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## 17th ICID - Hyderabad, India - March 2-5, 2016

### Updates on the International Congress on Infectious Diseases



The ICID, held every two years, brings together approximately 3,000 clinicians, researchers, academics, and public health practitioners from over 100 countries including renowned experts and thought leaders in their fields. The meeting in Hyderabad will be among the largest global health meetings in South Asia and will be unique in its focus on infectious disease challenges relevant to the region.

Low- and middle-income countries disproportionately bear the burden of infectious diseases. An essential element for reducing the global morbidity and mortality associated with infectious diseases is the provision of training and ongoing educational support to physicians and scientists confronting challenges in the countries most affected. Vibrant scientific and public health exchanges and opportunities for global networking distinguish ICID from other academic meetings. It is an ideal setting for colleagues to share experiences with their peers, learn from each other and from global experts, and gain new knowledge and insights they can apply directly in their home countries.

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## IMED 2014 - International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance

### Wrap-up

Over 600 delegates from nearly 100 countries attended the 5th IMED and saw up-to-the-minute presentations on Ebola and numerous other emerging infectious disease topics ranging from avian influenza to MERS to zika virus. Sessions included ecological aspects of health such as the effects of climate change, innovations in disease surveillance, and ethical issues of using "big data" public health. In addition to the plenary talks and symposia, over 400 submitted abstracts were presented either in 2 poster sessions or 4 oral sessions. Since its inception, IMED has embraced a "One Health" framework, recognizing that human, animal and ecological health exist in a continuum and demand the attention of both the human and veterinary health communities. The Ebola crisis highlights the need for the world's attention to emerging diseases, and the lessons of the West African outbreak will undoubtedly be an important subject of the next IMED.



Oct 31- Nov 3  
Vienna, Austria

Thirty journalists were present at IMED 2014 and the scientific sessions were covered in more than 200 news outlets worldwide. Below are links to a couple of the many articles:

- An interview follow-up to Dr. Oyewale Tomori's provocative analysis of Africa's response to Ebola: [Tomori](#)
- A discussion of highlights from the 5th IMED: [Lancet](#)

Access to slide presentations from IMED 2014: [website](#)

### News from ProMED

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sure that everyone who needs ProMED can receive it without restrictions.

Local language editions of ProMED are also published with infectious disease news and topics relevant to the public health communities in Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America, in Francophone West Africa, in Anglophone Africa, in the Mekong Basin, and in the Russian-speaking independent states of the former Soviet Union.

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## SSI/ISID Fellow 2014

The following individual has been chosen by ISID and the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (SSI) for a co-sponsored Fellowship Program that supports infectious disease physicians and scientists from developing and middle income countries through multidisciplinary clinical and laboratory training at select biomedical institutions in Switzerland.

### **Mehtap Simsek, Istanbul, Turkey**

*From the Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Department, Haseki Training and Research Hospital, Dr. Simsek will conduct his research in collaboration with scientists from the Infectious Diseases Divisions in Bern, Switzerland.*

## ISID Research Grant Reports

### **Gbemisola Boyedes**



*The validation of a new developmental screening tool for neurodevelopmental delays among HIV-infected South African children.*

[Final Report: BOYEDE](#)

## Elyara Maria Soares

*Leukotriene B4 enhances innate immune defense against the puerperal sepsis agent Streptococcus pyogenes.*

[Final Report: SOARES](#)



## 2015 ISID Research Grant and Fellowship Application Deadlines

For more information and application deadlines on the ISID Research Grant and Fellowship Programs: [ISID Research Grant Programs.](#)

## ISID Travel Grants to Healthcare Workers Attending CDC Ebola Safety Training Courses

ISID is deeply concerned about the tragic outbreak of Ebola virus disease currently occurring in West Africa. In response to this crisis, ISID has made more than 25 travel grants to individuals who attended one of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Safety Training Courses to prepare to work in an Ebola treatment unit in West Africa. These grants have helped clinicians from all over the world to pay for their travel to the CDC Course in Alabama. The program is supported in part by grants from the Henry E. Niles Foundation and GlaxoSmithKline. [Information about the CDC training course.](#)

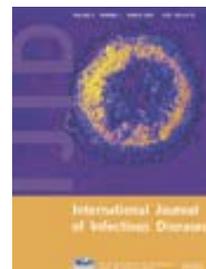
Individuals who have been accepted to the CDC course, and who have plans to work in West Africa may be eligible for the ISID Travel Grant. For more information see: [ISID Ebola Travel Grant.](#)

## ISID in China

In September 2014, ISID co-hosted "*The International Conference on Infections and their Prevention*" in Beijing, China. Together with European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), The Lancet Infectious Diseases and the China Medical Association, topics such as infection control, antibiotic resistance, emerging respiratory infections and vaccine updates were covered. Amongst the meeting's national and international speakers were ISID's President Jon Cohen and ISID Executive Committee members Adeeba Kamarulzaman and Ron Dagan. [Link to website in Chinese.](#)

## International Journal of Infectious Diseases

The *International Journal of Infectious Diseases (IJID)* is the official publication of the ISID and is now published in an open access format on a monthly basis. The *IJID* aims to provide a source of information relevant to professionals involved in the epidemiology, clinical diagnosis, treatment and control of infectious diseases with particular emphasis placed on those disease which are most common in less-developed countries.



The *IJID* publishes original clinical and laboratory-based research, reports of clinical trials, reviews, medical imagery and a limited number of case reports.

## IJID - Editor Picks

From *IJID* Editor, Eskild Petersen, Department of Infectious Diseases, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University Hospital.

### On Ebola:

It is often stated that there is no treatment for Ebola Virus. Even though no specific drug exist, fluid replacement and correction of electrolyte imbalance is expected to decrease mortality substantially, and should be pursued more vigorously.

*Editorial: Guidelines for treatment of patients with Ebola Virus Diseases are urgently needed*, [Full text](#)

### On MERS-CoV:

*Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona virus, MERS-CoV. Conclusions from the 2nd Scientific Advisory Board Meeting of the WHO Collaborating Center for Mass Gathering Medicine, Riyadh*  
[Full text](#)

*Community Case Clusters of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus in Hafr Al-Batin, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: A Descriptive Genomic study* [Full text](#)

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