

WHAT DOES ESCMID OFFER TO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES?

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What is ESCMID?

- Europe's leading society in clinical microbiology and infectious diseases with members from all European countries and all continents
- Mission: to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infection-related diseases.
- HOW? By promoting and supporting research, education, training, and good medical practice.

What is ESCMID?



- Executive Committee (7 members + 5 “ad hoc” members) is responsible for governing ESCMID
- President: Prof Murat Akova, MD , Turkey
- President-elect, Secretary General: Prof Mario Poljak, MD, PhD , Slovenia
- Past President & Communications Officer: Prof Gunnar Kahlmeter, MD , Sweden
- Treasurer: Prof Cornelia Lass-Flörl, MD , Austria
- Professional Affairs Officer, CM & ID: Prof Evelina Tacconelli, MD , Germany
- Education Officer: Prof Jesús Rodríguez-Baño, MD ,
- SpainScientific Affairs Officer: Dr Annelies ZINKERNAGEL , Switzerland

What is ESCMID?

- The administrative ESCMID office based in Basel, Switzerland
- ESCMID Subcommittees:
 - Publication Subcommittee (PS)
 - Scientific Affairs Subcommittee (SAS)
 - Education Subcommittee (ES)
 - Professional Affairs Subcommittee (PAS)
 - Parity Commission (PC)
 - Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE)

What is ESCMID?

- Altogether 28 Study Groups
- EUCAST – European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
- EUCIC – European Committee for Infection Control (formed in 2014)
- Supported research projects

What does ESCMID offer to young professionals?

- Observerships in ESCMID Collaborative Centres
- Awards and grants for training and research
- ESCMID Educational Courses and Workshops
- ESCMID Summer School
- Attendance grants for ECCMID
- Online Lecture Library
- Activities prepared by TAE (from the trainees, for the trainees)
- ...

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

- The observerships are funded opportunities for members to spend one day to one month at an ESCMID Collaborative Centre.
- The ECCs are clinical microbiology and/or infectious disease centres of excellence in Europe and beyond.
- They attract and welcome ESCMID members from abroad to learn about diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and organizing services as well as to establish new contacts and foster international exchange.

