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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members, colleagues and friends,

President message

The quite hard year 2010 will soon be over, however, for SOMED it has been quite a normal research year.

I'm very pleased to announce that, as a result of intense collaborative work between Tore Midtvedt, Past and Elect Presidents and the executive councillors we will soon have the possibility to re-launch our scientific journal Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease (MEHD). The Journal will appear as an OPEN ACCESS net-based journal, considerably widening the spread of obtained scientific knowledge. For further information, please visit the SOMED website (www.somed.nu) during the following months.

The website has now been renovated and contains plenty of information for the Society. The Membership Directory has also been re-constructed for 2010. An appropriate section for 2011 will be established as soon as you will authorize the inclusion of your data by renewing/applying for 2011 membership, as indicated in the new SOMED application form.

I suppose that all attendants consider the XXXII Congress in Greece a real success, with high-level presentations, good

discussions and fine entertainment. We really enjoyed the ancient and new Greece and the blue sea and white ships. Heartly thanks to the President of Congress professor Eugenia Bezirtzoglou and her team for making our cruise conference well organised. We also thank the Greek sponsors for offering their best nevermind the hard financial times.

I ensure you that we also have very good perspectives for the next congresses: in 2011 Yokohama, Japan together with the close for us scientific area - gnotobiology. Besides that we have in our portfolio two next proposals. These are the kind offer from professor Yolanda Sanz in Valenzia, Spain for 2012 and the well quoted proposal for 2013 by prof. Andrew Onderdonk in States. Looking forward to newly conquer America!

I encourage you to widely advertise our Society to attract new members to SOMED. SOMED has its large objective - the advancement of the scientific studies in human microbial ecology and its applications to the maintenance, regulation and improvement of human and animal health. Anyone whose work has contributed to the scientific knowledge of microbial ecology is invited to become a member.

A student membership scheme with reduced subscriptions is also available.

Yours, Marika Mikelsaar



The SOMED Congress 6-10 September 2010, organized by prof. Eugenia Bezirtzoglou in Greece on a cruise boat, was a very successful scientific conference, with 160 participants from 23 countries, 175 oral and poster presentations, with very well organized excursions in marvellous places and social events.

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**The Joint Meeting of
The XVIIth International Symposium on
Gnotobiology &
The XXXIVth Congress of the Society for
Microbial Ecology and Disease
Navios Yokohama, Yokohama,
JAPAN, May 19-22, 2011**



<http://square.umin.ac.jp/JAGG/kokusaigakkai>

MEETING VENUE: Navios Yokohama
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YOKOHAMA), KANAGAWA 231-0001, JAPAN;
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Early registration Jan. 29, 2011
Abstract deadline March. 30, 2011

Welcome address

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,
we warmly invite you to join us in Yokohama
on 19th to 22nd May 2011 at the Navios
Yokohama for the Joint Meeting of the XVIIth
International Symposium on Gnotobiology
(ISG) and the XXXIVth Congress of the
Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease
(SOMED).

It is our hope that the joint meeting delivers
the opportunity to develop our understanding
of the complexity of microbial ecology and
diseases, and to expand the knowledge from
the bench to the clinics for accurate diagnosis
and better treatment.

Our four days of symposia, seminars and
free papers will cover recent developments in
basic microbiological research and clinical
studies mainly in hematopoietic stem cell
transplantation (HSCT). It provides a unique
opportunity for each of us to exchange
information, enter into dialogue and become
better connected with other people across the
world and the different fields of science.

Yokohama is not only a beautiful port city
with many tourist spots, historical atmosphere
and international flavor, but also represents
the foundation of the modern Japanese culture
in the 19th century.

Navios Yokohama, the venue of the
meeting, is located at the Minato Mirai area
facing to the Yokohama Bay to the south.
China Town, Yokohama Red Brick
Warehouse (Aka-renga Soko), Yokohama
Landmark Tower and Yokohama Bay Bridge
are all within walking distance.

We are looking forwards to welcoming you
to Yokohama in May 2011 for the
ISG/SOMED joint meeting.

