

Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are well and that you had a good start of the year.

2023 has started well for the ECFS as we could resume the face-to-face meetings of major ECFS projects that we used to hold at the end of January. You will learn more about them in this newsletter but I wish to underline that it was an absolute pleasure for all of us to meet again in person after two years of having to do with online discussions only.

Planning for the 2023 conferences is well underway and you can find all information on the 2023 basic science conference in Dubrovnik and on the 2023 European conference in Vienna on the website. The registration for the conference in Vienna will open soon. I would like to thank all those who have submitted abstracts and all the speakers who have accepted to contribute to these conferences. We have excellent programmes and courses planned and we look forward to your participation.

There will be ECFS Board elections in 2023 as Dorota Sands and Carsten Schwarz will finish their terms in June. I wish to thank them for their commitment at the Board. Also, I personally will finish my term as President in 2024 and the new President will be elected this year in order to have a smooth transition. I would like to encourage you all to consider your own nomination or to nominate an ECFS member you believe would benefit the ECFS community by being actively engaged in the Board. Please consider how important these elections are for the future of the Society. Further information about the elections is included in this Newsletter.

This year again, the ECFS award and the Gerd Döring Award will be presented at the European conference. The ECFS award honours a person who has made an outstanding contribution to our basic understanding of cystic fibrosis or to the treatment or care of patients with cystic fibrosis. The Gerd Döring award honours an exceptional young European scientist in early career. More information is enclosed in this newsletter. Please send in your nominations for these important awards.

In other news, many thanks, as always, to Dr Henry Ryley for compiling the current references in cystic fibrosis in this Newsletter.

Please contact us if you have news items you would like to have included in future Newsletters or published on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Fajac,
ECFS President



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ECFS 2023 Board Elections

The ECFS cordially invites nominations for three Board positions.

President Elect: Isabelle Fajac will finish her term as President in June 2024.

Dorota Sands and Carsten Schwarz will end their terms in June 2023.

Job Descriptions and person specifics are available for both the President and Board members

[President's Job Description](#) | [Board Member's Job Description](#).

Nominations should be sent to the ECFS Executive Director Christine Dubois (christine.dubois@ecfs.eu) by 30 March 2023 together with a personal statement, confirmation that the candidate has agreed to the nomination and a curriculum vitae. All nominated candidates must be current ECFS members. Information about the nominated candidates will be sent to our members in April for an online vote prior to the Annual General Meeting in June where the results will be announced.



ECFS Award – Call for nominations

The ECFS Award is given annually to honour a person who has made an outstanding contribution to our basic understanding of cystic fibrosis or to the treatment or care of patients with cystic fibrosis. The winner of the award will be invited to present a lecture at the Opening Plenary on 7 June 2023 of the annual conference in Vienna, Austria. You are cordially invited to nominate a candidate for this award. The deadline for proposals is March 7, 2023. Please mail your proposal, accompanied by a detailed motivation and curriculum vitae of the candidate to the ECFS Executive Director Christine Dubois, christine.dubois@ecfs.eu

Gerd Döring Award – Call for nominations

The Gerd Döring Award is an initiative of the ECFS and is given annually to honour an exceptional young European scientist in their early career. The Award consists of a monetary donation of 5,000 euro to support research.

The award will be judged primarily on a paper published in the previous 3 calendar years (2020-2022) which has made a significant impact on the understanding or treatment of cystic fibrosis. Personal statements and CVs will make a 20% contribution to the scoring.

The award is open to PhD students and post-doctoral researchers with up to a maximum of four years' academic research experience following the completion of their PhD, or be of equivalent professional standing at the date of publication of the paper.