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

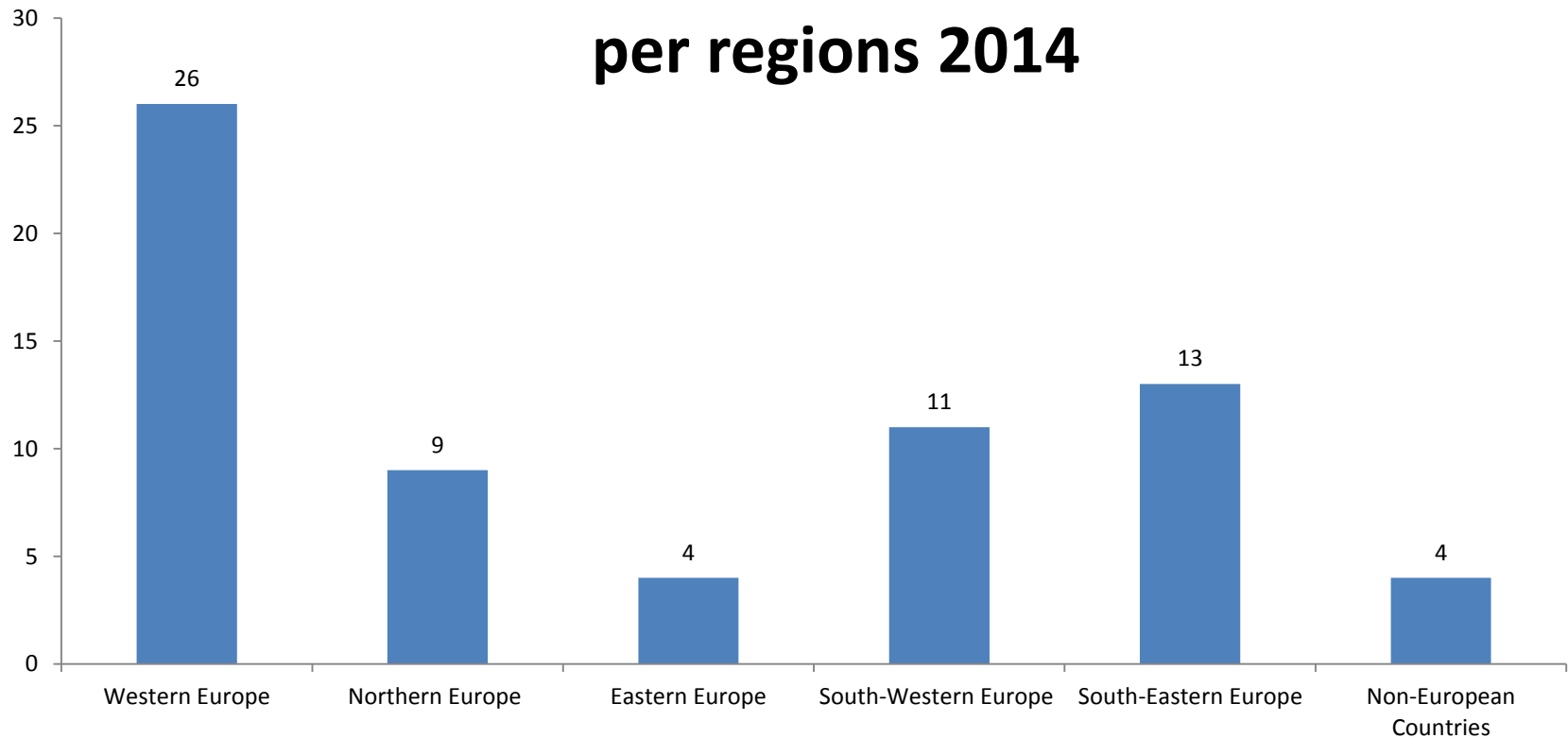


67 fully
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ECCs

- 8 new ECCs in
2013/2014

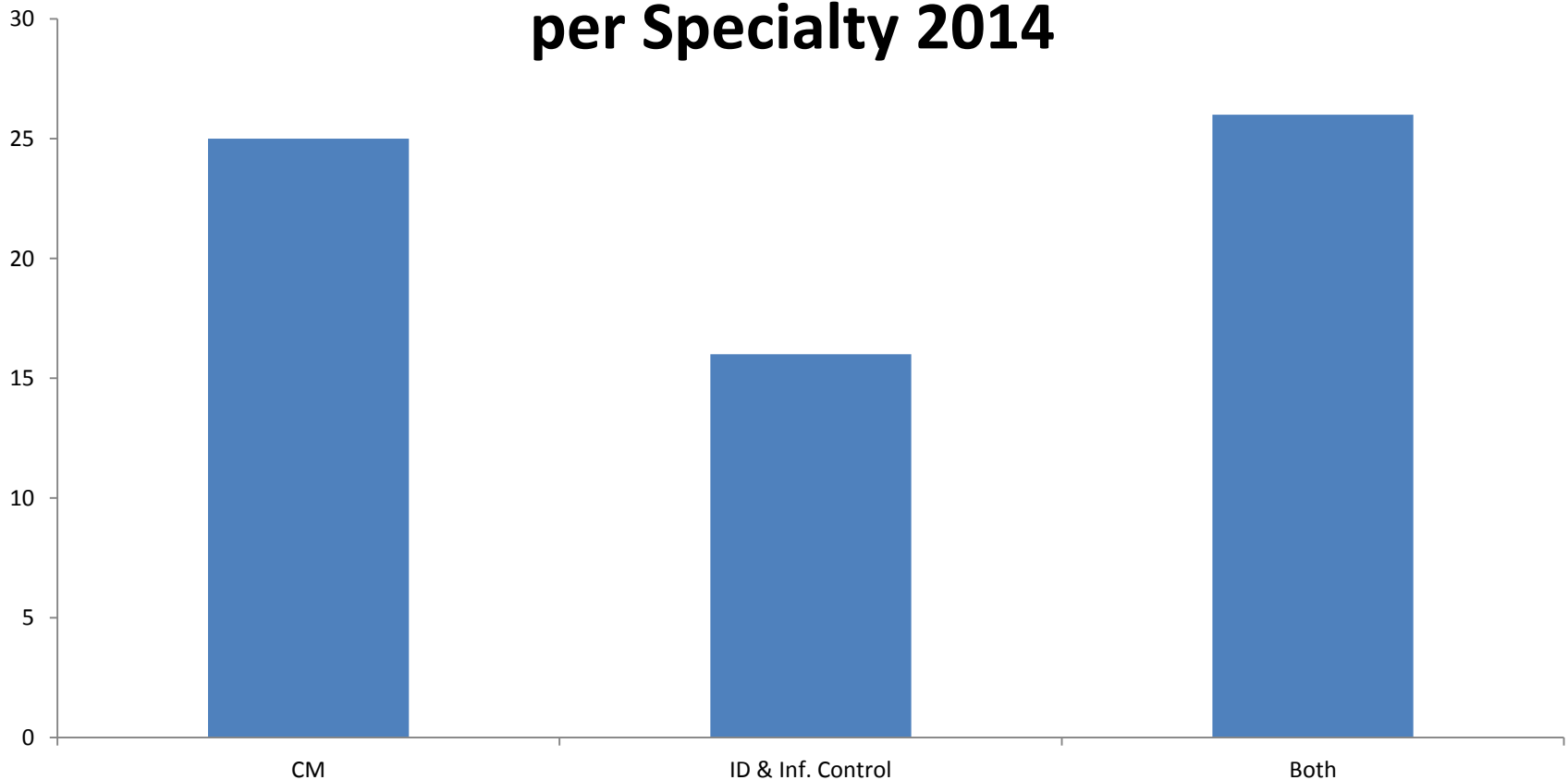
ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

