

# EAN News



Photograph courtesy of Rachel Merrick, UKFETP Cohort 2021, taken while on deployment with GOARN to the WHO Country Office in Kenya

## Editorial

Dear EAN friends,

As winter approaches, we are delighted to bring you this edition of the EAN newsletter! So much has been going on within the network in the last few months and we have lots to share with you. This is a pivotal time of year for the network as Cohort 2021 graduates, we welcome incoming fellows from Cohort 2023, and preparation for ESCAIDE is in full swing. We also share plans to celebrate the very special occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EUPHEM!

In this edition of the EAN newsletter, you will:

- **Hear about our plans for ESCAIDE 2023**, including network favourites such as Career Compass, Bar Camp, competitions for best photo and best oral presentation.
- Read about the **EAN Mini Module on Molecular Epidemiology** that will take place in **Barcelona pre-ESCAIDE on Monday 20 November from 09:00 until Tuesday 21 November at 12:00**.
- Learn about our preparations for **EUPHEM 15 celebrations** to take place during ESCAIDE.
- Welcome the **incoming cohort of 2023** and say **good luck to graduating fellows of 2021 and stay in touch with EAN!**
- Meet **Aftab Jasir/ Schalen** as she shares her experience of developing and evolving the EUPHEM programme and her vision for the future as she retires from ECDC.
- Meet **Vera Manageiro** from Cohort 2021 who will share her experience of epidemiological surveillance at two mass gatherings, the Andanças and BOOM festivals, in Portugal.
- Read about two papers recently published in *Eurosurveillance*, in which the results of the **EAN Member Survey of 2021** are reported, and also a **perspective on the future of field epidemiology**, that evolved from discussions at the celebration of EPIET 25+ last year.

- Learn about upcoming training including Go.Data with Go.Data / GOARN and the Information Webinar with **MSF & EAN**
- **Learn how to apply to join the EAN board!**

Enjoy the newsletter and hopefully see you all at ESCAIDE!

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## Word from the president

Dear EAN friends and colleagues,

It's already been 15 years since EUPHEM was established with the hopes and aspirations to create a European workforce of Public Health Microbiologists and a strong network and link with Field Epidemiologists! A group of motivated and inspired people, under the leadership of ECDC, put together the scientific content and the administrative work needed, and initiated the first EUPHEM cohort in 2008. That cohort comprised of two fellows that over the years became many more!

Last year, during the EPIET 25+ Years event, we started celebrating EUPHEM's birthday, but since we like to find happy occasions, we continue the festivities! So, in the EAN we are organising a series of events to honour the EUPHEM fellows and alumni and all the people who contributed to make this programme real and successful: the ECDC fellowship office, coordinators, secretaries and the "hidden" people that we usually don't see or hear about them but who without them the fellowship wouldn't be the same! This EAN Newsletter Summer/Autumn 2023 Edition is dedicated to them!

In this edition, we are saying farewell to Cohort 2021 fellows and welcome to the alumni family and we also say a big warm welcome to the fellows of the new Cohort 2023! Many of us will meet them in ESCAIDE, taking place this year in beautiful Barcelona. Of course, during that time we will be organising the usual peri-ESCAIDE events including the EAN mini-module on Molecular Epidemiology and the EAN annual General Assembly where four new Board members will be elected (president, treasurer, secretary, general member). We would love to have new people with fresh ideas, from newer and older cohorts that will bring both recent experiences and the historical memory of the Network.

My own time as a President of the EAN is coming to an end, after two full and wonderful years! Being part of the Board and representing the EAN was a big honour. I am grateful for working together with the other Board members, they are such a great and inspiring team! Looking back, when I first started, it was the beginning of the post-COVID19 period and in the EAN we began to get back to the traditional face-to-face activities like the mini-modules (GIS, Media and Infodemic Management, upcoming Molecular Epidemiology), social events, F2F Board meetings (Majorca, Paris) and peri-ESCAIDE activities leading to the EPIET 25+ Years celebration event in Stockholm. As a consequence of this event, and in celebrating the World Field Epidemiology Day 2023, we saw in Eurosurveillance the publication of a Perspective attempting an interpretation of the outcomes of the discussions we had on the future of intervention epidemiology (session 3). In the same Issue, we also saw the publication of another Perspective presenting the results of our 2021 membership survey.

