TENTH SCIENTIFIC & ANNUAL MEETING

European Society of COLOPROCTOLOGY

DUBLIN
23-25 September 2015

Second Announcement

ABSTRACT DEADLINE DATE - SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015
EARLY REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2015

NEW FOR DUBLIN

Pre-congress workshops on Tuesday: Laparoscopic skills / Proctology operative skills course
Local excision in rectal cancer: a joint symposium with EAES (Friday)

Enhanced educational programme, with patient participation
Controversies in Crohn’s disease management – a collaboration with S-ECCO (Friday)

Earlier start on Wednesday 23 September, main sessions begin at 11:30
EBSQ Examinations will now take place on Friday (written) and Saturday (oral)

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## Meeting Overview

All activities take place at CCD unless otherwise indicated.

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Visit [www.escp.eu.com](http://www.escp.eu.com) for more information and to register online (from March 2015)

Early registration and accommodation deadline: **Friday 12 June 2015**

ESCP 2015, Dublin

We are delighted to invite you to attend ESCP’s 10th Scientific and Annual meeting at the fabulous Convention Centre Dublin (CCD), now in its 5th year. There is nowhere quite like Dublin, and this vibrant city, full of character, innovation and humour, is ready to welcome ESCP with open arms!

ESCP is dedicated to promoting and advancing the science, knowledge and practice of Coloproctology with high quality multidisciplinary annual clinical and scientific meetings. In addition to main sessions, our educational programme for younger surgeons, which was such a success in Barcelona, will be repeated. Further features to the educational programme have been introduced on Tuesday using facilities available to us at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, each of whom are kindly providing facilities and local organisation, together with local faculty - see page 5 for details. ESCP would like to thank Ethicon for their kind agreement to support these new workshops.

This year for the first time also, we introduce additional symposia through joint or collaborative initiatives with two Societies, a joint session with EAES (European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons) and a Crohn’s symposium designed in collaboration with S-ECCO; these are very exciting developments for the Society.

We are now approaching our 10th anniversary (January 2016) since ECCP and EACP merged, and our congress continues to grow in size and stature from year to year. Registration and hotel bookings will open in March 2015 and we encourage you to register early to take advantage of the best prices. Don’t forget to book your hotel and flights early too!

We look forward to welcoming you to the fair city of Dublin!

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ESCP President

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ESCP Programme Committee Chairman

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ESCP Secretary

Ronan O’Connell
ESCP Past President & Local Organiser

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Registration & Exhibition Open Hours:

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Congress Venue

The Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)

The CCD sits at the heart of Dublin’s city centre with excellent air, road, rail and sea connections - Dublin Airport being just 20 minutes away. The Centre is only a short distance from central areas such as Grafton Street, many superb restaurants, cafes and hotels, all within easy walking distance.

There are many excellent pedestrian links too between the North and South parts of the city’s docklands. The Sean O’Casey Bridge, located on City Quay on the south side and Custom House Quay on the north side, has made a huge difference to how people get around the city.

Accommodation

Deadline date:
Friday 12 June 2015 at 22:00 CET

You can book your hotel via the online booking form and rooms are available on a first-come-first served basis. Details of ESCP hotels will be available on the ESCP website from March 2015 with a map showing the hotel’s location and instructions on how to get to the CCD.

Accommodation Bookings

MCI Dublin (accommodation booking agent)
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E-mail: escp2015@mci-group.com

Special rates have been agreed with all ESCP official hotels. However, due to limited availability at Dublin hotels these rates are only valid for early bookings. Thereafter rates will be subject to availability at the time of booking and may increase significantly.

We STRONGLY recommend therefore that you book early in order to obtain your first choice of hotel.

Payment terms and conditions: full prepayment is required online at the time of booking; your booking will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Please read the accommodation terms and conditions before you book.

Key Dates

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015
Deadline for abstract submissions

FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2015
Hotel booking and payment deadline date
Deadline for early registration rate
Best rates for ESCP members end today!