Number of ESCMID Collaborative Centre per regions 2014



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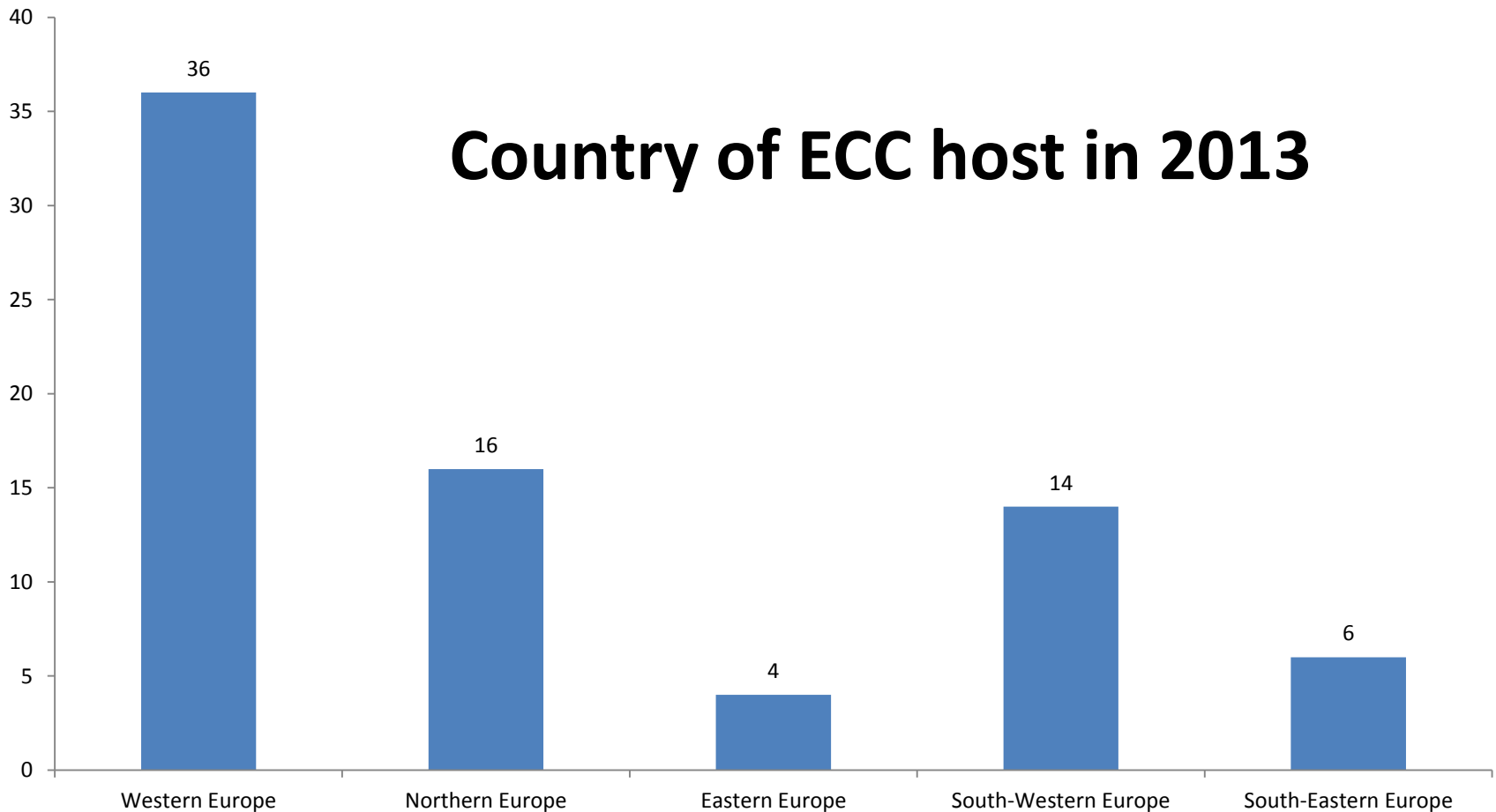
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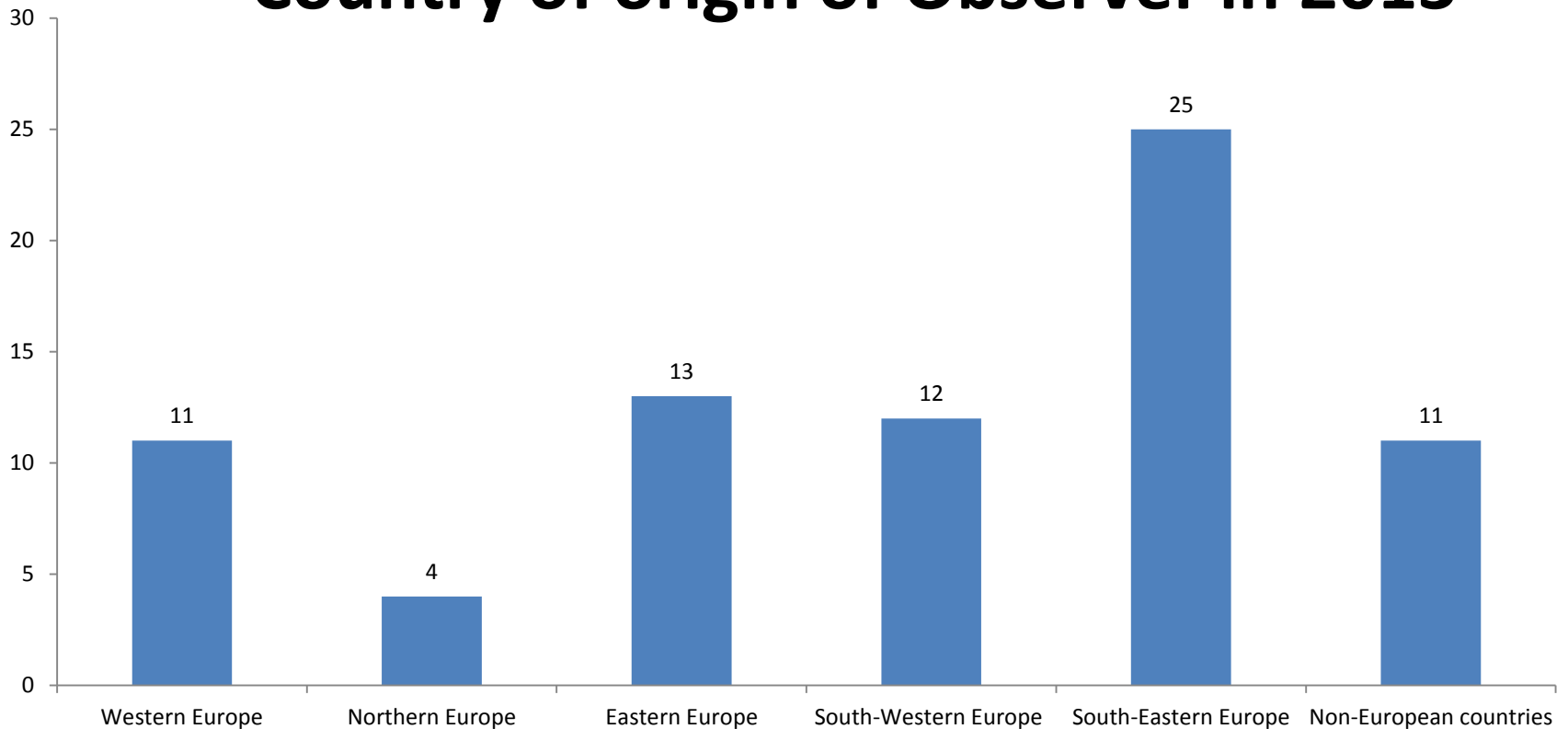
- In 2013, a total of 76 Observership visits took place, up 10% on last year
- Most of the visits were between 1 and 4 weeks (55%) and 45% of the visit were short
- Observers came from all over the world: 65 from various European countries and 11 from further afield (including Australia, India, Pakistan, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Yemen)