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Medicine

ISG Congress President

SOMED Congress President

QUIZ-

- the answers to the QUIZ published in the Summer SOMED newsletter:

1. What kind of experimental animals are exposed?

Golden syrian hamsters expose themselves as suitable (price, behavior) for models of experimental infection

(European Convention for the protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes No.123, 1991).

2. Please define the presented disease associated with disrupted microbial ecology of gut.

Antibiotic associated diarrhea and *Clostridium difficile* (toxA, toxB and binary toxin) infection.

3. Describe the morphological changes on the two slides

Are they characteristic for the disease? YES

Small intestine: intense hyperemia, debris of pseudomembranes

Spleen with very intense hyperemia, hinting on the systemic effect of toxins.

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Announcements of other up-coming meetings and useful information:

Microbiota 2010 [<http://www.microbiota.eu/>](http://www.microbiota.eu/)

Join our unique and must-attend MICROBIOTA program (Paris, France, 14 – 15 December 2010)

“Biofilms in Nosocomial Fungal Infections” (ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course)

Paris, France, January 31st - February 1st, 2011;

Further information is currently available on:

Website of the French Society for Microbiology:

<http://www.sfm.asso.fr/congres/congresfm.php?la=2&ok=0&co=136&deb=1&pa=&lieu=9&date=1&ti=0>

Website of ESCMID:

http://www.escmid.org/profession_career/educational_activities/current_escmid_courses_and_workshops/fungal_biofilms/

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29th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID) –
The Hague, The Netherlands, June 7-11, 2011

Web: www.kenes.com/espil

International Scientific Conference on Probiotics and Prebiotics ,

14th – 16th June 2011 in the university city of Kosice, Slovakia

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Web: www.probiotic-conference.net

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[*International Society for Probiotics and Prebiotics \(ISAPP\) *](#)

[* *ISAPP homepage \(www.isapp.net](#)

<http://www.isapp.net>) f

[*Probiotic Watch" newsletter covers probiotic research with latest news*](#)

[Scientific commentary by two former ISAPP board members, Drs. Bruno Pot and James](#)

[Versalovic, was featured in a new probiotic research bulletin titled "Probiotic Watch](#)

<http://www.e-probioticwatch.com>." The

[bulletin, launched by Danone Research, features summaries of newly published research and commentaries by international investigators in the field.](#)

4th Congress of the European Microbiologists, FEMS 2011, Geneva, Switzerland, June 26-30, 2011; www.kenes.com/fems

*Register Early & Save * , Online registration is already open, Register now and save up to *€150! *

***** Full details here <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?KenesInternationalFE/deec75104b/5640753ed1/a39651fd09>>*

Grants for Young Scientists , FEMS will award grants to

220 young scientists to support their attendance at the upcoming congress;

FEMS Congress Award - for 5 young scientists (for the best papers - a Certificate and an additional €500).

EUROBIOFILMS 2011,
Copenhagen, Denmark, 6 – 8 July 2011
E-mail: <eurobiofilms2011@ics.dk>
Web: www.eurobiofilms2011.ics.dk

7th International Congress of Food Technologist,
Biotechnologist and Nutritionists,
20 - 23 September 2011, Opatija, Croatia
(Information : www.pbncongress2011.hr)

EPIDEMICS³ – Third International Conference on
Infectious Disease Dynamics,
29 November - 2 December 2011, Boston, MA,
USA

Epidemics <<http://mail.elsevier-alerts.com/go.asp?bECO001/mCEM9U1F/qC5D9U1F/uNLMRU1F/xM2O9U1F>>

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Masters Programme in Complex Systems Science;
Moreinfo:

<http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/09/erasmus-mundus-cssm-scholarships.html>

SOMED CONGRESS 2012

Proposal from: Yolanda Sanz (as
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A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a winter night. In the background, a two-story house with a blue roof and warm yellow lights inside is partially covered in snow. A path leads from the house towards a church with a steeple in the distance. The scene is filled with snow-covered trees, a large evergreen in the foreground, and various holiday-themed elements like a reindeer, a snowman, a boy with a sled, and a mailbox. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

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**Very best wishes to SOMED
family!**