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2015
Deadline for late registration rate
Higher rates apply for registrations after 16 September!
New Pre-Congress Educational Courses: Tuesday 22 September 2015

ESCP is delighted to introduce two pre-congress courses on Tuesday for the first time in Dublin which are designed primarily for trainees and young consultants.

Places are limited to 20 for each course; these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis by country (one place per country, a second place per country only if application levels permit) only to those who are also registered (and fully prepaid) for the main congress.

Registration cost: €100 for ESCP members, €120 for non-members. Reduced fees are available for candidates from countries eligible for reduced conference registration (please refer to list on page 8). Includes attendance, coffee breaks and a light lunch.

HOW TO BOOK:
Select the course you prefer when you register for the ESCP congress – this does not guarantee a place (no fee will be charged at this point); ensure you pay for your main registration fee at this time.

Applications will close on 31 March 2015 and will be reviewed by the Secretariat by order of receipt and country to ensure fair distribution of places across all ESCP member countries.

Confirmed places will be notified by e-mail; the charge will then be added to online registration and payment must be paid online within 7 days of notification.

Laparoscopic skills course
Supported by an educational grant from

Local faculty: Mr Dara Kavanagh, Mr Sean Martin

Location: Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, Clinical Skills Laboratory, 101 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2 (tel: +353 1 402 2100)

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Proctology operative skills course

Faculty: Prof Christoph Isbert, Course Director, Prof Ronan Cahill, Local Organiser

Location: Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Operative Skills Laboratory, Eccles Street, Dublin 7, Ireland (tel +353 1 803 2000)

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Call for Main Abstracts

Abstract Deadline Date: Saturday 9 May 2015

Abstracts on any topic in Coloproctology will be considered by the Programme Committee and may be selected for one of the following groups below.

Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 24 September. Presenters are given a total of 10 minutes, 7 to present and 3 for questions.

Group 2: free paper presentations will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts to be presented in parallel sessions. Free paper presenters are given a total of 10 minutes, 7 to present and 3 for questions.

Group 3: oral poster presentations will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts and will be presented in parallel sessions. Oral poster presenters are given a total of 5 minutes, 3 to present and 2 for questions; these are also allocated a poster board. Student posters are invited for the first time this year, and a session of 6 oral poster presentations is scheduled on Wednesday afternoon.

Group 4: lunchtime posters a further 90 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (45 on Thursday, 45 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion with appointed representatives of the Programme Committee.

Group 5: posters all other accepted abstracts should be prepared as posters (see www.escp.eu.com/dublin for board specifications and times of access). There will be no set poster session time, and posters are available to all delegates throughout the meeting.

Prizes for the winners of groups 1 and 4 will be awarded in the main auditorium; see programme for timings.

How to submit

Main abstract submissions should be no longer than 200 words. You will be required to use the on-screen form provided, and you will not be able to include diagrams or graphs.

Step 1: go to www.escp.eu.com/dublin and select the “abstracts” page

Step 2: click on the link to abstract submission

Step 3: register your details and await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user

Step 4: using the link provided, return to online submission

Step 5: enter your co-authors (in the order they should be printed) and your abstract (200 words maximum)

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the submission form. Please do NOT use upper case letters in the title of your abstract!

Timetable for abstracts

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Conference registration will be available to MAIN authors at the early registration rate until 31 August 2015. The early rate will not be available after this date. If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.
Call for New Trials Forum submissions

**Deadline Date: 9 May 2015**

**Date and time of session:**
**Thursday 24 September at 08:45 – 10:15**

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Research Committee chaired by Dion Morton.

**TO SUBMIT:**
Submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to [www.escp.eu.com/dublin](http://www.escp.eu.com/dublin) and select New Trials Forum submissions.

Submissions are invited relating to trials that are either **new OR ongoing** but which require further recruitment on a national or international basis. The best will be selected on merit for presentation of protocol during the session. Those selected will also be asked to provide a 200-word abstract for inclusion in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

The selected trials will be presented for review by a panel of Experts and a prize will be awarded for the best presentation.