Going back to face-to-face doesn't mean that we did not keep some of the good habits developed during the pandemic. So we continued the online courses (R-training) and webinars (Health inequalities, Xenomonitoring and surveillance, High level isolation unit) and we have more upcoming (Go.Data, EAN & MSF Field Epidemiology, Digital EUPHEM Career Compass).

Recently, we welcomed MediPIET fellows in the EAN for the duration of their fellowship, with the same rights as the other fellows of our association and until their Median association is created. We kept on seeing them in the different fellowship modules we were facilitating and the EAN social events they were joining, and how connected they were to the other fellows, so we started considering them part of the family [👨‍👩‍👧‍👦](#).

Speaking on fellows, in the past two years we continued working very closely with ECDC, the Fellowship office, Training Site Forum (TSF) and the fellows' representatives on supporting the Fellowship and the fellows. The other Board members and myself are participating in the various Working Groups and Committees (e.g. Curricular Revision, International Assignments, Selection Committee, ESCAIDE Scientific Committee, etc.), attending various regular and ad-hoc meetings (e.g. TSF, monthly supervisors, Head of Fellowship) regular meetings and facilitating during the modules (e.g. Introductory Course, RAS, etc.). Working with the fellows and their representatives and meeting regularly, we rolled out the Mentorship Programme and developed the Cohort Representative Discussion Guide. Many of the issues raised by the fellows were discussed during various meetings.

A latest development is the participation of the EAN in the kick off meeting of the Global Field Epidemiology Partnership, a new initiative that brings together FETPs, national and international health organisations, NGOs, academia, and other stakeholders to strengthen and support field epidemiology and its workforce worldwide. The EAN will be part of this Partnership and will advocate on behalf of our Network and of the FETP alumni in general.

Being in the EAN Board required some hard work, but it has been a very rewarding experience to actively participate in the life of the network and to further our activities!

Looking forward to seeing you at ESCAIDE!

Iro, on behalf of the EAN Board\*



\*Iro, Jane, Laura, Dorothée, Charlotte, Max, Justine, Stine & Alma



## Welcome to Cohort 2023!

This year we are especially happy to welcome the new fellows of MediPIET to EAN for the duration of their fellowship and having the status and rights of a “fellow” as described in the EAN Statutes. This is a decision of the EAN Board (27 June 2023) following a survey among the active EAN members that in their vast majority agreed to the proposal.

Dear Fellows of EPIET, EUPHEM, UK-FETP, PAE, Norwegian FETP and MediPIET, we are very excited to welcome you within the EAN! And to wish you a wonderful fellowship in the next 2 years, full of new learning, interesting experiences and the creation of long-lasting friendships!

In the EAN, we are here to support you and hear about your experiences during the fellowship as well as the opportunities and challenges you face. We are also here to offer you a warm family, a strong network and a variety of training and career offers! And to receive your inputs, ideas, time and energy in defining, designing and delivering the traditional and - hopefully - new activities for our Network.

You have already met some of the EAN Board members during your interviews and at the introductory course. During ESCAIDE you will have the opportunity to meet the rest of the Board as well as many of the alumni and members of our Network. We have already shared a survey with you via Google Form, to elicit **your interest in joining EAN** and to **provide your consent to allow us to contact you** (a GDPR requirement). This will allow us to share with you all the exciting EAN initiatives that are ongoing. If you haven't already completed the form, please do so as soon as possible, or contact us at [EANBoard@gmail.com](mailto:EANBoard@gmail.com) if you want to receive EAN communications. In the meantime, we will be in contact with your cohort representatives to arrange regular meetings with them to hear about issues concerning fellows and where we can support you.

Additionally, you can contact us anytime via our [email](#) or via any of the other EAN platforms: [Website](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts. **If you have not done so yet please join our [Discord](#)**. It is a forum to connect, exchange and discuss information within the network. We wish you the very best for your fellowship and look forward to meeting you soon at ESCAIDE.

## Congratulations to cohort 2021!

Our dear Cohort 2021, it has already been two years since you started the fellowship and time passes by, for some quickly for some others less. We do hope that this fellowship met the most important of your expectations and that during this time you gained new knowledge and developed more expertise in field epidemiology and public health microbiology; you created new bonds and relationships with a group of people that will accompany you in your professional and personal life. We also hope that you felt part of the EAN family and that the Board and the Network supported you in our capacity to do so.