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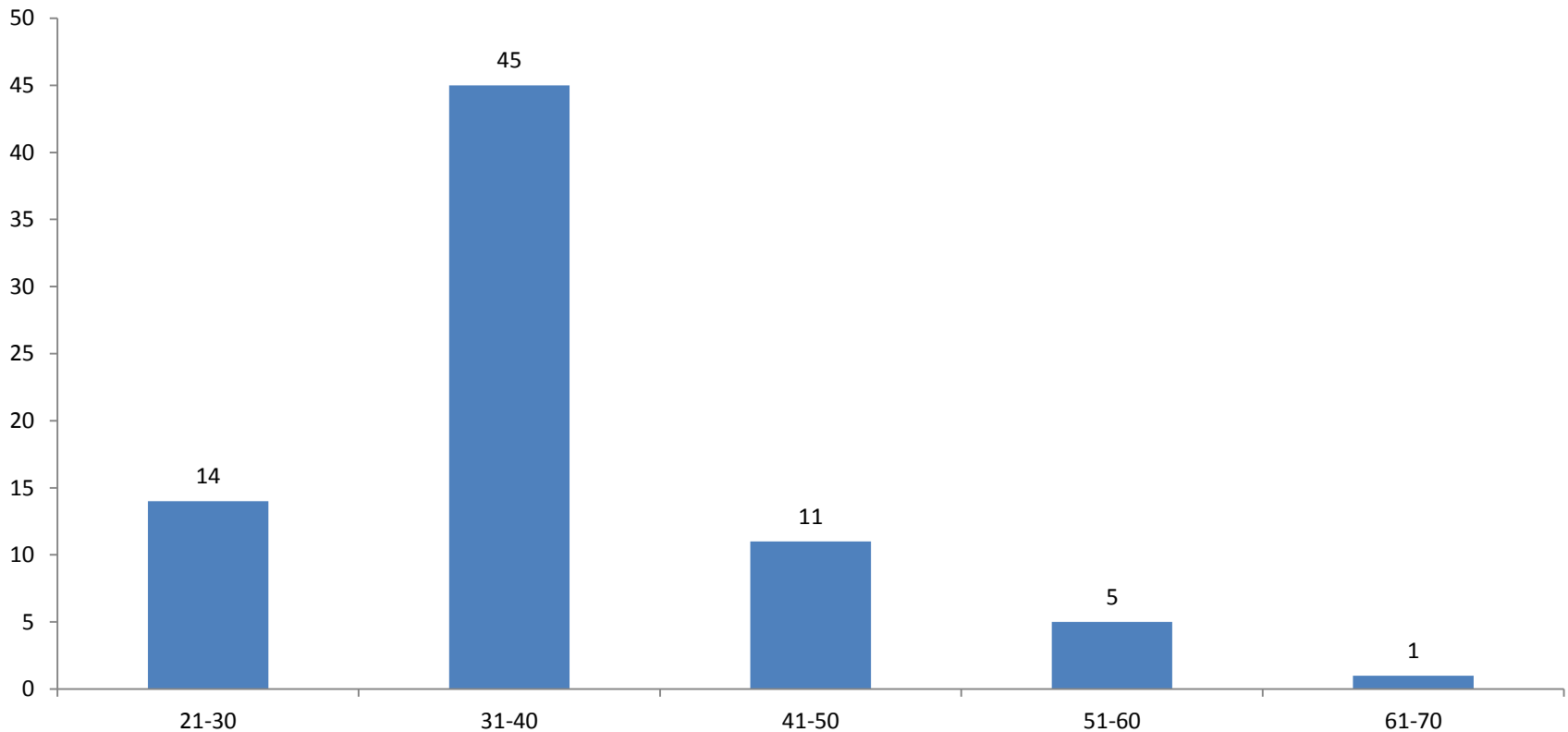
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Country of origin of Observer in 2013



ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

Age distribution of Observer in 2013



ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

Eligibility criteria for application:

- ESCMID members only
- Funding for one Observership within 12 months
- There are no age restrictions
- The Observership can only take place in Collaborative Centres
- Only outside-of-country visits will be sponsored
- Every application for support is subject to review and approval by ESCMID
- Application has to be submitted at least 2 months before the intended Observership visit starts

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

How to apply:

- ESCMID members submit their request for an ESCMID Observership visit through an online application form directly to the ESCMID Collaborative Centre (ECC)
- only one Observership request at a time

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

Funding rules:

a) Intra-European Observership visits (up to 1200 EUR):

- EUR 500 max. for travel expenses (air ticket, train ticket, car expenses at EUR 0.30 per km)
- EUR 70 per diem (up to a maximum of 10 days)

b) Intercontinental Observership visits - outgoing/incoming (up to 1700 EUR)

- EUR 1000 max. for travel expenses (air ticket, train ticket, car expenses at EUR 0.30 per km)
- EUR 70 per diem (up to a maximum of 10 days)

ESCMID Collaborative Centres (ECCs) and Observerships

3 new ECCs outside Europe:

- University of Cape Town, South Africa (Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV)
- Peking Union Medical College Hospital in Beijing, China
- Instituto de Medicina Tropical Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru

ESCMID ECDC Observerships

- First visit took place in Sept 2013
- In 2014, a group of 10 observers are offered a 5 day programme at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- only once a year (for now)
- [www.escmid.org/ECDC Observer](http://www.escmid.org/ECDC_Observer)



ESCMID WHO Observerships

- First visit took place in June 2013
- In 2014, a group of 10 observers are offered a 3 day programme at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Division of Communicable Diseases, Health Security and Environment (DCE) in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- only once a year (for now)
- [www.escmid.org/WHO Observer](http://www.escmid.org/WHO_Observer)



ESCMID Courses, Workshops, Conferences, Summer School

ECCMID

- The Society's annual congress, attracts more than 10,000 participants from all over the world each year
- offers a wide range of sessions including keynotes, symposia, poster sessions, educational workshops, meet-the-expert sessions and more
- Study Groups and Committees can propose workshops and symposia which are then reviewed by Programme Committee
- Lectures are freely accessible through Online Lecture Library for ESCMID members

ESCMID Courses, Workshops, Conferences, Summer School

Educational Courses and Workshops

- each year around 15-20 ESCMID Courses/Workshops are organized
- for smaller groups of participants (15-80), more interactive, include practical work, condensed programme, high quality faculty
- international environment, networking
- a number of attendance grants available for each Course/Workshop, preferably for members under age 35
- by the end of 2014 still 12 Courses/Workshops

ESCMID Courses, Workshops, Conferences, Summer School

ESCMID Summer School

- very popular event among young professionals
- Young scientists profit from state-of-the-art lectures, update lectures, small group tutorial sessions, Pro and Contra sessions, career advice
- Networking with colleagues from all over the world
- This year in Sigtuna, Sweden, from 5-12 July 2014



ESCMID Awards and Grants

- **ESCMID Young Investigator Award**
 - acknowledges excellence in research, and stimulates further research of the highest scientific level
 - invited lecture at ECCMID
 - invited to write a review paper reflecting their field of research for publication in Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI).
 - < 40 years old
- **TAE Award in Training Achievements**
 - intended to recognize and reward outstanding trainees in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
 - up to 1500 EUR for attending any ESCMID Educational Activity

ESCMID Awards and Grants

- **ESCMID Research Grants**

- help young and excellent investigators to pursue groundbreaking research in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases
- The maximum amount granted per project is EUR 20'000
- may be used to support the entire project or part of the project
- < 40 years old

- **Study Group Research Grants**

- exclusively available for official ESCMID Study Group research projects in the fields of clinical microbiology and infectious diseases
- full support by one or more Study Groups mandatory
- The maximum amount granted per project is EUR 30'000

ESCMID Online Lecture Library


- Lectures from ESCMID Courses/Workshops, ECCMIDs and Summer School freely available online for ESCMID members
- Access to CMI, NMNI, ESCMID Guidelines...