Call for Video Surgery session submissions

**Deadline Date: 9 May 2015**

**Date and time of session:**
**Wednesday 23 September at 13:30 – 15:00**

Submissions are invited for consideration by the Website Committee chaired by Julius Orhalmi.

**TO SUBMIT:**
Submissions must be made using the online form available on the ESCP website. Please go to [www.escp.eu.com/dublin](http://www.escp.eu.com/dublin) and select Video Surgery submissions.

Enter the URL link for your video, together with a 200-word abstract. If your video is selected, the abstract will be published in a *Colorectal Disease* supplement available at the meeting.

A step-by-step guide to video submissions is provided on the submissions web-page.

Abstract prizes

Prizes are awarded for abstracts presented in three categories as follows:

- **Best of the Six Best** receives the opportunity to present their paper at the ASCRS meeting plus £600 (GBP) awarded by the BJS Society.
- **Best Lunchtime poster** receives a prize of €300 awarded by ESCP.
- **Best New Trial presentation** receives a prize of €200 awarded by ESCP.

Future ESCP congress dates

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*Venues from 2018 still to be announced*
ESCP Conference Registration Fees

Conference registration must be completed online via the ESCP website and paid by credit card. To register online, please visit www.escp.eu.com/dublin and select Registration.

Your data

All attendees are asked to note that details of registered delegates will be made available to participating exhibitors in the period leading up to the meeting. If you do not wish your details to be divulged at this point, please ensure you opt out during registration.

At the meeting, a QR code will be printed on the reverse side of your badge, giving you the option to present it to exhibitors, or not if you prefer.

ESCP represents a significant investment for companies whose support is very valuable and enables us to keep registration rates down (and lower!). Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Reduced Registration Fees

Following an appraisal of individual country economic reports, there are changes to the countries eligible for lower registration fees this year. Please note the following countries only are eligible:

- Albania
- Georgia
- Serbia
- Belarus
- Macedonia*
- Turkey
- Bosnia
- Moldova*
- Ukraine
- Bulgaria
- Montenegro*
- Egypt*
- Romania

* added in 2015

CPD Points

Please refer to the ESCP website for further details about CPD points. ESCP will be applying again through the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland.

Congress Language

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

Member Conference Rates

Best value conference rates are available if you are a member, and you register before the early deadline!

ESCP member conference rates are accessed by using a “coupon code”. All those subscribed when the system goes live will be notified. Anyone paying a subscription from that time will receive notification of the coupon code with e-mailed confirmation of membership. The coupon code should be entered on the screen immediately after you have entered your personal details.

Please note that member conference rates are not available to ESCP online-only or trial members. If you hold an online-only or a trial membership and you would like to benefit from reduced member conference rates, please upgrade your membership at www.escp.eu.com or contact the ESCP Secretariat.

To become an ESCP member, visit www.escp.eu.com/join. Please contact us at info@escp.eu.com or dial +44 131 624 6040 if you need further assistance.
# ESCP Conference Registration Fees

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The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (unless registered for one day only), a final programme* and abstract book*, welcome reception on Wednesday evening, a light lunch on Wednesday, full lunch on Thursday and Friday, and a certificate of attendance with CPD points (see opposite page).

Most Educational workshops are free of charge but you do need to SELECT ONLINE if you wish to attend.

The ESCP Executive have increased the number of complimentary registrations available to undergraduate medical students to 50 in total; applications are invited from those with a specific interest in coloproctology by email at info@escp.eu.com before 31 August 2015. Applicants must submit a letter from their head of faculty confirming their student status, together with a brief CV.

Conference registration cancellation: in the event of cancellation of registration up to 1 August 2015, an administrative charge of €50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1 August.

ESCP Conference App

We will be using a conference app this year that will be available in the period leading up to and at the event. Please check the ESCP website for further updates.

*If you prefer to go “less-paper” at the event, please indicate when you register by ticking “no” to final programme and/or abstract book.
## TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

### EDUCATIONAL: LAPAROSCOPIC SKILLS COURSE

The course will take place at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. See page 5 for details.

Faculty: Dara Kavanagh (Ireland), Sean Martin (Ireland)

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### EDUCATIONAL: PROCTOLOGY OPERATIVE SKILLS COURSE

The course will take place at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. See page 5 for details.