We encourage mentors, supervisors and co-workers of today's most exceptional early career European scientists to send in nominations for this award. The deadline for proposals is 7 March 2023. Please email your proposal accompanied by a detailed personal statement, a PDF of the nominated paper and curriculum vitae of the candidate to the ECFS Executive Director Christine Dubois - christine.dubois@ecfs.eu

Deadlines to remember

07 March 2023
Nominations ECFS Award

07 March 2023
Nominations Gerd Döring Award

30 March 2023
Nominations ECFS Board Elections

23 March 2023
Deadline Early Registration Fees for the 46th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference in Vienna

18th ECFS Basic Science Conference

29th March - 1st April 2023, Dubrovnik, Croatia



For the 18th ECFS Basic Science Conference we will be back in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from 29 March to 01 April 2023 and we are delighted that Nicoletta Pedemonte (IT) has accepted to be the conference chairperson, supported by Alexandre Hinzpeter (FR) and Camille Ehre (US).

We have an exciting programme this year again and we look forward to fruitful discussions of data and ideas in an informal and interactive environment.

[More information](#)



Nicoletta Pedemonte (IT)



Alexandre Hinzpeter (FR)



Camille Ehre (US)

Upcoming Events

- **ECFS Basic Science Conference**
29 March—01 April 2023
Dubrovnik, Croatia
- **ECFS Board Summer Meeting**
6 June 2023
Vienna, Austria
- **European CF Conference**
7-10 June 2023
Vienna, Austria
- **Annual General Meeting ECFS**
09 June 2023
Vienna, Austria
- **ERS Conference**
9-13 September 2023
Milan, Italy
- **NACFC**
2-4 November 2023
Phoenix, AZ, USA

46th EUROPEAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONFERENCE

7 – 10 JUNE 2023 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA



SAVE THE DATE

Notification of Abstract Acceptance Mid-March 2023
Deadline for Early Registration 23 March 2023

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46th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Vienna, Austria

We are actively preparing the 46th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference that will take place from 07 to 10 June 2023 in Vienna, Austria. With more than 650 abstracts submitted, we can expect an excellent edition and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Vienna. This in-person conference will be the perfect opportunity to exchange ideas and network. The Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee have prepared an exciting programme covering all fields of cystic fibrosis and we would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment.

[More information](#)

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46th EUROPEAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONFERENCE

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List of symposia:

Thursday 08 June

- Closing the gap: treating all patients with gene-protein therapies
- Antibiotic therapy in cystic fibrosis – state of the art
- Harmonising global care in cystic fibrosis
- The times are changing and we are changing with them
- Controversies in the world of screening for cystic fibrosis
- Pulmonary challenges post access to CFTR modulators
- Microbiology in the era of CFTR modulators
- Assessment of *in vitro* biomarkers of CFTR function for prediction of clinical benefit
- Overweight and healthy lifestyle in cystic fibrosis
- “Things you wish you knew” – hot topics in physiotherapy

Friday 09 June

- Are we ready for new clinical guidelines?
- Essential nursing skills in the CFTR modulators era
- Endocrinology and bone health in the era of CFTR modulators
- Gene based-therapeutic approaches: novel delivery systems and beyond
- Pharmacovigilance in the real world: challenges and opportunities in an era of CFTR modulators
- CFTR modulators: opportunities and challenges
- Masterclass in clinical CF – great cases
- Pregnancy and early parenthood for mums and dads with cystic fibrosis it's a team effort!
- Is there a future for phage therapy in cystic fibrosis?
- Variation in the human genome is normal; get over it

Saturday 10 June

- Novel endpoints in clinical trials
- Inflammation in CF organs
- CFTR-related pancreas disease
- Understanding more about CFSPID: from diagnosis to outcomes and the role of registries
- Exploiting novel targets for cystic fibrosis therapies

More information [here](#)

As in previous years, we will apply to the EACCME® to accredit the conference with CME credits .



We will be offering a selection of courses prior to the Conference.

Psychosocial/Mental Health pre-conference course

Psychodynamic aspects in chronic, medical illness.

Tuesday 6 June – 0.5 Day

The ECFS Conference this year takes place in Vienna, the city of Freud. This gives a great opportunity to explore how the psychodynamic aspects could be used in work with patients with cystic fibrosis.



Clinical Nutrition Course

Mastering new clinical expertise in emerging nutritional areas.