As the Board of the EPIET Alumni Network (EAN), and on behalf of the whole network, we would like to warmly congratulate you on completing your fellowship! And to welcome you again, and now, formally as alumni with full membership rights to our EAN family.



*Graduating Cohorts of 2021: Graduates of EPIET, EUPHEM, PAE, Norwegian FETP, MediPIET*

As Fellows, you've been non-fee-paying members of the EAN. Now as Alumni, you are eligible to join the EAN as full (active) members, i.e., with voting rights and with access rights to all EAN's activities. As a non-member, you will still receive some communications from us, but

less frequently and you will not have access to the Weekly Bulletin, reduced prices and priority for EAN training and courses.

[Renewing your membership is easy and you can do it through our website](#). If you decide not to become a paying member, do not worry, you can always come back anytime you want to and start paying your membership prospectively only.



*Graduating Cohorts of 2021: Graduates of UK FETP*

**How can you support EAN?** There are plenty of activities where your input and availability are very welcome: the newsletter is always open to contributors and editors, mini-modules on your favourite topics can be organised with the support of the EAN Board, and new ideas to foster and strengthen the network can be implemented together.

Reach out to us to make it happen! If there is anything you would like to raise with the Board, just approach us, we would be happy to hear from you. We hope to see you at ESCAIDE and celebrate your graduation together!

## Interview with Aftab Jasir/Schalen, former Head of EUPHEM and Principal Expert in Public Health Microbiology training, ECDC

**For many EUPHEM but also for EPIET fellows Aftab Jasir/ Schalen has been a constant factor of the Fellowship Programme despite all changes happening around us. This year, Aftab is retiring from ECDC. She has worn different hats in the fellowship programme through many years, keeping its core consistent over time.**

**With dedication and vigour Aftab has shaped the EUPHEM programme and the EAN would like to know her journey with her own words, celebrating her achievements together.**

**EAN: Tell us about yourself. How did it all start for you and what led you to EUPHEM?**

**Aftab:** More than 30 years ago I moved to Sweden after already having obtained two bachelor's degrees (Educational psychology and Biology), a master in Histology and a PhD in Pathology. However, I had to restart from the beginning, studying at Lund University (LU) population genetics and medicine. I finally received a PhD in Epidemiology in collaboration with the UK Health Security Agency (at the time Health Protection Agency). This opened the door for applying for a grant from the EU on enhanced surveillance of Invasive group A streptococcal infections in Europe (Strep EURO) which was successful both in terms of the project but also in building a strong network across Europe. For the dissertation of one of my last PhD students which was part of the EU project, prof. Karl Ekdal was selected by the faculty to be opponent. He gave an impressive presentation about ECDC and encouraged me to apply which I did and was selected at the Microbiology section. Shortly thereafter, the Head of Section for training at the time asked me to work with the development of EUPHEM which was a pilot and part of ENIVD network and by the end of the same year I was fully transferred to the training section to establish EUPHEM.

**EAN: When did you join the EUPHEM family and what were your main roles and responsibilities over the years?**

**Aftab:** My role was to develop the objectives, core competencies and scientific guide and all related tools. Obviously, I was only a promoter, and the work was supported by many people. In addition, I participated in the selection of the fellows in collaboration with the training sites representatives. It was a demanding task but after one year, EUPHEM was established. Finally, following an evaluation, the pilot phase was ended and in 2012 EUPHEM became a programme as part of the ECDC training section.

**EAN: What would you consider your main achievements and successes during your time in EUPHEM?**

**Aftab:** I do not believe in achievements of such a huge work residing on only one person. It requires help and guidance from many people including fellows. Looking back, I see that the biggest achievement was that we bridged EPIET and EUPHEM together. Making it mandatory for EUPHEM to have an epidemiology supervisor was one of the key elements to this achievement and it was not easy in the beginning. In addition, EUPHEM inspired the US CDC to establish a similar programme using EUPHEM core competencies as well as Global Laboratory Leadership (GLLP) which is designed to be towards one health. I was quite involved in the development of the core competencies of the programme using EUPHEM curriculum as a basis for the development of GLLP with 6 partners from different disciplines.