Faculty: Christoph Isbert (Germany), Ronan Cahill (Ireland)

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## WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

### EDUCATIONAL: 7th ANORECTAL AND PELVIC ULTRASOUND SEMINAR

Course directors: Anders Mellgren (USA), Giulio Santoro (Italy)

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To submit video or trials abstracts please visit [www.escp.eu.com/dublin](http://www.escp.eu.com/dublin). Deadline for submissions: Saturday 9 May 2015
Further details about videos and trials that have been selected will be available in the programme online from June 2015
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17:00 - 18:00 SYMPOSIUM: COMMON PROBLEMS IN PROCTOLOGY
Chairs: Alexander Herold (Germany), Juan Garcia Armengol (Spain)
- Idiopathic anal pain: Roger Robert (France)
- Dealing with complications after haemorrhoid surgery: Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy)
- Recurrent pilonidal sinus: Ethem Gecim (Turkey)

17:00 - 18:00 EDUCATIONAL: BEST PUBLICATIONS OF THE YEAR
Presentation and discussion of the last year’s 4 best papers and their clinical impact
Chair: Neil Mortensen (UK)
- Colon cancer, rectal cancer, benign colonic disease: Yury Shelygin (Russia)
- IBD, functional disease, proctology: Guillaume Meurette (France)

18:00 - 19:00 EDUCATIONAL: PATIENT PERSPECTIVES ON STOMA & TRANSPLANTATION
Chairs: Richard Brady (UK), Ronan O’Connell (Ireland)
- My five stomas: Christina O’Dwyer (Ireland)
- My transplant - can patients be innovators in coloproctology?: Michael Seres (UK)

18:00 - 19:00 FREE PAPERS
19:00 - 19:30 ORAL POSTERS
19:30 - 20:30 ESCP WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
07:30 - 08:45 ORAL POSTERS
07:30 - 10:15 EDUCATIONAL: TRAINEE VIDEO SESSION
Standardized step-by-step teaching videos
Chairs: Mike Parker (UK), Baljit Singh (UK)
- Left flarecture mobilisation: laparoscopic: Paul Neary (Ireland)
- Left flarecture mobilisation: open: Klaus Weber (Germany)
- Surgical approach to fissures: Bruno Roche (Switzerland)
- Laparoscopic incisional hernia repair: Bruce Tulloh (UK)
- Tips and tricks in ileoanal pouch creation: Antonino Spinelli (Italy)
- Tips and tricks in colon pouch creation: Yann Parc (France)
- First aid toolkit for anal fistula: David Zimmerman (Netherlands)
- Sphincteroplasty: José Roig (Spain)

08:45 - 10:15 NEW TRIALS FORUM
Presentation and review of new trials in the ESCP
Chair: Dion Morton (UK)
New trials presentations: three proposals reviewed by an Expert panel - Trials will be selected in June 2015 and available on the ESCP website from that time. A €200 prize will be awarded for the winning proposal as judged by our Experts.
Participating Experts will be announced closer to the meeting on the ESCP website www.escp.eu.com
Guidelines synthesis: evidence based guideline recommendations on cytoreductive surgery and HIPEC for peritoneal carcinomatosis of colorectal cancer origin: Pieter Tanis (Netherlands)

08:45 - 09:45 ETHICON SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
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We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin for the 10th Anniversary of ESCP Scientific & Annual Meeting 23rd to 25th of September 2015

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10:15 - 10:45  THE ABRAHAM COLLES KEYNOTE LECTURE: HIRSCHSPRUNG’S DISEASE AND VARIANTS
Chair: Ronan O’Connell (Ireland)  
Speaker: Prem Puri (Ireland)  
Awarded by Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland

10:45 - 11:45  LONG COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45  MEDTRONIC SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