Tuesday 6 June – 0.5 Day

This course will aim to provide education and real world experience in the emerging clinical skills now required by the CF dietitian. The latest literature will be summarised and practical skills examined and discussed.



Physiotherapy Short Course

Exercise testing – practicalities and applications for clinical practice

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 June – 1.5 Day

This course has been designed to give an overview of the practicalities of exercise testing, including CPET and sub-maximal tests. Discussions around suitability of different tests and interpretation of test data for clinical practice are included alongside talks on factors which influence exercise ability and participation and exercise for airway clearance. The course includes an expert panel discussion about selected clinical cases and participants are invited to submit potential cases for discussion.

More information and abstract form can be found [here](#) .

Deadline for submission: 24 February 2023



Master Class in Clinical CF – Call for case presentations

For the Master Class in Clinical CF session, a call for the submission of clinical cases has been launched a few days ago. Please consider submitting before 3 March 2023!

[More information](#)



Master Class in Clinical CF
Case studies

Call for Case Presentations

Submission Deadline:

Friday 03 March 2023

The programme of the conference will also include workshops and ePoster sessions for oral presentations of selected abstracts, Meet the Experts sessions, Satellite symposia from the industry and much more. Looking forward to meeting you in Vienna! Registrations to the conference will open soon.

ECFS Winter Meetings

The ECFS Board, the ECFS Clinical Trials Network, the ECFS Patient Registry Steering Committees and the Standards of Care Group met in Brussels for their annual winter meetings at the end of January. This was an excellent opportunity to meet across ECFS projects, discuss common subjects, find new opportunities for cooperation, and catch up after two years of meeting remotely.

The next Steering Committees meetings will be organised in Vienna in June.



ECFS Clinical Trials Network Steering Committee Meeting



ECFS Patient Registry Steering Committee Meeting

ECFS Diagnostic Network Working Group Meetings

The ECFS Diagnostic Network Working Group held its 20th annual meeting in Montpellier, France on 9-11th February 2023. A report on this excellent meeting will be posted on the ECFS website in the next few weeks.



eLearning Programme

The ECFS has been developing an e-learning education programme in CF for some time now. We faced some delay during the difficult past years. So we are very happy to announce that Part 1: 'Cystic fibrosis for beginners', composed of 7 modules covering the fundamental basics, is finalised, accredited by the UEMS EACCME, and available on the ECFS Education platform. All ECFS members can access the Education platform with their credentials (see below).

Part 2: 'More about CF' builds upon the first part and is now in the final stages of development with plan for UEMS EACCME accreditation in the coming months and release on the ECFS Education platform in the Summer.

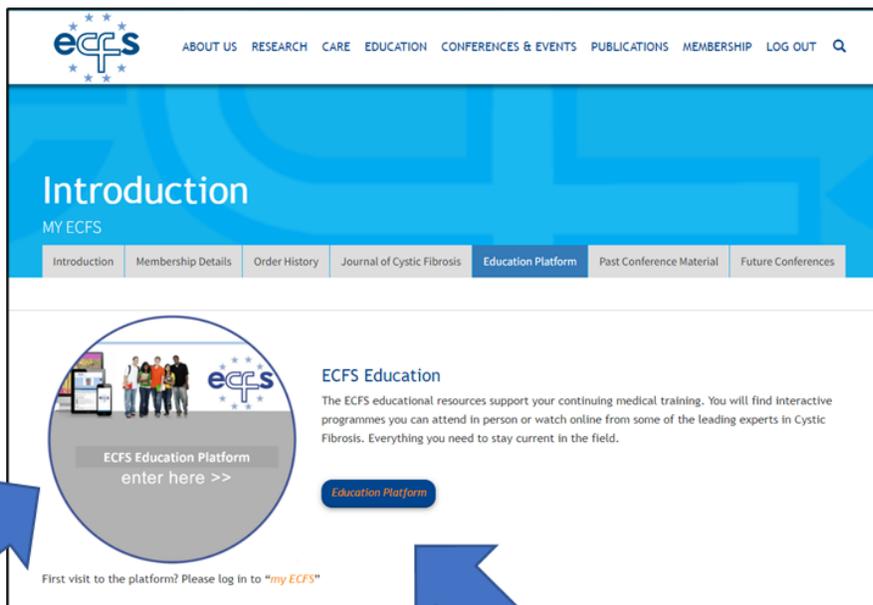
The last Part, Part 3: 'Becoming a CF clinical expert: How to manage...' will focus on management of specific clinical situations. Work on this last part will begin soon.