**EAN: What were the main challenges you faced and what did you do to overcome them?**

**Aftab:** To be frank the entire process was full of challenges. I had a huge passion for the work and might initially have overlooked the first step of teamwork which is building trust. I had the competency and the passion but was pushing too hard to ensure success of the

programme. I owe it to two people (Viviane Bremer and Arnold Bosman) in addition to the wise members of the training site forum (TSF) to remind me and direct me in regaining trust. Subsequently, working with the programme became much easier.

**EAN: Which is YOUR favourite module? And is there a module you miss from the curriculum?**

**Aftab:** I like all the modules, each having their defined purpose. In particular, I appreciated the Introductory Course (IC) very much since it offered the first opportunity to get to know the fellows and the new supervisors and learn (teach?) together. Though certainly I liked the Management, Leadership and Communication modules, the IC remained my favourite.

**EAN: What do you think is the role of EUPHEM in shaping European Public Health?**

**Aftab:** EUPHEM was a first step towards a multisectoral interaction to protect the health of the human population. Today, One Health is the most debated subjects but at the time we were working on a consensus about what is Public Health Microbiology (PHM); it was already agreed that PHM is a cross cutting area that includes human, veterinary, food and environment microbiology, evidently in close collaboration with epidemiology. Hence, I have always encouraged the training sites to consider collaborations with other sectors when designing projects for the fellows. EUPHEM fellows and alumni have and will contribute to providing more accurate and advanced microbiological data in order to respond to communicable diseases in collaboration with epidemiologists.



This will also provide better evidence for decision makers. During COVID pandemic we learned that laboratories were essential to develop and adapt tests, provide quick answers on positive cases and tracking the contacts. As mentioned above I do hope that the programme will provide sufficient and up to date laboratory techniques to the fellows to be able to speed the response to similar events.

**EAN: How do you see the future of EUPHEM and of the Fellowship Programme in general?**



**Aftab:** From the beginning, I wished for our Fellowship to keep the core of curriculum but adapt to the changes that are happening in the world in terms of climate change and mobilities, new technologies which gradually require more advanced tools and new core competencies. However, I do also hope that learning by doing will always stay as a key pillar of the Programme.

**EAN:** Tell us about some moments from EUPHEM that you will never forget.

**Aftab:** Once again, my memories are not only from EUPHEM but both paths. In my last bilateral meeting with our Director, she reminded me about last November and the graduation ceremony when I got from all the EU and MediPIET training sites (TS) such a wonderful appreciation, receiving a ledger from the fellows and a massive number of gifts from the 33 TS and fellows. Everything started with EUPHEM but ended by seeing all together. Hence, I will enjoy remembering that evening.

**EAN:** What advice would you give to EUPHEM fellows and alumni?

**Aftab:** I am not in the position to give advice but sharing my humble opinion and experience. In this regard, I wish our fellows and ALUMNI not to forget that our work is not only a career or job path but, it is a mission to protect the health of the people, everybody thereby to be proud of their work.

**EAN:** What are your plans for the future?

**Aftab:** I had a preliminary communication with different teams at Lund University for teaching. People have been on summer vacation, and we have not yet discussed specifics. However, I intend to gather relevant partners in the Skåne region to which Lund belongs, to possibly create a TS. However, this is a large task and needs thinking, gaining trust and making plans.

**EAN:** What would you like to see more in the EAN and what would its role be in relation to the Fellowship Programme?

**Aftab:** I think EAN is one of the core bodies of the fellowship and meanwhile its history. Our ALUMNI and their experiences are vital for the development and stability of the Fellowship. As it is today, EAN is a member of the TSF, but also part of the Selection Committee of the fellows. I wish that ECDC could have a legal Memorandum of Understanding with EAN and EAN could increase their involvement in ECDC including being involved in the EU Public Health Task Force (please read ECDC homepage).

**EAN:** Is there anything else you would like to share?

**Aftab:** I would like to thank everyone and in particular the EUPHEM Scientific Coordinators and Karl Ekdahl for helping and assisting me during the years with the huge work we have done with the Fellowship and for all the guidance, support, constructive criticism and not the least, having fun. I am very grateful to ladies at EPIET program office for their constant help to the program and to myself. I would not be able to perform the huge amounts of work without their support. I am also grateful to the EAN for having me as an official member.