10:45 - 12:45  EDUCATIONAL: TRAINEE ROUND TABLE SESSION
For trainees only: case presentations and table discussion with Experts
Chair: Pierpaolo Sileri (Italy)
Case presentations:
- Haemorrhoidal disease  Alexander Herold (Germany)
- Diverticulitis  Sebastiano Biondo (Spain)
Participating Experts will be announced closer to the meeting on the ESCP website www.escp.eu.com

11:45 - 12:45  SYMPOSIUM: PALLIATIVE SURGICAL CARE
Chairs: Hartwig Karner (Norway), Søren Laurberg (Denmark)
Palliative surgical care: content, credibility and challenges in daily practice  Geoffrey P Dunn (USA)
Palliative surgery in colorectal cancer – what is the evidence?  Helgi Kjartan Sigurdsson (Iceland)
Research in palliative care – what can surgeons learn?  Stein Kaasa (Norway)

12:45 - 13:15  KEYNOTE LECTURE: IS ROBOTIC SURGERY HYPE, OR THE NEXT BEST THING IN COLORECTAL SURGERY?
Chair: Mike Parker (UK)  
Speaker: Andrea Coratti (Italy)  
Supported by Colorectal Disease

13:15 - 14:30  LONG LUNCH/EXHIBITION/ POSTERS/ LUNCHTIME POSTERS

13:15 - 14:30  EDUCATIONAL: WORKSHOP FOR AUTHORS: HOW TO WRITE A PAPER
Chairs: Anna Martling (Sweden), Katherine Gash (UK)
How to get research funded  Dion Morton (UK)
How to publish research  John Nicholls (UK)
Critical appraisal of submissions  Neil Mortensen (UK)

13:30 - 14:30  FRANKENMAN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

14:30 - 16:00  THE SIX BEST AND VISITING FELLOW FREE PAPERS
Chairs: Yury Shelygin (Russia), Stefan Post (Germany)
The Six Best Papers
Presentations will be available on the ESCP website from June 2015.

International Visiting Fellow Free Papers
- Korean Visiting Fellow: the prognostic factors of lymph node status in colorectal cancer patient received inadequate lymph node evaluation; factors of LN harvest in colorectal cancer, and the effect of government surgical quality assessment service  In Kyu Lee
- ASCRS Visiting Fellow  Speaker confirmed May 2015
- Japanese Visiting Fellow  Speaker confirmed March 2015

Further details about this session will be updated on the ESCP Website in the coming months

16:00 - 16:25  COFFEE BREAK
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16:00 - 17:15  **EDUCATIONAL: INTERACTIVE TRAINEE WORKSHOP**

Interactive case presentations
Chair: Filippo La Torre (Italy)

**Topics:**
- Rectal bleeding  Klaus Matzel (Germany)
- Postoperative sepsis  Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland)
- Acute perianal sepsis  Baljit Singh (UK)

16:25 - 16:40  **ESCP FELLOWSHIPS UPDATE**

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Chairs: Ronan O’Connell (Ireland), Harald Rosen (Austria)

16:40 - 17:40  **FREE PAPERS**

16:40 - 17:40  **COVIDIEN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

17:40 - 18:10  **ASCRS KEYNOTE LECTURE: POST-OPERATIVE ILEUS: DECREASING THE RISK**

Chair: Yury Shelygin (Russia)
Speaker: Charles Littlejohn (USA)

18:10 - 18:45  **ESCP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

20:00  **ESCP DINNER AT TRINITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN - see details on page 21**

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**FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**

08:00 - 09:00  **SYMPOSIUM: AIN AND ANAL MALIGNANCY**

Chairs: Lars Påhlman (Sweden), Per J Nilsson (Sweden)
Pathological spectrum of anal neoplasia  Marianna Berho (USA)
AIN  Daniel Dindo (Switzerland)
Salvage surgery for anal cancer  Evgeny Rybakov (Russia)

08:00 - 08:45  **ORAL POSTERS**

09:00 - 09:30  **KEYNOTE LECTURE: MINIMALLY INVASIVE COMPLETE MESOCOLIC EXCISION**

Chair: Torbjörn Holm (Sweden)
Speaker: Seon-Hahn Kim (South Korea)
Supported by a grant from BJS

