Target Audience
40 – 50 veterinary general practitioners, specialists, academics and nurses interested in developing and implementing antimicrobial stewardship and infection control programmes in small animal veterinary medicine.

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Course Objectives
The objectives are to promote hospital infection control and antimicrobial stewardship in small animal practice and to educate a new generation of veterinary infectious disease specialists to be able to develop and implement infection control programmes (ICPs) and antimicrobial stewardship programmes (ASPs). Postgraduate education in this area is regarded as one of the key missions of ESGVM in order to meet the current public and animal health concerns related to the occurrence of multidrug-resistant bacteria and the increasing demand for responsible antibiotic use in veterinary medicine.

The course will be held on 4th April and will be a satellite meeting at the annual BSAVA congress (5 – 8 April 2018).
Course Programme

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

Session 1
Fundamentals of infection control and antimicrobial stewardship
08:00 Why are infection control and antimicrobial stewardship needed in veterinary medicine?
Luca Guardabassi
08:40 What is antimicrobial stewardship?
Céline Pulcini
09:20 Antimicrobial stewardship and infection control practices in veterinary medicine.
Nicola Williams
10:00 Coffee break

Session 2
Best practices for infection prevention and control
10:30 Creation and implementation of a written infection control plan.
Louise O’Dwyer
11:10 Surveillance of disease and AMR in companion animals.
David Brodbelt
11:50 MRSA / MRSP patient management.
Anette Loeffler
12:30 Lunch break

Session 3
Antimicrobial stewardship in small animal practice – from theory to practice
13:30 The most promising antibiotic stewardship strategies in human medicine.
Céline Pulcini
14:00 Optimization of diagnostic strategies for UTI in companion animal practice.
Tino Møller Sørensen
14:30 Computer-assisted decision making.
Gaud Catho
15:00 Guiding prudent use of antimicrobials in companion animal practice to protect animal and human health.
Nonke Hopman
15:30 Coffee break

Session 4
Antibiotic choice – which antibiotic is the right one?
16:00 Critical steps in decision making.
Luca Guardabassi
16:40 ISCAID guidelines for superficial pyoderma, UTI and respiratory infections.
David Lloyd
17:20 Interactive cases of MDR bacterial infections in companion animals.
Maria Constança Pomba

Session 5
Panel discussion
18:00 Interactive discussion with all speakers
20:00 Social dinner
22:00 “Meet-the-experts” at the restaurant

Organization

Course Venue
Birmingham Repertory Theatre
Broad Street
B1 2EP Birmingham, United Kingdom

Registration Procedure
Register now online on the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education. Registration deadline is 5 February 2018.

Registration Fee
• EUR 260 for ESCMID members
  (Full Membership/Young Scientist Membership)
• EUR 560 for all others

The registration fee covers the teaching materials (handouts, laboratory materials), one lunch, coffee breaks and one social dinner. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Attendance Grants
ESCMID provides a number of attendance grants for ESCMID “young scientist members”. The grant covers the registration fee. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Please apply via the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education before 12 January 2018. Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by 26 January 2018.

CME Accreditation
The organizers of the course will apply for accreditation through the European School of Veterinary Postgraduate Studies (ESVPS).