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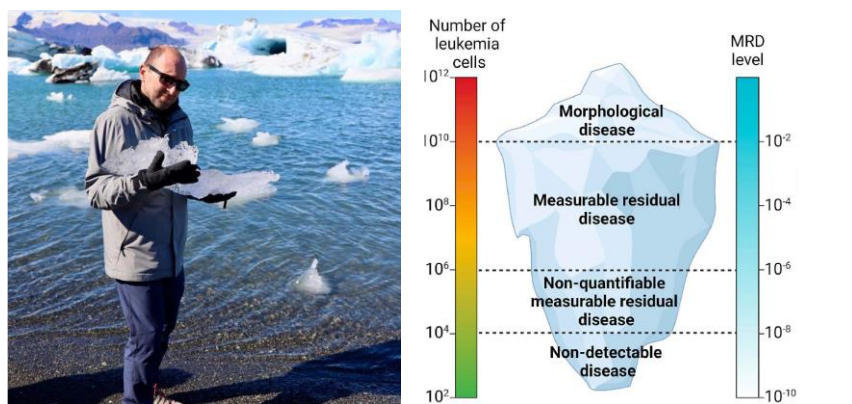
ESCCA NEWSLETTER

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Measurable residual disease: go with the flow



EHA

Saygin C et al., Haematologica 2022

At the next meeting of the European Haematology Association (Madrid, Spain, June 13th-16th) I will have the privilege of being one of the speakers in an educational session dedicated to the state of the art in Measurable Residual Disease (MRD) in Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). MRD is coming out as a fundamental biomarker of quality of response in several haematological malignancies (multiple myeloma and chronic lymphoid leukaemia above all) and flow-cytometry represents a reliable technique for its monitoring. AML is an aggressive disease where an early biomarker of response allowing physician to address the intensity of treatment and the type of stem-cell transplant is desperately warranted. The effort of the European LeukemiaNet Working Party for MRD in AML (named ELN-DAVID after the great researcher David Grimwade) has given a decisive contribution to define the standards for an appropriate MRD evaluation by flow-cytometry in an elusive and heterogeneous disease like AML (all available at eln-david.org). The third version of the consensus is under preparation and will mark a further step ahead in this field. We hope that our social media and the new initiative (e.g. the ESCCA forum) might represent a comfortable common space for case discussion and problem solving for all ESCCA members also for this critical issue.

On behalf of the ESCCA Board,

Francesco Buccisano
ESCCA President



The full programme is on the website and registration and abstract submission are open! The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for original research papers for the Conference. The 8 best oral abstracts will be selected for presentation in two plenary Best Oral Abstract Presentations session.

One of the Oral Presentations and one of the Posters will be eligible for resp. the **ESCCA Best Oral Abstract Presentation Award** and **ESCCA Best Poster Presentation Award**. The winners will be entitled to a free registration for the next ESCCA Conference.

Submit your abstract before 20 June 23:59:59 CEST. Only on-time abstracts will be considered for oral presentation.

ESCCA room block is almost sold out! Only a few rooms at the reduced rate of €195 are left in the ESCCA room block at the Meliá Palma Bay hotel. Save no less than €100-€170 on the standard rates, reserve your room before it's too late! <https://escca.eu/venue-escca-2024/hotels>

Key dates

20 June	Deadline submission of abstracts
15 July	Notifications of acceptance
15 August	Deadline early registration fee

www.escca.eu/escca2024.eu

ESCCA Forum

On 18 April ESCCA launched the first forum for ESCCA 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. Perhaps we want to include a brief mention of related papers, if available. We do not expect fully-fledged publishable case reports - a clinical background and a final WHO/ICC diagnosis or clinical conclusion reached, with the data used to reach that, could serve as a guideline. Unless of course a final diagnosis was not quite reached: sometimes it could be that we would like to ask 'what would you do' or 'how would you interpret this'. Sometimes, we may wish to discuss a new interesting paper, and hold the forum as a journal club.

As a general rule, the forum is held on Zoom, on the **third Thursday/month** at 2pm London, 3pm Paris, 4pm Athens/Cairo. All ESCCA members are invited to join the next forum on **20 June!**

You can find the application form in the membership section, via the page 'ESCCA Forum' in the menu at the left hand site.

ESCCA Certification Exams news

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

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

- Fikry Hamdy Rizk Eed Elberawy, Ministry Of Health, Medina, Saudi-Arabia

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.

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 Prague School – extension of application deadline

The deadline for the **XI. Prague School on Flow Cytometry – Virtual** has been extended to **30 September**. This highly rated, practical and interactive course on advanced applications in hematology-oncology and immunology takes place virtually, on 21-24 October 2024.

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

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

Sponsors ESCCA 2024

We thank our [Sponsors](#) for their support. Our main sponsors this year are (in order of confirmation):

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Hola Palma!

In 2024, we are proud to be again the sponsor of ESCCA. Our booth is being prepared to showcase our innovative solutions, ranging from automated sample preparation to the latest reagent technology, as well as clinical analyzers and analysis software.

Whether you're looking to optimize the processing of your in house developed tests or seeking workflow-optimized in-vitro diagnostic kits, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences is here to support you on the patients' journey. We invite you to join our scientific program during our Meet the Expert Sessions, where you can connect with like-minded scientists. This will provide you with the opportunity to share your expertise, knowledge, and learn from your peers in the research community. Stay updated for more details by [following us on LinkedIn](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Palma!



Celebrate with us 50 years of FACS* & BD Biosciences Innovation

You are part of a community that strives to make a difference in patients' lives every day. We share your passion and dedication, and we have been supporting your work for half a century with our innovative solutions.

Join us at our booth and embark on a thrilling journey through time, where you can explore the past, present and future of FACS. You can also share your vision and ideas with peers and experts in the field.

You will be able to:

- Experience the FACS Time Machine, an exciting journey that showcases the milestones and breakthroughs of flow cytometry and BD Biosciences over the years and where you will be able to share your insights about how you envision the future.
- Attend the FLOW talks, a series of inspiring presentations by leading experts and visionaries on the latest trends in flow cytometry and beyond.
- Engage with the new BD clinical Community, a network of peers and professionals who share best practices and insights on how to optimize clinical workflow and performance.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn and celebrate with us.

More details and the full program will be coming soon for you to register.

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Connect with Sysmex at ESCCA

Connect with Sysmex at ESCCA and discover how our modular, integrated clinical flow cytometry system can help laboratories efficiently manage sample and data flow, covering the steps from sample preparation to analysis and reporting.

At our booth you can learn about the **latest addition** to our system: **CyFlow WA**, the next-generation Work Area Manager (WAM) software that helps to smartly connect and bridge haematology and clinical flow cytometry data analysis.

We look forward to seeing you!

www.sysmex-europe.com/clinical-flow



More information will be added to the next Newsletter.

As in 2022, Novartis will organise a Corporate satellite Round Table Discussion on PNH, to be held on Thursday 26 September during lunch time. Only 20 places available; you can register via the [online registration form](#) for the Conference.

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