09:30 - 09:45  **ESCP HONORARY MEMBER AWARDS**

09:45 - 09:50  **ESCP SIX BEST PAPERS AND BEST NEW TRIAL PRESENTATION AWARDS**

09:50 - 10:50  **ESCP/EAES SYMPOSIUM: LOCAL EXCISION IN RECTAL CANCER, WHEN AND HOW?**

Chairs: Stefan Post (Germany), Mario Morino (Italy)
Indications, how far can we go?  Giovanni Romano (Italy)
ESD  Speaker to be confirmed
TEM, TEO or TAMIS?  Victor Tomulescu (Romania)
EPMR (endoscopic partial mesorectal excision)  Andreas Zerz (Switzerland)

09:50 - 10:50  **SYMPOSIUM: CONTROVERSIES IN CROHN’S DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

Chairs: Willem Bemelman (Netherlands), Neil Mortensen (UK)
Medical therapy after ‘curative’ ileocaecal resection: what’s new?  Speaker to be confirmed
New surgical approaches in Crohn’s anal and rectovaginal fistulas  Omar Faiz (UK)
New surgical techniques for Crohn’s (joint lecture)  Willem Bemelman (Netherlands), André D’Hoore (Belgium)
10:50 - 11:15 | COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:00 | COVIDIEN SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

11:15 - 12:00 | ORAL POSTERS

12:00 - 12:30 | KEYNOTE LECTURE: BOWEL PREPARATION FOR COLORECTAL SURGERY REVISITED
Chair: Oded Zmora (Israel)
Speaker: Yves Panis (France)

12:30 - 13:30 | LUNCH/EXHIBITION/ POSTERS/ LUNCHTIME POSTERS

12:30 - 13:30 | SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

13:30 - 14:30 | SYMPOSIUM: ULCERATIVE COLITIS
Chairs: Andre D’Hoore (Belgium), Adam Dziki (Poland)
Update on pathogenesis and medical treatment Glen Doherty (Ireland)
Timing of surgery Goran Barisic (Serbia)
Long-term morbidity and functional outcome Steven Wexner (USA)

14:30 - 16:00 | CONSULTANTS’ CORNER
Facilitators: Emmanuel Tiret (France), Tom Øresland (Norway)
Panel: Sergey Achkasov (Russia), Koutarou Maeda (Japan), Gabriella Möslein (Germany), Béla Teleky (Austria), Claudio Wainstein (Chile), Steven Wexner (USA), Evaghelos Xynos (Greece)

16:00 | LUNCHTIME POSTER AWARD

16:02 | CLOSING CEREMONY

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EBSQ Examinations

EBSQ examinations will be held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 September 2015. The timetable is provisionally as follows:

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**Individual oral examinations**

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ESCP is pleased to support those who pass the exam by providing one free year of membership with ESCP, and recognition as “ESCP Fellows” (2015 onwards).

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About Dublin

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland and the greater Dublin area is home to over a third of Ireland’s population. Dublin sits on the shores of Dublin Bay and the River Liffey runs through the centre of the city.

The city is a blend of historical churches and cathedrals, Georgian squares and townhouses, castles and monuments together with grand new hotels, shopping centres and stunning new street architecture. Dublin’s origins date back to Viking times and the city’s main historical attraction is the Book of Kells housed in Trinity College. Dublin is a UNESCO city of literature and has also been home to many literary luminaries including four Nobel Laureates - George Bernard Shaw, W.B. Yeats, Seamus Heaney and Samuel Beckett. The Temple Bar area remains the city’s hub for cultural arts, restaurants and bars. Other attractions include the Guinness Storehouse, Old Jamieson Distillery, Kilmainham Gaol and The Casino at Marino, a small perfect example of neo-classical architecture.

Dublin Weather

Dublin has a temperate maritime climate of cool summers and mild winters. Although it does rain in Dublin, the city sits in a rain shelter so sees half as much rain as the wetter west coast of Ireland. Dublin does not see temperate extremes and September temperatures are usually between 10 – 17°C. Rainfall is fairly even throughout the year and September will usually see 11 – 12 days of rain, so be prepared with your umbrella!