ESCMID Online Lecture Library

find lectures, abstracts, posters
...online

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Parity Commission – Mentorship programme

- The mentorship Programme will run through the net of Collaborative Centres & Observership programme
- Centers will provide 1-2 Mentors per center and related topics of excellence
- PC together with PAS will select most important topics and 10 centers that will serve as Mentorship centers for ESCMID (pilot study)

Trainee Association of ESCMID

WHAT IS TAE?

- a group of trainees and specialists from different countries in Europe that finished their training less than three years ago
- TAE membership: all ESCMID young scientist members

Trainee Association of ESCMID

WHAT IS TAE?

TAE Steering Committee:

6 members who are CM and ID trainees
from different European countries

Polona Maver, Slovenia (president)

Joana Cortez, Portugal (president elect)

Chrysanthi Skevaki, Greece (secretary)

Davorka Dusek, Croatia (treasurer)

Alejandro Martin-Quiros, Spain (member)

Kanita Dedic, Bosnia&Herzegovina (member)



Trainee Association of ESCMID

TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **Trainees Day:** the only session at ECCMID dedicated especially to the trainees
- interesting topics with renowned experts
- the 5th Trainees Day next year with a completely new concept (“Everything you always wanted to discuss with a senior”)



Sat, 10 May 2014
24th ECCMID 2014, Barcelona, Spain

Don't miss the
4th TAE Trainees
Day session!



If you are currently training in Clinical Microbiology or Infectious Diseases, this is an excellent opportunity to receive valuable information and tips from internationally renowned experts as well as to network with trainees from all over Europe. This year's programme will cover STDs, bioterrorism and outbreak detection, and sepsis in a CM and ID perspective.



Also prepared in collaboration with TAE:
Sat 10 May 2014, 11:00 – 13:00, Hall G:
Update on anaerobes: new methods bring new information about the bugs and their importance in health and disease
Sun 11 May 2014, 11:30 – 13:30, Hall D:
Great scientific success with scarce resources. Is money issue a crucial point?
Sun 11 May 2014, 14:30 – 15:30, Hall D:
Training in infection in Europe – progress in curricula and assessments

Sat, 10 May 2014, 13:30 – 16:45, Room 133/134
Chairs: P. Maver Vodica, Ljubljana, SI
E. Vlieghe, Antwerp, BE

Welcome and TAE President's address
P. Maver Vodica, Ljubljana, SI

STDs – are they still hot? Beyond the typical case
M. Vera Garcia, Madrid, ES

The silent threat of bioterrorism – be prepared
M. Barbeschi, Geneva, CH

The challenges of outbreak detection and response
K. Leitmeyer, Stockholm, SE

Sepsis: think globally, treat locally – CM perspective
S. Stefani, Catania, IT

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TAE – Trainee Association of ESCMID

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TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **Co-organisers of other sessions at ECCMID**
- **ECCMID 2014:**
 - Update on anaerobes: new methods bring new information about the bugs and their importance in health and disease (with ESGAI)
 - Great scientific success with scarce resources. Is money issue a crucial point? (With Parity Commission)
 - Training in infection in Europe – progress in curricula and assessments (with UEMS-ID and UEMS-MM)

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TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **TAE Educational Online Quiz 2013**

- run from 1st Sept. to 31st Oct. 2013 (Survey Monkey)
- 20 quiz questions (rated difficulty: LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)
- rationale: increasing move towards European curriculum and European exam
- questions of the quiz prepared by TAE SC, discussed with Advisory Board, many of them similar to the questions used in the Netherlands
- 186 participants completed the quiz

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TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **TAE Educational Online Quiz 2013 – Countries with the most participants:**

Country	No. of participants
1. The Netherlands	25
2. Germany	20
3. Portugal	18
4. France	14
5. Hungary	12
6. Slovenia, Spain	8
7. United Kingdom	7
8. Estonia	6
9. Denmark	5
10. Croatia, Italy, Switzerland, Turkey	4



