



SOMED NEWSLETTER

A word from our President

Summer is already behind us and it is my pleasure to write this newsletter as the new academic year starts. First I wish to begin with a summary of our 39th SOMED Annual meeting, which took



19th ISG / 50th JAGG / 39th SOMED Joint Congress, 7-10, June 2017 Tokyo

place at Tokyo Garden Palace, Ochanomizu, Japan from 7-10 June 2017, jointly held with the 19th International Symposium on Gnotobiology (XIX ISG) and the 50th Congress of Japanese Association of Germfree Life and Gnotobiology (L JAGG). We are extremely grateful for the opportunity offered to us by our Japanese colleagues to co-organise our meeting in Japan and on behalf of all SOMED's members, I wish to thank them deeply for their wonderful hospitality. Another warm thank should go to our 10 SOMED members who assisted with the Congress organisation and presented their work in oral presentations and posters.

Presidents of the Congress were Prof Tatsuo Ichinohe, MD, PhD from the Department of Hematology and Oncology, Research Institute for Radiation Biology and Medicine, Hiroshima University for the ISG and Prof Shigeru Kamiya, MD, PhD from the Department of Infectious Diseases, Kyorin University School of Medicine as JAGG and SOMED Congress President.

As usual, the congress was rich in interactions and lively discussions, especially during the round table discussions. Congratulations to Prof Betty Theriault and Dr Jorgen Valeur who were appointed joint Editor in Chiefs of our *Journal for Microbial Ecology In Health and Disease*, for Basic Biological articles and Clinician articles, respectively.

Finally our board members met to discuss the possibility of registering our society in Estonia as recommended by Professor Reet Mandar. This proposal was not approved by Board members but they recognised that this question needed to be sorted soon. Further communications will come in due time.

Looking ahead, please make a note that our next 40th annual SOMED meeting will be hosted by Professor Alojz Bomba in Budapest, Hungary from 18th-21st June 2018. We are looking forward to another exciting event in this beautiful city!



**Prof Alojz Bomba will
President of the 40th
SOMED annual meeting in
Budapest**

The Board members were also very pro-active with the organization of our future events and it was suggested to hold the 2019 meeting either in Romania (Bucharest) hosted by Professor Veronica Lazar or in Odessa (Ukraine) hosted by Professor Nadiya Boyco. It was also decided to co-organise our 2020 meeting jointly with the 20th ISG congress hosted by Professor Betty Theriault in Chicago.

I wish you all a fantastic new academic year!

Best wishes,

Prof Eugenia Bezirtzoglou

President



**Round table discussion with, from left to right, Prof Tore Midvett,
Prof Eugenia Bezirtzoglou, Prof Raina Fichorova, Dr Nadiya Boyko,
Prof Alojz Bomba and Prof Shigeru Kamiya**

UPCOMING MICROBIOME MEETINGS

5th World Congress on Targeting Microbiota

October 26-27 2017, Berlin, Germany

<https://www.microbiota-site.com>



Microbiome Summit - Medicon Valley Alliance

October 4-5 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark

<http://mva.org/events-2/microbiome-summit-2017/>



ASM Microbe 2018

June 7-11 2018, Atlanta, GA,
USA



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JUNE 7-11 • ATLANTA

40th SOMED Annual Meeting
June 18-21 2018, Budapest, Hungary



Anaerobe 2018 Congress
July 9-12 2018, Las Vegas, NV, USA
www.anaerobe.org



**Microbiome, Host Resistance and Disease, joint with the meeting
on Manipulation of the Gut Microbiota for Metabolic Health**
March 4-8 2018, Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta, Canada
<http://www.keystonesymposia.org/18X4>



ICGM Paris 2018

March 15-16 2018, Paris, France

<https://waset.org/conference/2018/03/paris/ICGM>



Microbiome Drug Development Europe

January 29 - February 1 2018, Paris, France

<http://microbiome-europe.com>



IHMC 2018 - 7th International Human Microbiome Congress

June 26-28 2018, Killarney, Ireland

<http://apc.ucc.ie/ihmc-2018/>



EMBO - EMBL Symposia - The Human Microbiome

September 16-19 2018, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany

[https://www.embo-embl-symposia.org/symposia/2018/EES18-09/?
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And many more... A good resource on relevant microbiome conferences can be found here: <http://www.translationalmicrobiome.org/events/>