ECFS Education platform

Practical guide on how to access the ECFS Education platform and the ECFS e-learning programme:

Log into your ECFS account.

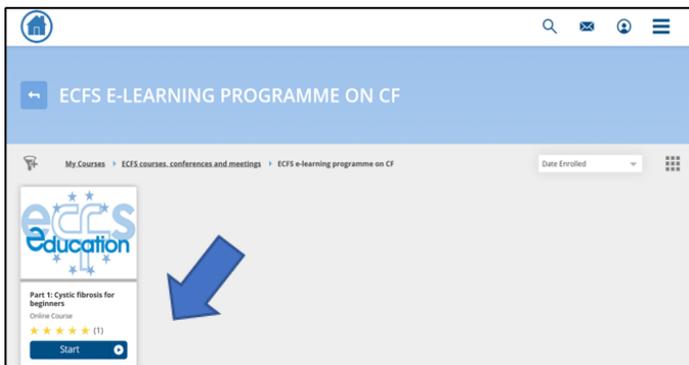
Via MY ECFS, click on the education platform icon; or go to the education homepage (www.ecfs.eu/education) and click on either of the education platform buttons .



Once on the ECFS Education Platform home page, click on 'ECFS courses, conferences and meetings': you will have access to a wealth of educational resources such as ECFS courses and webcasts from previous ECFS conferences (pre-conference courses, plenaries, symposia).



To access the e-learning programme, select the 'ECFS e-learning programme on CF' and click on 'Start' to commence the course!



It is possible to stop and start the course and come back to it later. Simply click on the resume icon on your Education Platform home page and you will be taken back to the course.

Please consult the [ECFS user guide](#) for detailed information on the ECFS members' restricted area, MyECFS.

In memoriam Professor John Dodge, CBE, FRCP, FRCPE, FRCPI, FRCPCH



John Ashton Dodge was born in Cardiff, in 1933. After junior posts he decided on a career in Paediatrics and spent 2 years in Children's Hospital, Boston, USA and Harvard Medical School 1961-63.

In 1964 John was appointed as Lecturer in Child Health at Queen's University, Belfast, and at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. He established a CF clinic serving Northern Ireland and joined relevant European and International organisations. Returning to Cardiff in 1971 he set up the first CF and paediatric gastroenterology clinics in Wales, with outreach clinics in other parts of the Principality.

His research activity included epidemiology, neonatal screening, delivery of health care for children, impact of life events on children, psychosomatic disorders, energy balance in CF.

In 1985 he was invited back to the Nuffield Chair of Child Health in Belfast, as Head of Department where his clinical and research activity continued. By then he was a frequent examiner at universities in the UK and abroad, committee member, secretary or chairman of various organisations. He was a faithful ECFS member, actively involved in many ECFS activities and groups. From 1988-2011, he was an Adviser in Human Genetics to WHO and chaired a series of Expert meetings on Cystic Fibrosis which were published with appropriate recommendations.

After his retirement in 1997, he became Emeritus Professor of Child Health at the Queen's University, Belfast, and Honorary Professor of Child Health at the University of Wales at Swansea.

Although no longer seeing patients he continued to be active in research, publishing, reviewing papers and projects, some teaching, and speaking at conferences and elsewhere.

Current References in Cystic Fibrosis

Many thanks to Dr Henry Ryley for compiling the current references in Cystic Fibrosis that you can download through this [link](#).



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