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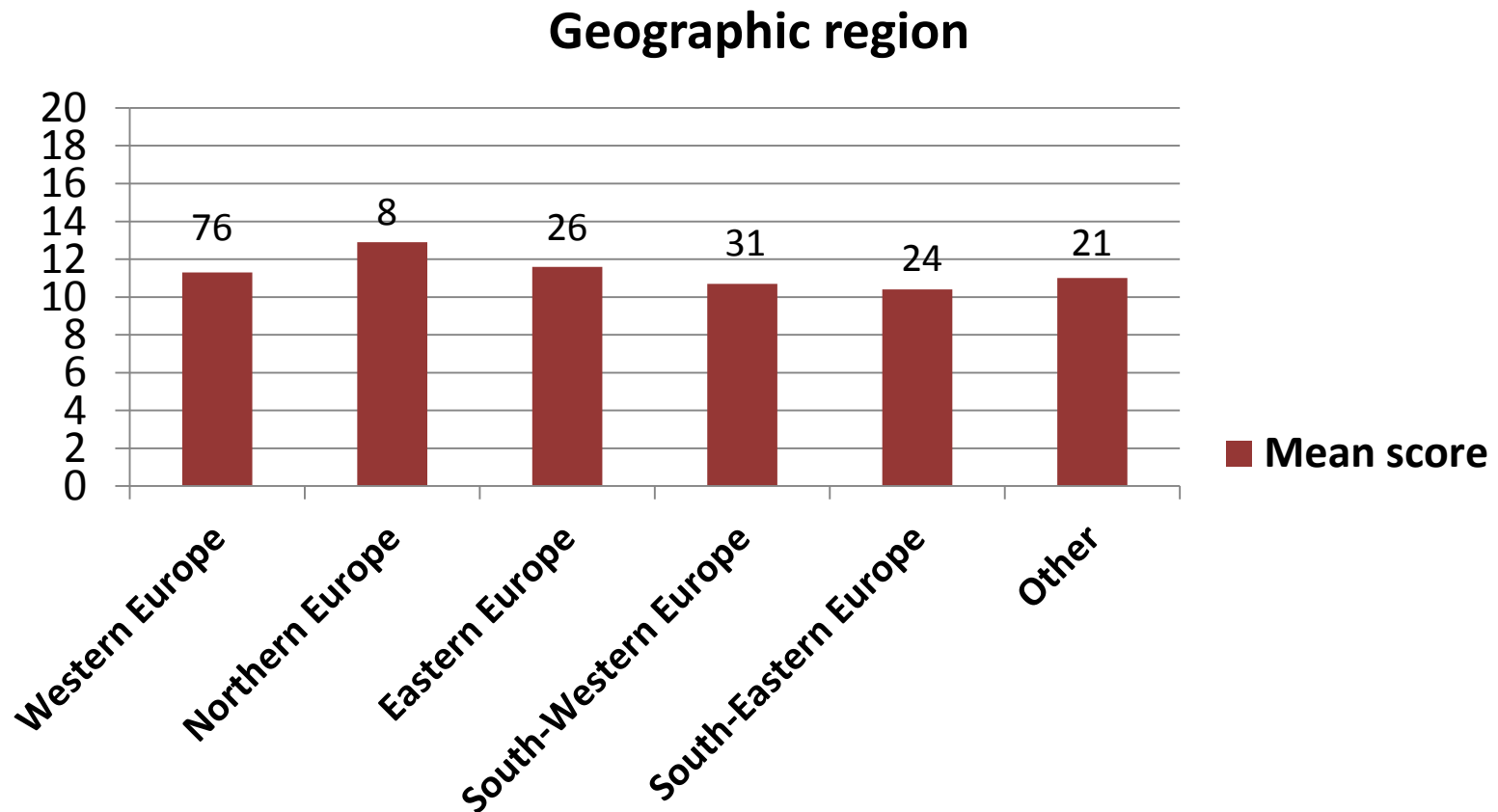
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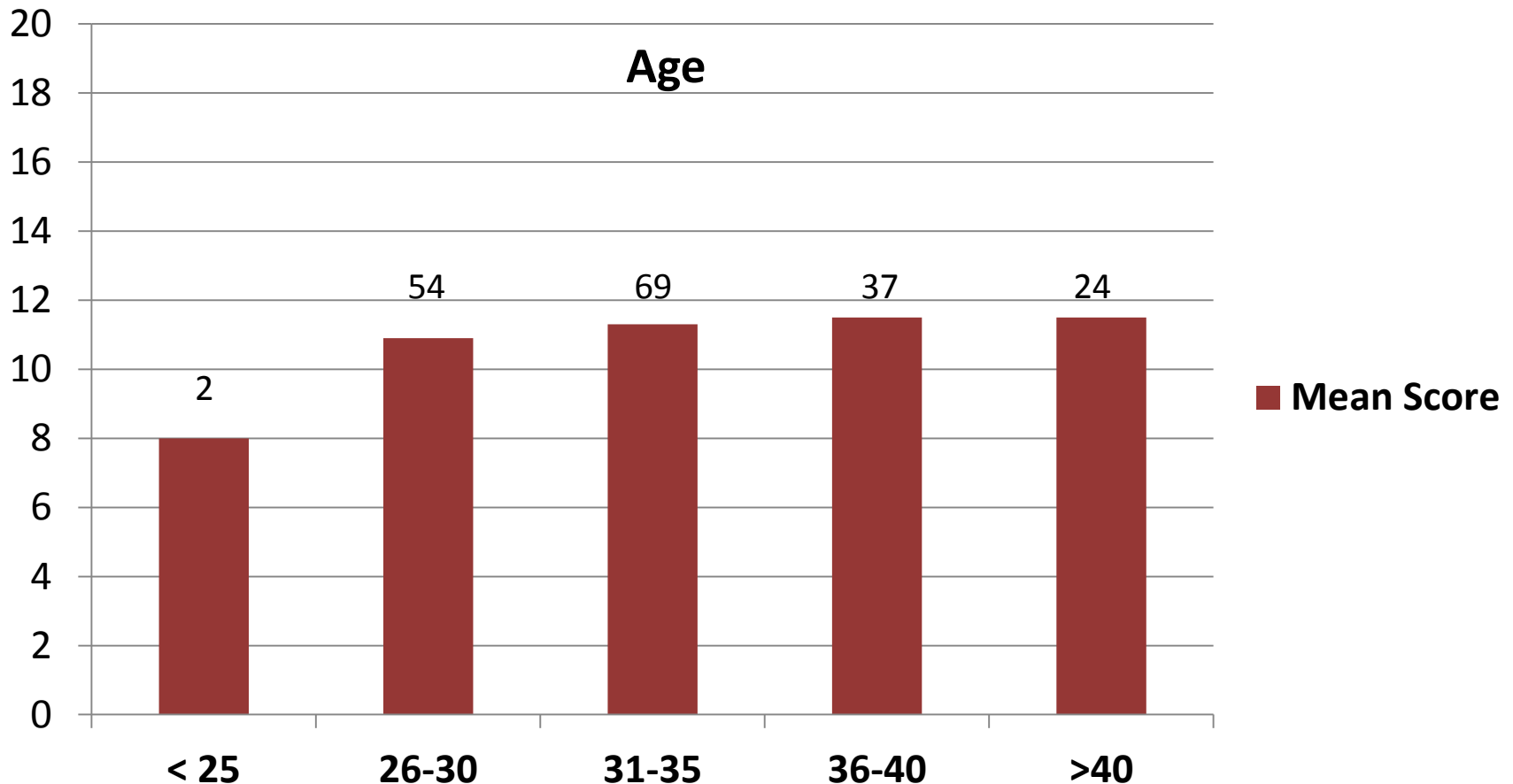
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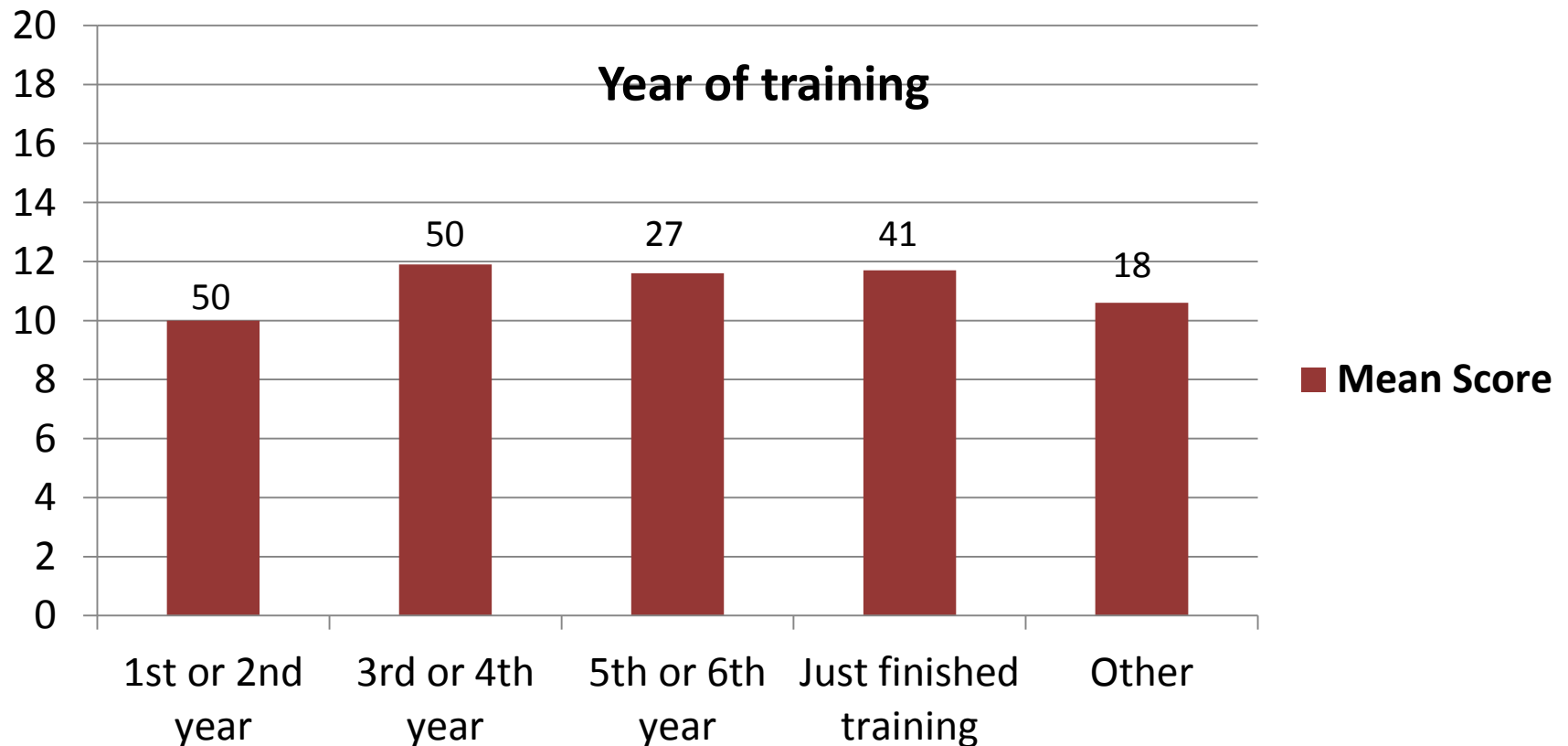
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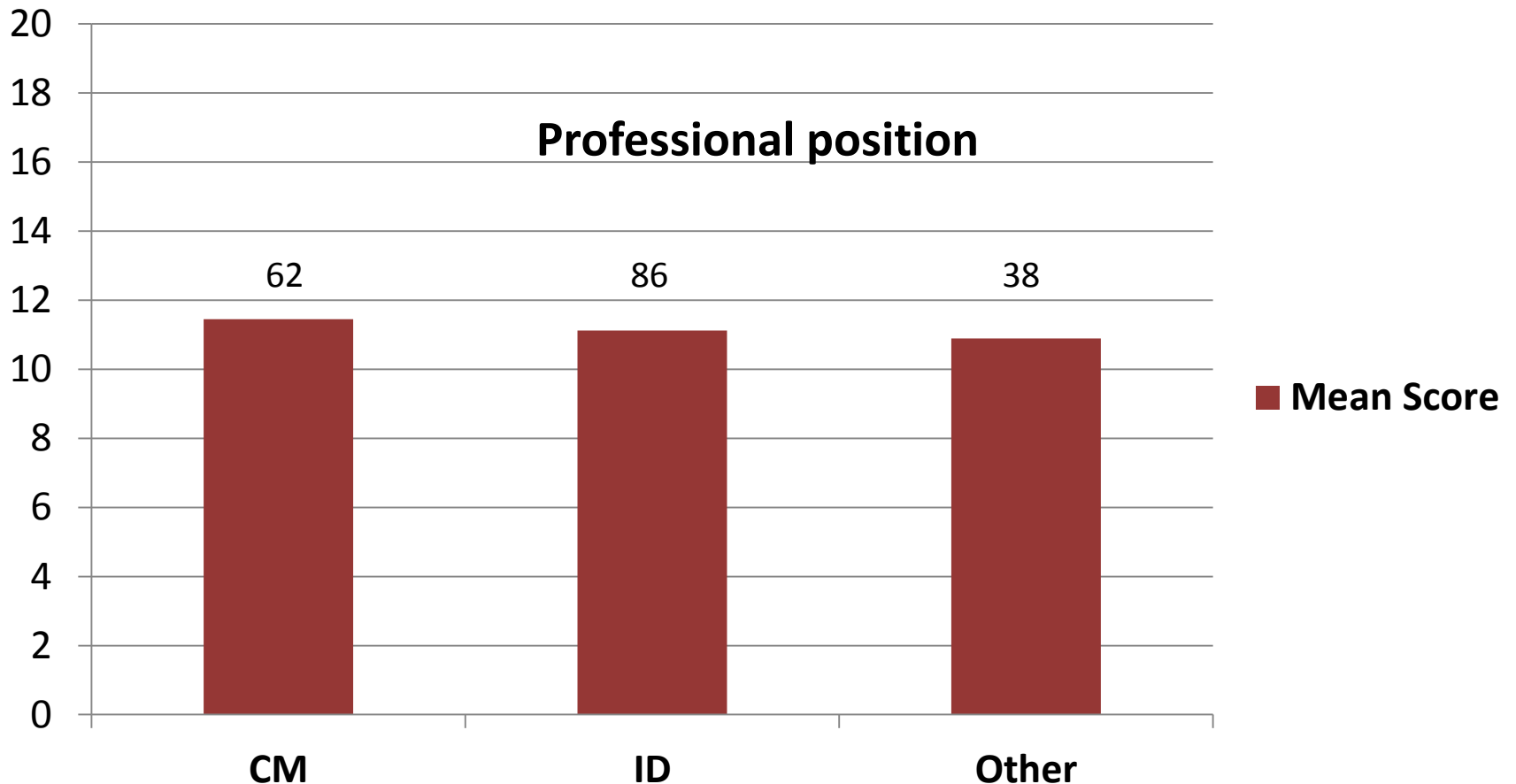
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TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **Collaboration with both UEMS-ID and UEMS-MM**
 - Joint efforts to have a common European curriculum and sometime in the future European Exam
 - Comparable training programs would allow:
 - Better and more reliable comparisons of acquired knowledge
 - Possibilities of spending a part of the training abroad
 - Easier international collaboration, exchange programs
 - Ultimately a European exam, with consideration of national practice, epidemiological differences, language issue...
 - **ID Mock Exam performed in April/May 2014**