Money

The official currency used in Ireland is the Euro (€).

Banks

Opening hours are generally Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 16:00, with later opening on Thursday when banks close at 17:00.
## Evening Events

### Wednesday 23 September
Welcome drinks reception at CCD

**Time:** 19:30 - 20:30

**Cost:** Included for delegates. Additional tickets - €25 (early)/ €30 (late or onsite, if available).

All delegates are invited to attend this event which is included in the registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased online if you wish to bring a guest.

The event will take place in the exhibition area following the close of conference sessions. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner after the reception. A list of recommended restaurants in Dublin can be obtained from the Information Desk.

### Thursday 24 September
ESCP dinner at Trinity College

**Time:** 20:00

**Cost:** ticket price €110 (early) €120 (late and onsite, if available)

We are delighted to have the opportunity to experience one of the most famous and elegant buildings in the city for our meal together, at **Trinity College**, part of the University of Dublin, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. The College was modelled on the collegiate universities of Oxford and of Cambridge, but, unlike these, only one college was ever established. It is one of the seven ancient universities of Britain and Ireland as well as Ireland’s oldest university.

Originally established outside the city walls of Dublin in the buildings of the dissolved Augustinian Priory of All Hallows, Trinity College is now surrounded by Dublin and centrally located on College Green, just 10 minutes’ walk from CCD and most of ESCP’s official hotels.

We will dine in the magnificent 18th century Dining Hall, and yet as usual, our evening will be distinctly informal, a good chance to catch up with friends, and enjoy good food with discrete Irish background entertainment. Fine food and wine, and NO long speeches are guaranteed!

**Ticket price includes:** a welcome drink, 3-course dinner with coffee and 1/2 bottle of wine per person. Trinity College is easily reached on foot from all central Dublin hotels and you are asked to make your own way there.
Dublin Travel Information

Dublin has excellent air links with the rest of Europe with direct flights from many European cities.

You can find information and search flight routes at www.dublinairport.com – select Flight Information and then Destinations & Airlines.

Travel between airport and city

Dublin International airport is 10 km north of Dublin and 11 km from the CCD.

AIRPORT BUS - the Airlink 747 service between the airport and Dublin city centre runs from 06:00 to 23:30 (airport > Dublin) and from 05:00 to 23:30 (Dublin > airport) every day. Buses leave every 15 – 20 minutes and the trip takes around 30 minutes. The Airlink 747 stops at the Spencer Hotel a few minutes’ walk from the CCD. The price of a one way ticket is €6 and a return ticket is €10 (correct at time of printing).

TAXI FROM AIRPORT TO CCD - the trip takes approximately 15-20 minutes although during rush-hour can be longer. Fares change according to the time of day but all taxi drivers must comply with the officially established fare timetable and the average fare is €25.00. The new tunnel can be used to speed up the journey during peak hours, for which there is an additional toll charge, and taxi drivers can provide information when you begin your journey as to whether this might be advantageous.

Further up to date information about airport transfer services is available at www.dublinairport.com – select To & from the Airport.

Getting around Dublin

GETTING TO CCD FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTRE - Dublin is a relatively compact city and it is possible to walk from St Stephen’s Green to the CCD in 30 minutes. You can also reach the CCD by bus (using the 33X, 142 or 747 bus alighting at North Wall Quay, Convention Centre) and by the Luas Red Line tram, alighting at the Mayor Square or Spencer Dock tram stop.

TAXIS - official (licensed) Dublin taxis display a large yellow and blue roof-sign and door signage. The illuminated roof light indicates that it’s available for hire. A 15 minute journey will cost from €10.00, dependent on the time of day and traffic conditions. Licensed taxis must charge you the amount displayed on the meter; rates will be displayed inside the cab. Only a few taxis have facilities for credit/debit card transactions.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT - the city has an excellent public transport network across bus and tram routes. Further up to date information about Dublin’s public transport services can be found at www.dublinbus.ie/en and www.luas.ie.