**Thank you very much for your interview and sharing your thoughts and reflections on the fellowship with the EAN! We have set up a KudoBoard for our members and friends who wish to send their kind words to you: [[Aftab's Kudoboard](#) | [Kudoboard](#)]. On behalf of the EAN, we would like to express our warmest wishes for your retirement and wish you all the best for the next chapter in your life!**

**The EAN Board**

**Iro, Jane, Dorothée, Laura, Charlotte, Max, Justine, Stine & Alma**

## Postcards from the field by Vera Manageiro

My name is Vera Manageiro, a EUPHEM C2021 fellow based at National Institute of Health Doutor Ricardo Jorge (INSA), in Lisbon, Portugal. As part of my fellowship, I participated in fieldwork activities within EpiTeams that conducted epidemiological surveillance at two mass gathering events in Portugal. My supervisor was Ricardo Mexia, a Public Health physician and EPIET graduate (C2009). These events provided me with an exceptional opportunity to study the health implications of mass gatherings and their potential impact on participants' well-being.

Music festivals pose unique health risks due to increased interpersonal contacts, high concentrations of participants from various regions or countries, temporary accommodation and catering facilities, and often, high alcohol consumption and recreational drug use. The multidisciplinary EpiTeam, of which I was a member along with several volunteer public health professionals, was responsible for quickly detecting any situations that required intervention to protect the health of the participants and the community, in coordination with the local health authorities.

The EpiTeam collected data through real-time monitoring of healthcare provided in the field. This included active and syndromic surveillance, which allowed for the preparation of a daily report. Each EpiTeam member followed a predetermined schedule working on shifts in a rotational manner to ensure continuous coverage over a 24-hour period. Data was collected from all participants who received medical care at the festivals by filling out paper questionnaires. The records were transcribed in real time and then analysed with Microsoft Excel and the R tool. On a daily basis, EpiTeam performed a descriptive analysis of the data, which was shared in a daily briefing with the relevant stakeholders (authorities and production team) involved in the festival.



Andanças Festival is a 4-day festival for the promotion of popular music and dance as the primary means of learning and exchange between generations, knowledge, and cultures (<http://www.andancas.net/site/>). In August 2022, the festival took place at Campinhos, Portugal, with around 1500 participants attending the festival. The economic sustenance of the festival is based on institutional and volunteer collaboration, and since 2016, INSA have been collaborating in the epidemiological surveillance of the Andanças Festival, with a view to a timely and adequate response by the health services to risk situations in the context of mass events.

On the other hand, Boom Festival is a 7-day transformational, multidisciplinary, psychedelic, and sustainable festival that takes place every two years in Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal (<https://boomfestival.org/boom2023/>). The festival is one of the biggest psytrance music festivals, with over 40,000-recorded visitors spanning all age groups. An epidemiological surveillance system has been in operation at the festival since 2010 which was developed with the participation of two EPIET fellows, one of them Ricardo Mexia. It has enabled early detection of Public Health threats and the capacity to respond to these threats has been developed over time.

In Andanças, we documented 185 incidents during 4 days, while Boom Festival registered 2527 in the 6 out of 7 days of the festival. Globally, the most common complaints included blisters/wounds and osteoarticular diseases. Both festivals had cases of gastroenteritis, but no clear epidemiological link could be found amongst each festival attendees. In Andanças, the EpiTeam was notified about a suspected case of measles with an initial IgM-positive test. The participant provided blood and urine samples for confirmation, which were sent to the National Reference Laboratory for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, at INSA.

The case was not confirmed by molecular biology techniques. In BOOM, the EpiTeam managed to obtain an intact tick from a male who'd been bitten. The tick was stored and sent to the Center for the Study of Vectors and Infectious Diseases (CEVDI/INSA) for further investigation. It was identified as an adult female *Hyalomma lusitanicum*. No tick-borne pathogens were detected by molecular methods in the investigation. Overall, the surveillance measures implemented at Andanças and BOOM festivals were effective in identifying and managing potential health risks.

Participating in these festivals was a unique and enriching experience, allowing me to grow both personally and professionally. The challenging conditions, such as extreme temperatures and working out of hours have tested my skills, resilience, and adaptability. I have witnessed the importance of teamwork, effective communication, and adaptability in managing large-scale events and ensuring the well-being and safety of all participants. I am grateful for this valuable opportunity to apply my knowledge and skills in a practical setting and contribute to the field of Public Health. Overall I also had a great time hanging out with my fellow festival-goers; I got caught up in the contagious excitement of the events and lost myself entirely in the music and dancing.

