

## ECMM EXCELLENCE CENTERS

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### MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION

Any center which fulfills the ECMM related requirements (please check at [www.ecmm.info](http://www.ecmm.info)) is encouraged to apply for a designation. At the end of each twelve-month period, an ECMM EC must submit a report on the implementation of activities with the concerned program in ECMM. This report should reflect progress achieved in respect of the work plan, underlining possible difficulties and formulating suggestions for improvements for future course of cooperation. A final evaluation takes place at the end of the four-year designation period.

### APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted electronically to [president@ecmm.info](mailto:president@ecmm.info). All proposals for designation are processed electronically. The ECMM office initiates the procedure of designation by notifying the ECMM Committee. Submissions are welcome anytime. The ECMM website will give updated information as appropriate. ECMM EC application must contain the following information:

1. Person in charge
2. Title
3. Name of the head of the applying ECMM EC
4. Name and contact details of the institution
5. Date of original designation, date of last re-designation (if any) and date of expiry
6. Terms of reference, i.e. application for laboratory or clinical mycology or both
7. Types of activity

### FEES & CHARGES

The applicant bears the cost of the audit process. Travel costs of the inspectors will be taken over by ECMM. Fees are due upon application and at the beginning of each subsequent year. Fees orient along the World Bank data on gross national income (GNI) per capita converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity (PPP) rates. Source data derived from <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.PP.CD>  
**Initial Fee** is 1/20 of the latest GNI PPP in Euros.  
**Annual Maintenance Fee** is 1/4 of the initial fee.

### ECMM EC AUDIT PLAN

The ECMM Committee runs the evaluation according to the ECMM EC audit plan and initiates a site visit. Site visits last one full day and include an inspection consisting of at least two experts in the field. Experts named by the Committee will be disclosed to the applicants prior to the visit. Applicants are encouraged to nominate national or international experts. The experts should submit a full report to the Committee within 4 weeks after the site visit. In turn, the Committee recommends to the ECMM Board, which decides whether an institution will be designated as ECMM EC.

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### ECMM

The European Confederation of Medical Mycology (ECMM) is the overarching organisation of the National Medical Mycology Societies in Europe, whose purpose is the rendering of support to science and research, the international coordination of scientific and clinical activities, the organisation of mycological conventions, and of training programmes.

The ECMM works towards the unification of all scientists interested in medical mycology.

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### WHAT ARE ECMM EXCELLENCE CENTERS?

An ECMM Excellence Center (ECMM EC) is an institution designated by the ECMM Board to form part of an international collaborative network. In line with the ECMM policy and strategy, an ECMM EC participates in the strengthening of country resources, in terms of information, services, research and training, in support of national health development. Designation is made with the agreement of the head of the establishment to which the institution is attached or with that of the director of the institution.

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### WHY BECOME AN ECMM EXCELLENCE CENTER?

- The network of ECMM EC will direct physicians, patients, and relatives to an appropriate and capable center. Physicians, patients and relatives frequently seek advice when confronted with invasive fungal diseases (IFD), but unfortunately, there is no uniform system to direct them to the respective experts in their country.

Acute and chronic IFD are often life threatening and timely diagnosis and treatment options are particularly complex. An expanding array of diagnostic tests, methods for detection of resistance and antifungal compounds add to that complexity.

Most, if not all IFD are rare or orphan diseases as per the epidemiological definition.

- ECMM EC designation provides institutions with enhanced visibility and recognition by national authorities, calling public attention to the health issues on which they work. It opens up improved opportunities to exchange information and develop technical cooperation with other institutions, in particular at international level, and to mobilize additional and sometimes important resources from funding partners.

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### DESIGNATION

The designation both recognizes the collaboration with ECMM and the designated institution, and provides a formal framework for future joint activities. It is a time-limited, renewable agreement of collaboration between ECMM and ECMM EC.

Excellence centers are encouraged to display the label "European Medical Mycology Center" in letterheads, web sites, presentations etc. If centers decide to use the designation, it is mandatory to combine it with the ECMM logo.

The designation differentiates ECMM EC quality in Silver, Gold and Diamond Status and ECMM Fungal Centers (without "Excellence") in Blue Status. The audit plan gives a detailed overview of the requirements needed.

- **Blue Status**  
ECMM Centers fulfilling minimum requirements in diagnosis and management of invasive fungal infections. This status is an ECMM Fungal center, possibly a candidate for a future ECMM Excellence Center.
- **Silver Status**  
Excellence in either laboratory mycology or clinical mycology.
- **Gold Status**  
Excellence in the both, laboratory mycology and clinical mycology.
- **Diamond Status**  
Gold Status AND participation in ECMM endorsed clinical or epidemiological studies.

### HOW TO BECOME AN ECMM EXCELLENCE CENTER?

Per ECMM Member, i.e. the National Medical Mycology Societies, at least one center per country should fulfil the quality criteria expanded below and serve as a local ECMM Excellence Center (ECMM EC) for patients with IFD.

Centers will only be nominated after careful onsite auditing. An institution is designated initially for a term of four years; the designation may be renewed for the same or a shorter period.

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