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TAE ACTIVITIES:

- **TAE Awards for Training Achievements** – given out each year at the Trainees Day



Trainee Association of ESCMID

YOUR ROLE IN TAE ?

- Help creating national/regional/local networks of CM/ID trainees
- Be a TAE contact person
- Share your ideas, suggestions, critics with us
- help us preparing interesting and quality educational programmes
- Apply for TAE Award
- Actively participate in TAE online surveys
- Become a TAE Steering Committee Member (elections at the end of 2014 !!!)

Trainee Association of ESCMID

TAE FUTURE PLANS:

- Online Survey on training conditions in CM/ID in Europe
- Online Survey on the use of e-learning tools among trainees
- Establishing a solid and efficiently functioning network of CM and ID trainee representatives from all countries throughout Europe and beyond
- Trainees Day and other sessions at ECCMID 2015
- 2015 TAE Awards for Training Achievements
- 2015 TAE SC Elections

Where do I get all the relevant information?

www.escmid.org

www.facebook.com/ESCMID.TAE



The screenshot displays the ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) website. The header features the ESCMID logo and navigation links: Home, Contact, Sitemap, Forum, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A teal navigation bar contains links for Dates & Events, News & Discussion, Research & Projects, ESCMID Library, Profession & Career, and Membership & Organisation. Below this is a large image of bacteria. The main content area includes a welcome message, a Facebook widget showing the ESCMID page with 1,459 likes, and a 'Latest News' section with a headline about a workshop in Ljubljana. On the right, there is a login section, a search bar, a quick navigation menu, and a newsletter sign-up form. At the bottom right, a banner for the 24th ECCMID conference in Barcelona, Spain, from May 10-13, 2014, is visible.

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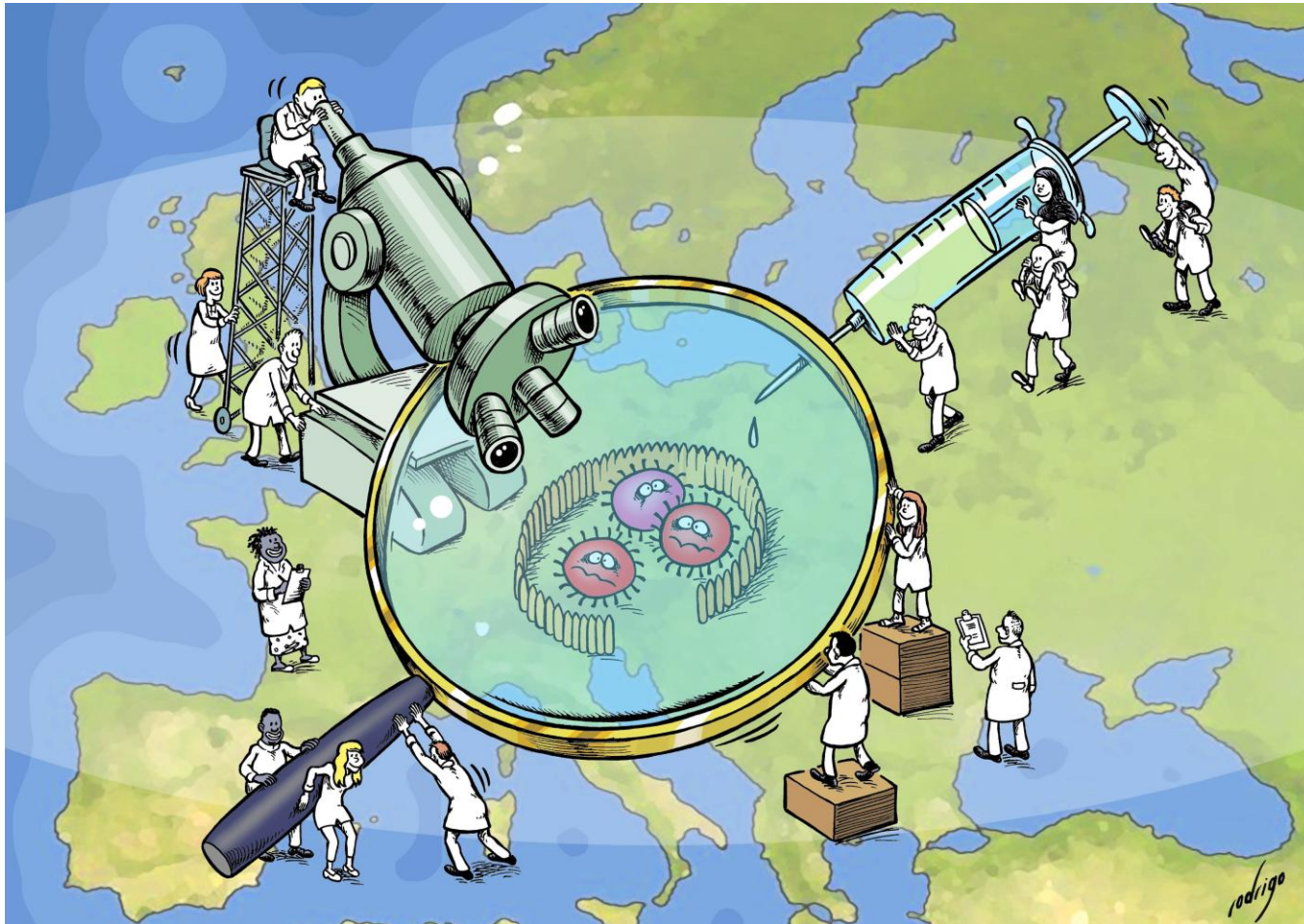
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