## EAN News & Past Events

### Two new EAN publications in Eurosurveillance: Member Survey 2021 & a Field Epidemiology Perspective

On 7 September 2023, in celebration of the World Field Epidemiology Day, two long awaited EAN publications were published in Eurosurveillance as Perspectives. The authors are members of the Board and the Network and we thank them wholeheartedly for their time and effort!

The first paper is on the outcomes of the EAN membership survey that took place in September-December 2021, 7 years after the previous. The second paper is based on the discussions we had during the session on the future of intervention epidemiology at the 25 Years of EPIET celebration event. You can find the abstracts below and the full paper in Eurosurveillance.

### Field Epidemiology and Public Health Microbiology training: capturing the alumni perspectives of the training's impact

Schaeffer J, Hammer CC, Evlampidou I, Bubba L, Igloi Z, Dub T, Wendland A, Whelan Jane, Nielsen S, Baidjoe A, Tostmann A on behalf of the EPIET Alumni Network Boards 2017–2023, Eurosurveillance, 28, 2300388 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2023.28.36.2300388>

#### Abstract

We present the findings from the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) Alumni Network (EAN) Member Survey conducted in October to December 2021. The EAN consists of field epidemiologists (EPIET) and public health microbiologists (European Public Health Microbiology Training Programme (EUPHEM)) who stay connected after their 2-year fellowship. This active alumni network provides opportunities for career development, mentorship, knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices for community members, affiliated professionals and public health organisations in Europe. Overall, 281 of 732 members participated in the survey.

Of the 192 European fellowship alumni respondents, 173 (90%) indicated that skills and competencies acquired during their fellowship improved performance in their role compared with their abilities before the fellowship. Reported skills and competencies that could be further strengthened included data management/analysis, communication, mathematical modelling and leadership/team management. The EAN Member Survey provides valuable feedback to the EAN, as well as the fellowship programme offices at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and affiliated field epidemiology programmes. The COVID-19 pandemic was a stark reminder of how essential cross-border collaborations are for continued European health security. Maintaining and increasing the professional, well-trained workforce remains crucial for optimal response to infectious diseases and protection of public health.

### Field Epidemiology: Fit for the future

Hahné S, Hammer C, Tostmann A, Whelan J, Williams C, Eurosurveillance, 28, 2300347 (2023), <https://doi.org/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2023.28.36.2300347>

#### Abstract

In recent years, field epidemiologists have embraced rapidly evolving digital tools, data sources and technologies, and collaborated with an ever-growing field of scientific specialisms. The COVID-19 pandemic put field epidemiology under unprecedented demand and scrutiny. As the COVID-19 emergency recedes, it is timely to reflect on the core values of our profession and the unique

challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In November 2022, alumni of the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) and the European Public Health Microbiology (EUPHEM) training programme celebrated 25 years of EPIET, and the present and future of field epidemiology was discussed. The output was recorded and qualitatively analysed. This Perspective reflects the authors' interpretation of the discussion. We should reaffirm our commitment to field epidemiology's core strengths: competence and rigour in epidemiology, surveillance, outbreak investigation and applied research, leading to timely and actionable evidence for

public health. Our future success will be defined by an ability to adapt, collaborate, harness innovation, communicate and,

ultimately, by our tangible impact on protecting and improving health.

## Upcoming EAN Events

### Online Go.Data training with Go.Data/GOARN, 25-27 October 2023



The EAN in collaboration with the Go.Data/GOARN team organises a 9h [Go.Data Virtual Training](#) from 25 to 27 October 2023.

*“Go.Data is an outbreak investigation tool for field data collection during public health emergencies. The tool includes functionality for case investigation, contact follow-up, visualisation of chains of transmission including secure data exchange and is designed for flexibility in the field, to adapt to the wide range of outbreak scenarios. The tool is targeted at any outbreak responder.”*

The objective of the training is to understand how to:

- configure Go.Data for tracking cases and their contacts,
- manage (enter, import and use) case information,
- manage (enter, import and use) contact information,
- manage (enter, import and use) information related to laboratory analyses.

More information can be found in the [Agenda](#).

The Training is open to 25 participants, there is a waiting list and the registration is now closed.

**Due to the increased interest in the training we will repeat the Virtual Training at a later date - subject to reaching the number of group participants.**

Fill in the [form](#) to sign up for a future Go.Data training.

