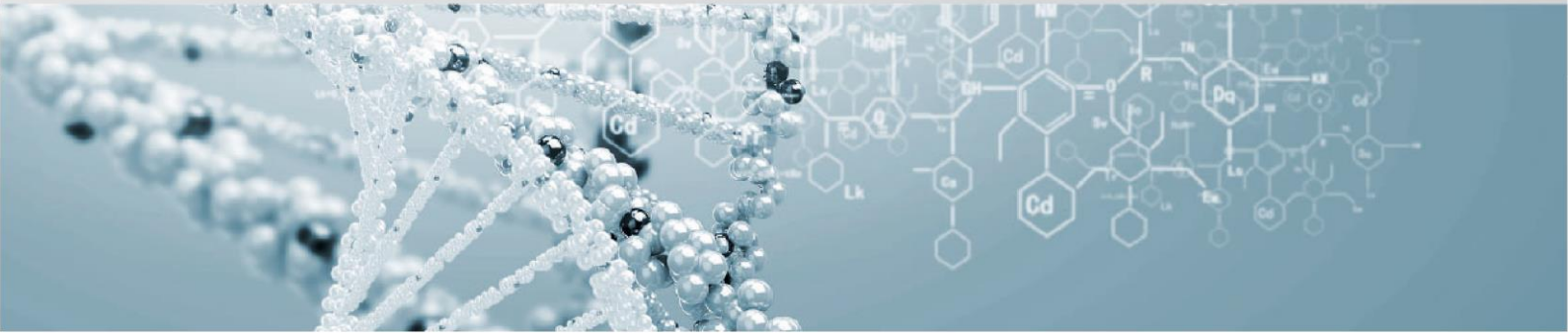




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Bridge the flows in Utrecht!

Dear colleagues and friends,

Less than three weeks and counting! We are excited to meet you in Utrecht!

This year our motto is “bridging the flows”. It obviously alludes to the bridges and canals that are the symbol of this beautiful Dutch city, but it also means that nowadays a close integration between the different techniques and fields of interest of flow-cytometry is mandatory.

This is why the backbone of our programme are three plenary sessions that have been organised together with outstanding scientific associations: the International Clinical Cytometry Society (ICCS), the European Hematology Association (EHA) and the European Society of Immunodeficiencies (ESID). The purpose is to create a common place to discuss and develop in the future common strategies for optimizing the clinical and diagnostic management of patients.

We hope that all the delegates will seize the opportunity of meeting major experts in the field of hematology and immunology. This will be possible both in the parallel sessions (we offer three interesting tracks) and in the Exhibition and poster area. Posters will be on display throughout the Conference, selected best abstracts will be presented on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th, and the presenters of the best oral abstract and best poster will be awarded on Saturday 30th.

Don't miss our social programmes at the end of the day to continue discussions or chat with colleagues and friends. On Wednesday, join us at the Welcome Reception in the Exhibition area, where we will also meet our affiliated societies. On Friday, you don't want to miss a great Dutch Evening at the Railway Museum.

We thank our Sponsors – it is their generous support that makes our Conference come alive.

On behalf of the ESCCA Board, the Scientific and Organizing Committee,



Francesco Buccisano
ESCCA President

Ciao Mario!

Sadly, Mario D'Atri has passed away. He has been a long-term collaborator of ESCCA, managing the informatic part of projects like ESCCAbase and our social media. Many of you have had the chance to meet him at our congresses or receive some precious technical advices. He was a smart person, always positive and full of interest! We will miss him.





We look so much forward to convening in the beautiful city of Utrecht, and so do many of you: by the early registration deadline we already had more registrations than for ESCCA Belfast 2022! We are also happy to see that our colleagues from far, far away (New Zealand, Australia, China, amongst others) are attending again! It is exciting to see that in-person meetings are back to normal. So far 44 countries are represented.

The [full programme](#) including the speakers and lecture titles can be found on the [programme page](#).

The popular pre-conference workshops on Wednesday morning were fully booked in no-time. To date there are only a few places left in the workshop 'Tips and tricks for optimizing instruments and experiments', are only 1 in 'A practical guide to monocytosis'. We received quite a few requests to add more places to the other two workshops, but due to the practical sessions this isn't possible. Needless to say that next year, prompt registration for the pre-conference workshops is advised!

After the Conference, all PowerPoint presentations will be made available to registered conference delegates. The presentations can be viewed and downloaded for a limited time. However, ESCCA members have permanent access to these presentations in the membership section, where they can also find the educational session presentations of all previous conferences.

Socialising is a highly important aspect of a congress programme. The Welcome Reception will be an ideal opportunity to meet old friends again and make new ones, but also to visit the Exhibition. We would like to extend our warm welcome to all 16 sponsors; their support to ESCCA is essential. Several opportunities are provided to our industrial partners to give scientific presentations and corporate lectures, which you are encouraged to attend.

The Conference Dinner in the Railway Museum will be a Dutch Evening. No worries, we won't make you dance on clogs (but feel free to bring them with you). The Dutch 'touch' can be felt throughout the evening

though, from the Dutch historical venue, the Dutch street food and wines (oh yes) sourced locally from organic farmers, to the amazing Dutch but internationally performing DJ-saxophonist Charleon. Rest assured that he knows how to throw a party!



