**Clinical Working Group in Infectious Diseases in Internal Medicine**

Infectious diseases are one of the main causes of hospitalisation in Internal Medicine across Europe. Internists care mostly for patients hospitalised with infectious diseases. In recent times relevant challenges, such as COVID-19 pandemic and long-COVID 19 sequela, multi-resistant microorganisms, multimorbidity and aging, have arisen and require a permanent update to assure a high-quality of care to our patients.

**Objectives**

To promote the awareness on infectious diseases among European Internists and to promote common European strategies for prevention, diagnosis, and therapy of patients with infectious diseases.

**Specific primary aims of the Infectious Diseases in Internal Medicine WG are:**

- to gather data on infectious diseases in European Internal Medicine departments.
- to gain and share scientific knowledge about infectious diseases.
- to increase the awareness on infectious diseases among Internists across Europe.
- to imagine and create specific curricular tracks on infectious diseases for medical students and Internal Medicine residents.
- to implement the development of European research projects on infectious diseases.
- to promote joined initiatives with other scientific societies interested in infectious diseases.
- to possibly coordinate future European multicentric clinical trials on infectious diseases.

**General and future aims of the Infectious Diseases in Internal Medicine WG will be:**

- to implement the comprehensive approach which is peculiar to Internal Medicine to infectious diseases.
- to support the development of appropriate EU public health policies for infectious diseases.
- to increase international cooperation in scientific research among EFIM members.
• to coordinate studies aimed at developing new diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.
• to support campaign aimed at raising public awareness of infectious diseases in the EFIM Countries.
• to provide comprehensive quality information to infectious diseases communities.

WG Chairman Profile

• Qualified clinical expertise in the management of patients with infectious diseases.
• Accredited merits on research and publications on infectious diseases.
• Contrasted experience in the organization of scientific meetings and congresses in this field.