### MSF & EAN Information Webinar on Field Epidemiology in MSF

The EAN in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières is organising an informative webinar exclusively tailored for EAN members. The webinar on [Field Epidemiology in MSF](#) will take place on 2 November 2023, 12:00-13:45 CET via Zoom.



Programme and [flyer](#):

- Welcome and Introduction to the MSF Team
- MSF Introduction
- The Role & Variations of Epidemiology
- Insights from a MSF Field Epidemiologist
- Life in the Project/Field Site
- The Recruitment Process
- Q&A Panel
- Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Join the webinar to discover the intricacies of MSF, gain insights into life as an epidemiologist at one of our project sites, and get your questions answered.

[Add the event to your calendar](#)

### 15 Years of EUPHEM Celebration



The EUPHEM-program was founded in 2008, which means that the program is celebrating its 15th birthday! With almost 100 EUPHEM alumni and counting, we want to congratulate everyone within this important fellowship program: the founders, the supervisors,

scientific coordinators, facilitators, alumni and current fellows and all others involved.

The EPIET Alumni Network has organised various activities to celebrate this anniversary:

**Digital EUPHEM Career Compass:** on Friday 17th November 2023, 16:00-17:15h CET, (Pre-ESCAIDE) the EAN will host a Digital EUPHEM Career Compass, an online celebration that is completely EUPHEM-oriented. Similar to the ESCAIDE Career Compass session, this will be a Q&A session on the different career paths pursued by EUPHEM Alumni. The target audience includes people working in public health microbiology or in another field and who are eager to learn more about careers in public health microbiology. This event provides the ideal platform to help junior public health professionals connect with senior professionals and discover future career opportunities and inspiration.

We have created a "[#EUPHEM15 Year Celebration Slide](#)" (previewed on your left) that can be shared on social media and will also be posted on the TV-screens in Barcelona by ESCAIDE 2023. Feel free to use this



slide on your own social media-accounts or in presentations, to highlight this achievement.

**EUPHEM Postcard Booklet:** With the help of EUPHEM alumna **Zsofia Igloi** (EUPHEM Cohort 9), the EAN Board is collecting stories and experiences from EUPHEM alumni that will be used to compose a “EUPHEM Postcard Booklet” (in PowerPoint or PDF format) that will be shared at ESCAIDE in the physical and online EAN Booth. In addition, the “postcards” will be uploaded on the member-only pages of the EAN website. This Postcard Book will form a nice trip down memory lane and give an overview of the variety of people that have been through the fellowship. All EUPHEM Alumni are invited to share their information in a **Google Form** (link has been shared by email).



*Graduation of EUPHEM Cohort 1 (2008), Lisbon, 2010*

If you have any other ideas or suggestions concerning the 15th EUPHEM Anniversary, please contact us. And, watch out for the celebrative logo, to easily identify the EUPHEM 15 Year celebrations!

## ESCAIDE 2023



### **ESCAIDE** Barcelona and online, 22-24 November 2023

European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology

The [ESCAIDE Conference](#) will return in 2023 from 22 to 24 November. It is hosted for the first time by the Spanish Ministry of Health in the beautiful city of Barcelona! For those unable to attend in person, we're delighted to see that attendees can also fully participate and connect online, maintaining the hybrid format that was so successful last year.

For readers interested in staying up to date with the latest conference news, you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter [here](#).

It is expected that the full conference programme will be available shortly, which you can access [here](#).

EAN Board members will participate in person, and we will be available throughout the conference at our Info Stand. Please drop by to share any ideas you have, or just for a chat! The EAN General Assembly will take place as usual, where we will provide EAN members with updates on what has happened over the past year, plans for the future, and the election of new Board members! And of course, we will have all the traditional events and a new reason to celebrate! Read below what we plan for this year and stay tuned...

### Pre-ESCAIDE EAN Mini-module on Molecular Epidemiology



The EAN is organising the traditional Pre-ESCAIDE mini-module, this time on [Molecular Epidemiology](#), that will take place on **20-21 November in Barcelona**. This will be right before this year's ESCAIDE, which will be held 22-24 November.

**Audience:** The mini-module is designed for public health professionals with little knowledge of sequencing techniques and

who would like to better understand how these data are produced and how to interpret them.

**The Programme includes:**

- Basics on genomics and typing methods
- Whole genome sequencing (WGS) processes
- Molecular epidemiology applications for public health
- Perspective and limitations
- Case studies: interpretation of molecular typing data

The module will include lectures and case studies.

