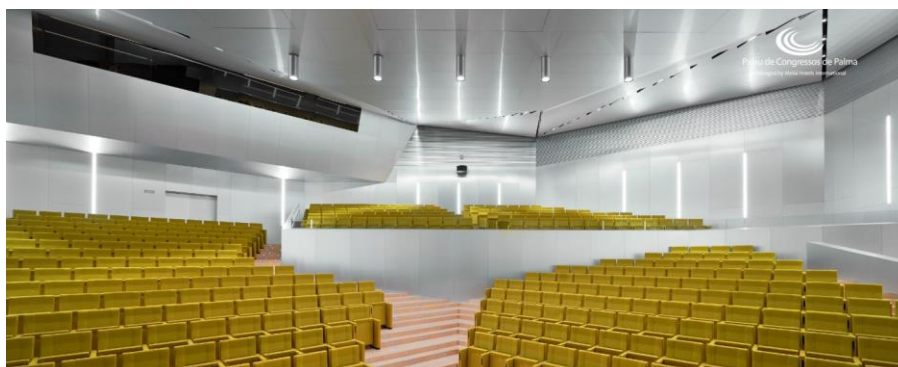


Imagine

You have arrived at the airport. You take a 5 minutes' taxi ride to the ESCCA Headquarters' hotel, or the airport bus, just 15 minutes and 1 stop away. The Meliá Palma Bay is conveniently connected to the Convention Centre, alongside the Paseo Marítimo seafront. Maybe there still is time to take a dip in the rooftop pool or enjoy a cocktail there during sunset.

The next morning you may already attend one of the four [pre-conference workshops](#), but if not, you stroll along the sea promenade to the little harbour nearby and have a bite on one of the sunny terraces.

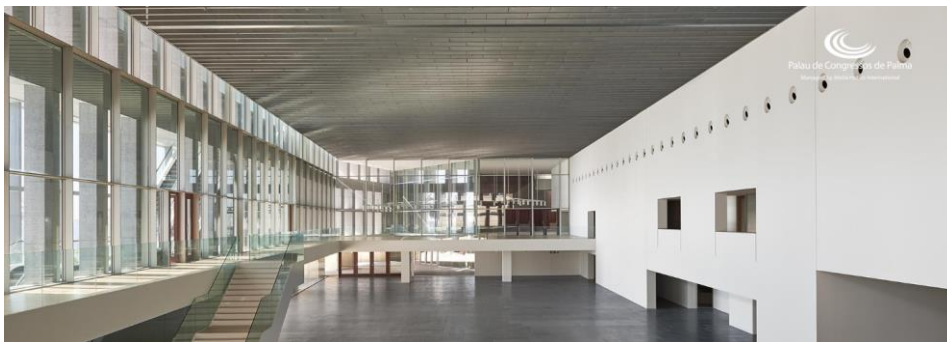
In the early afternoon you pick up your badge at the Convention Centre and attend the first inspiring keynote lecture and the joint ESCCA/ICCS session.



At 6 pm it's time to socialise! You head for the Convention Centre's rooftop for the Welcome Reception. The views on the entire Palma Bay are breathtaking.



Over the next 2,5 days you attend more presentations from renowned speakers. The [programme](#) offers not only plenary interactive case presentations, joint sessions with SIC and ESID, oral abstract presentations and another keynote lecture, but also two parallel tracks on Hematology-Oncology and Immunology. During the breaks you view the posters - or present one - and visit the stands in the exhibition hall flooded with Mediterranean light from the floor-to-ceiling windows.



On Friday early evening you take a short bus transfer to the Conference Dinner. At the foot of the Serra de Tramuntana mountains (a World Heritage Site) you are welcomed at an emblematic mountain estate or *Possessió*, founded by Oliver de Termes, knight of King James I in the 13th century. The perfect out- and indoor settings for the Spanish Evening!



