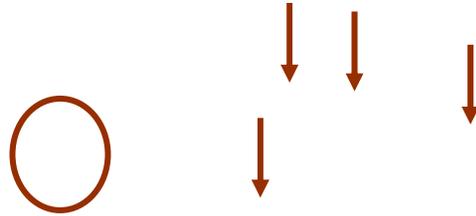


**ESID Juniors WP-Proposal**

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The Working Party was born in **2004** after the last ESID meeting in Versailles

The idea to have a Junior group within ESID rose during the **ESID Summer School 2003** in Portugal. We wished to have the chance to continue the **spirit, education** and **opportunities** of the ESID Summer School and take it home to our daily work.

The main **aim** was to establish a working party for young people (up to the age of **35 yrs**) to create a platform for discussion and encourage the '*Juniors*' to become **actively involved** ESID members (**E**ducation, **S**ociability, **I**nteraction and **D**iscussion!)

**To be actively involved in ESID activities**

**To share problems that occur in daily work**

**To improve teaching/learning on both clinical and bench side**

**To stimulate exchange among foreign countries with different experience**

## To be actively involved in ESID activities

Try to develop specific activities and promotions to support and to increase the influence of the younger members:

- Define the **organizational structure** of ESID Juniors.
- Elect an **ESID junior representative** in each **ESID WP**
- Be involved in planning the **organization** of ESID Summer School and educational day at the ESID conference.
- Arrange **informal sessions** within meetings aimed to promote the work of ESID Juniors and to facilitate contacts between the members.
- Promote **outstanding poster presentations prize awards**

## To share problems that occur in daily work

Promote better communication among the Juniors as well as contacts between the Juniors and Seniors with the goal of improving and standardizing education level

- Encourage use of **ESID web-site**/Improve of the **ESID Juniors section** through development of a '**bulletin board**' where Juniors can communicate each other and the Board members posting their "every day troubles"
- More **interactive poster sessions** during ESID meetings, held independently from the main sessions and symposia. It might be interesting to have a young "**corner for crazy ideas**" where you can present a different viewpoint or idea as well as a "**corner for negative results**" where you can present those interesting negative results which can never be published.

## To improve teaching/learning on both clinical and bench side

Enhance the use of web tools, look for funding opportunities, help to be able to attend European meetings....

- On the **web**: lectures, images, X-rays, pictures, schemes, diagnostic charts and guidelines etc.
- Look for **resources**: grants for young investigators to promote collaboration studies among researchers from different countries.
- Organize **every year** educational **spring/winter schools** (in addition to Summer schools) and/or **symposia** on specific topics for all ESID junior members. I would be nice to be able to '**bridge the gap**' between clinical and basic immunology.
- Help to be able to attend European meetings: more **travel grants** opportunity available for juniors members and efforts to **decrease Congress fee** for Juniors with accepted abstract.
- Summer school attendees **follow-up**: organize within ESID meetings **ESID juniors educational session**, a sort a Junior Forum -with Faculty members- where Juniors can verify and put into practice what learned (i.e. educational exercises such as poster presentations, oral presentations etc.) and where practical topics on 'how to write a paper' or 'how to give a presentation' are covered.

## To stimulate exchange among foreign countries with different experience

Look for fellowship and funding to promote visits and collaborations of young trainee within European countries and 'neighbors'....

- More availability of **different type of fellowships** for different type of exchanging programs, for example:
  - 20 000 € for 1 year fellowships
  - 10 000 € for 6 months fellowships
  - 5000 € for establishing collaborations and shorter visits
- Try to get the **pharmaceutical companies** involved

**Any suggestions?**

- Short-term stays (2-4 weeks)
- List of institutions willing to accept trainees
- Collaboration founded by EU money
- Use of electronic noticeboard, email discussion group on ESID webpage
- Advertisement of research projects
- Photobook
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