If you are intending to use public transport it is well worth obtaining a ‘Leap Card’ which can be used across buses, trams and trains. It can be loaded for pay-as-you-go travel or purchase unlimited travel for 72 hours, one advantage is that you don’t have to carry a pocket full of change! Further information is available at www.leapcard.ie.

BUSES - there’s also a clean and efficient bus service. Most buses go to and from the city centre, with less radial services. As Dublin has no central bus station, most buses stop in central areas including O’Connell Street, Dame Street, Nassau Street. Buses require the correct change and do not accept Euro notes or provide change. Tell the driver where you want to go and they will be able to tell you the fare.

TRAMS (LUAS) - In Dublin this service is called ‘Luas’ and trams can be spotted around the city - they are silver and travel at about the same speed as a car. Dublin’s tram system operates on two lines (the Red Line and the Green Line) however it can be a great way to get around the city. Single or return journey tickets can be purchased and the journey must be completed within 90 minutes’ of purchasing the ticket.

If you are booking a hotel via MCI, you will find details on ESCP’s website about how to get there using public transport from either the airport or the CCD, go to www.escp.eu.com/dublin and select Accommodation for further details.
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From: Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education, Minsk, Belarus.
Visiting: Leicester General Hospital, United Kingdom under the direction of Mr Sanjay Chaudhri

I would like to thank the ESCP for this great opportunity to visit the colorectal unit at the University Hospitals of Leicester. I arrived here on the 6th January 2015.

During my short time here so far, I have seen interesting cases including laparoscopic resections and extralevator APER. I have also seen modern methods of treatment of anal fistula, haemorrhoids, fissures etc and robotic colorectal surgery. I have had the opportunity to see an enhanced recovery program and day case surgery both of which I hope to introduce in my hospital on my return.

Along with my professional development, I have a unique chance to meet and chat with great people and live in a beautiful city. I can see this amazing country with its ancient culture and traditions. I would like to express my gratitude to my supervisor Dr. Chaudhri for his support and help here in the UK and the new knowledge which he has generously shared with me.

NICOLETTA SVEVA PIPITONE FEDERICO
From: Ospedale Santa Croce, Cuneo, Italy
Visiting: Kantonsspital St.Gallen, Switzerland under the direction of Dr Lukas Marti

Thanks to the ESCP I am having a great experience here at Kantonsspital in St. Gallen, working alongside the coloproctology team directed by Dr. Lukas Marti.

Everybody gave me a very nice welcome and since the first day I have been taking part in surgical activity in the operating room; assisting Dr. Marti or working by myself under colleagues’ supervision. I am helping with outpatient consultations, attending the daily team meeting and discussing pelvic floor diseases with the interesting multidisciplinary staff.

My placement has been really useful and stimulating, everyday I am learning new things and see new surgical techniques and different approaches that I can discuss and learn from my tutor and colleagues (TME down-to up with double équipe, laparoscopic colporectopexie with mesh, flap for sinus pilonidale etc.). I have the chance to experience different surgical disciplines here in Switzerland, though it is not so far from the Italian one, and I am sure that at the end of my Fellowship, I will have grown professionally.

SEBASTIAN SMOLAREK
From: Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland
Visiting: University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy under the direction of Prof Pierpaolo Sileri

I am honored to be one of the recipients of 2014/15 sponsored ESCP Fellowships.

I am spending three months at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, working under the supervision of Prof Pierpaolo Sileri. During my stay I have the chance to observe, learn and get hands-on experience with a variety of colorectal surgical diseases. I am learning new tips and tricks of laparoscopic surgery as well as different techniques for the treatment of rectal prolapse. I have also had chance to be involved in academic research projects.

I would like to express my gratitude to Prof Pierpaolo Sileri and Prof Luana Franceschilli who have made my stay both educational and enriching. I would like to also thank ESCP and Medtronic and Ethicon for this grant as well as my department for allowing me to leave for three months. I believe that The European Society of Coloproctology Surgical Fellowship will be an exceptional addition to my surgical training.

To find out more about upcoming ESCP fellowship opportunities and other ESCP Educational activities, visit www.escp.eu.com/education