On the other evenings you explore the picturesque old town of Palma, with its iconic *La Seu* cathedral, narrow cobbled streets and multiple tapas bars and restaurants. Only a pleasant 20 minutes' walk away along the Paseo Marítimo promenade, or 10 minutes by bus. Or you rent a bicycle and cycle along the dedicated lane running next all along the coast. Or you drink yet another cocktail at the amazing rooftop pool of the hotel.

[Reserve your hotel room](#) as soon as you can!

Only 100 rooms are available in the ESCCA room block.

Reduced rates, favourable (cancellation) conditions.

Abstract submission opens on 15 May

<https://escca.eu/escca2024>

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Biomed Alliance aims to

- provide a platform for members to speak with a unified voice and represent them in common and strategic matters;
- advocate for a EU regulatory environment that promotes European excellence, safety and innovation in biomedical research and healthcare and leads to better care for patients;
- develop a framework for better training and mobility of researchers and healthcare professionals in Europe;
- strengthen the representation of biomedical researchers and healthcare professionals at EU level and ensure their experiences and expertise are considered in EU policy making;
- create added value as a lean organisation that facilitates interdisciplinary cooperation, knowledge exchange and networking.

<https://www.biomedeuropa.org/>

ESCCA Certification Exams news

ESCCA congratulates the following members with passing the ESCCA Certification Exam:

Level 1 . The European Certificate for Cytometry Operators

- Grzegorz Gmyrek, Scorpius Biomanufacturing, San Antonio, USA
- Fikry Hamdy Rizk Eed Elberawy, Ministry Of Health, Medina, Saudi-Arabia
- Pearly Yong, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore

Level 2. The European Certificate for Cytometry Specialists - hemato-oncology

- Nadyia Galagan, ML "Dila", Kyiv, Ukraine

Interested in taking the Exam as well? Please see the [ESCCA Certification page](#) in the Education section for more information. There, you can also download the Guidelines.

Limited validity!

The Certification is valid for three years. Reinstatement of certification before the date of expiration is free of charge. For reinstatement of certification after the date of expiration but no more than 5 years, a fee of €50 is charged. Please refer to the Guidelines on how to apply for reinstatement.

Reinstatement of an expired certificate for more than 5 years is not possible. In that case you will be required to retake and pass the certification examination in order to reinstate their certification.

ESCCA Schools

XI. Prague School on Flow Cytometry – Virtual

Practical and interactive course on advanced applications in hematology-oncology and immunology.

This highly rated course on advanced applications in hematology-oncology and immunology features:

- ✓ State of the art Panel designs, Analysis strategies and Interpretation following ESCCA, ICCS, ELN, ERIC and EuroFlow Guidelines
- ✓ Guidelines for CLSI-H62 Validation and ISO 15189 Accreditation
- ✓ Training for ESCCA Certification for Cytometry Operators and Specialists
- ✓ Distinguished International Speakers
- ✓ 1 Year free participation in the ESCCA Interlaboratory Comparison programme
- ✓ New topics

Dates: 21-24 October 2024

Deadline for application: 1 May 2024.

Download the flyer and the programme from the ESCCA website <https://www.escca.eu/meetings>

Other meetings

XIVV Congress of the Iberian Society of Cytometry – SIC 2023 Congress

Dates: 19-23 April 2024

Place: Madrid, Spain

Website: <https://sic-congress.com/>

The **Kos Summer School in Immunology** is back!

The 2nd Kos Summer School covers basic and advanced courses in immunology using flow cytometry.

The school is organised by the Hellenic Cytometry Society and the Italian Society for Cytometry Cell Analysis (ISCCA), under the auspices of ESCCA. Explore the advantages that flow cytometry offers to Immunology and enjoy spending a few days in the beautiful Greek island of Kos.

Dates: 12-15 May 2024

Website: <https://kyttarometria.gr/events/kos-summer-school/>

SIC Intercalary Symposium 2024

Dates: 29-30 May 2024

Place: Exhibition and Congress Palace of Oviedo, Asturias, Spain

Website: <https://www.doctaforum-events.org/2024/simposiointercalar2024/>

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