The museum closes at 23:00 hrs., but we will give everyone the chance to be dropped off near the city centre. Have a stroll along the beautiful Old Canal of Utrecht, with its lit bridges and historic houses, sip a drink at one of the terraces at water level of the lively restaurants and cafés in front of the centuries' old vaulted wharf cellars – unique in the world. From there it's only a 10 minutes' walk to the central station and its surrounding hotels.

To date there are **only 30 tickets left** for the Dutch Evening. If you want to attend, make sure to buy a ticket before you come to Utrecht!

*Will you join us in Utrecht? Register **before 20 September** to avoid the higher on-site fee!*

<https://escca.eu/escca2023>

Save the date: ESCCA 2024

The venue and the dates for ESCCA 2024 have been secured.

We will announce the destination* during the Closing session in Utrecht, but do save the date already!

25 – 28 September 2024

* Hints: venue with a view, the birth place of a famous tennis player, underground lake, circular castle.

ESCCA Certification Exams news

ESCCA congratulates **Nadyia Galagan** (ML "Dila", Kyiv, Ukraine), the third candidate to successfully pass the online Examination for the European certificate for cytometry operators.

Interested in passing the ESCCA exam? There are two levels of certification:

- A. The European Certificate for Cytometry Operators
- B. The European Certificate for Cytometry Specialists - hemato-oncology

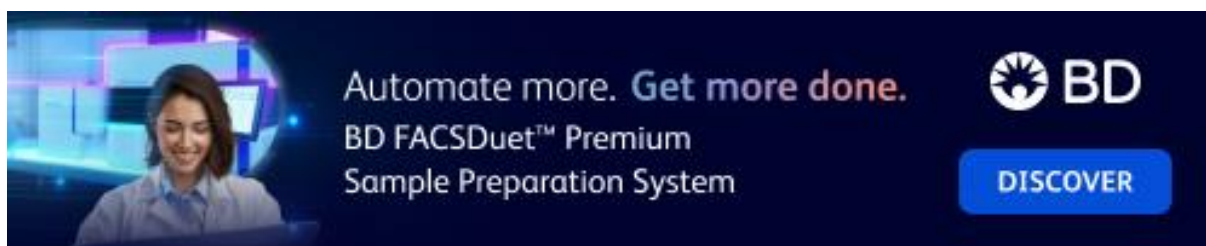
For more information, the application conditions and to download the ESCCA Certification Guidelines, please visit <https://www.escca.eu/education/escca-examination>

Our 2023 Conference sponsors

We thank all our [Sponsors](#) for their support that makes our Conference come alive. Do visit the Exhibition in Utrecht! More information on the sponsor lectures, please visit the [Sponsor Lectures page](#)

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Experience the next level of CE-IVD multiparametric flow cytometry data analysis software. [Infinicyt™ 2.0](#) supports your laboratory to drive workflow efficiency, have confidence in your results and helps you to achieve compliance. Come to the booth for a live demo!

Come and join us at the BD-sponsored industrial partner presentation:
27th September -15:00
MM MRD analysis using BD technology
Dr. rer. nat. Ricarda Schwab
Dep. of Hematology, Oncology and Reumatology - Heidelberg University Hospital



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Beckman Coulter Life Sciences welcomes you at ESCCA!

What You'll See and Learn in Our Booth

In these days of staff shortages and unpredictable peaks in demand for test results, achieving lab efficiency has never been more important.

We're here to help, and on display will be a selection of instruments that can help you unlock the power of lean to reduce process waste and optimize workflow efficiency.

- [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:

- Ecker & Kern, MLL
All in one tube: 13-color next generation flow with reliable CD38 detection after daratumumab therapy
- Bogaert, Qarad BV
IVDR & LDTs - The time to act is now
- Maurer-Granofszky, CCRI
Innovative solutions for FLOW-MRD detection in pediatric AML: from theory to strategy to application

The dates and times will be published early in the week of 11 September. Add these talks to your calendar! <https://escca.eu/sponsoring-escca-2023/sponsor-lectures>

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- *Novartis is thrilled to be a supporter of this year's ESCCA conference!*
- *We look forward to an enriching session at our pre-conference roundtable, organized and chaired by Prof. Iuri Marinov. The "Reinvigorating the paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) testing discussion in PNH and BMFS" roundtable promises engaging discussions about the ever-evolving challenges confronting the PNH testing community. Together, we will share and discuss insights and experiences, including challenges and potential solutions.*
- *If you missed securing a spot in the workshop, please stop by our booth, where we will be delighted to share the enlightening takeaways from our workshop and the exciting developments happening at Novartis related to the application of flow cytometry testing in clinical decision making.*
- *For more information, please visit: <https://www.novartis.com/>*



Connect with Sysmex at ESCCA

Visit our booth PL2 to explore how Sysmex flow cytometry solutions like the PS-10, XF-1600 and CyFlow WA can increase workflow efficiency in your lab. Information on topics and times for our "Meet the Expert" sessions will also be available – we look forward to sharing our product insights with you.

In the Sysmex-sponsored Industrial Partner Presentation, Jordi Petriz from the Institut de Recerca Germans Trias i Pujol (IGTP) will discuss *Evaluation of the XF-1600 10-color flow cytometer for the detection of measurable residual disease in multiple myeloma* (IPP02 on Wednesday, 27 September, 16:00 – 16:30).

For more information on Sysmex clinical flow cytometry products, please visit www.sysmex-europe.com/clinical-flow