We have 30 places, 10 for current fellows and 20 for alumni. This 1.5 day module will take place in Barcelona at the Public Health Agency of Catalonia (ASPCAT).

The EAN Board is grateful to the mini-module organisers and facilitators - all fellows and alumni for their effort and work.

### Pre-ESCAIDE EAN Drinks & Dinner: A Tribute to 15 years of EUPHEM



One of EAN's old pre-ESCAIDE traditions is for its members and friends to meet the night before the conference for an informal get together complemented with Drinks & Dinner.

This will be one of the occasions to **celebrate the 15 Years of EUPHEM Programme and to pay tribute to the people that kept it going and to the alumni and fellows!**

This is an open event, and all EAN members, fellowship alumni, current and new fellows and all our friends are welcome! If you have colleagues who will attend ESCAIDE you are most welcome to bring them to the EAN D&D as well. You will get to meet friends and colleagues, chat with the new cohort of fellows as well as the



graduating ones, drink, eat and (why not) dance at the Drinks & Dinner social event of EAN!!

We also try to keep the tradition of the “usual place”, so come and meet us at Vapiano ☑.

**Date:** 21 November 2023. **Place:** [Vapiano, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 630](#), 08007 Barcelona, Spain

**Time:** from 19:00h onwards ([Add the event to your calendar](#))

**Note:** there is a separate space reserved for us. You can come to the venue and order your own drinks and food when you like (at your own expense).

**Looking forward to seeing you all very soon**

## Career Compass 2023

The 7th edition of the Career compass will take place on **Wednesday 22 November (ESCAIDE Day 1) from 13:00 to 14:00h.**

[Add the event to your calendar](#)

It is organised each year by EPIET and EUPHEM fellows in collaboration with the EPIET Alumni Network (EAN).

As the intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic recedes, we have an opportunity to reflect on our career trajectories and consider anew the opportunities that lie ahead, particularly for junior public health professionals.



Career Compass 2022, ESCAIDE, Stockholm [from left to right: Justine Schaeffer, Kostas Danis, Jane Whelan, Giri Shankar, Zsofia Igloi, Timothée Dub] [@ECDC, ESCAIDE 2022](#)

The Career Compass is a panel discussion with established public health professionals followed by an open Q&A session to reflect on their diverse experience and the different career paths they have pursued.

This event provides the ideal platform to help junior public health professionals to connect with senior professionals and discover future career opportunities.

This year, we are very privileged to welcome 5 outstanding panellists and can promise a lively and informative discussion.

Speakers will include:

- Giovanna Jaramillo Gutierrez (Co-founder of Milan & Associates, Spain, EUPHEM cohort 3/2010)
- Michael Edelstein (Bar-ilan University, Israel, EPIET cohort 2012)
- Nadine Zeitlmann (RKI, Germany, PAE cohort 2013),
- Patrick Keating (MSF Operational Centre Amsterdam, Netherlands, EPIET cohort 2015)
- Sabine Dittrich (Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Germany, EUPHEM cohort 1/2008)

The session will be moderated by: Alma Tostmann (EAN Board Co-Opted member) and Jane Whelan (EAN Vice President)

For details related to the session, see the [Career Compass](#) page on the ESCAIDE website.

## EAN General Assembly 2023 and EAN Board elections (2023-2025)

The 2023 General Assembly (GA) of the EPIET Alumni Network (EAN) is taking place physically and online on **Thursday 23 November 2023, 12:30-13:45 CET (ESCAIDE Day 2) at Palau de Congressos de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.**

[Add the event to your calendar](#)

During the GA, we will review the activities that were organised by EAN during the past year and report our finance and membership status, and share our ideas for the coming year.

The EAN Board elections will also take place, and the online ballot will be open between 23-24 November.

Please note that only active (paying) members can vote. Please check your membership status and consider paying your fee (30€/year or 250€ for 10 years) if you haven't done this. You can do this [here](#).

Current fellows, although not yet eligible to vote, are still very much encouraged to attend the GA so that we can meet and welcome you personally, and you can get to know more about EAN and what we do.

If you have a topic or issue that you would like to be discussed during the General Assembly, please send us an email at: [eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com).

There are four positions for the EAN Board to fill; if you are interested in joining the Board, see below for more information about the open positions and what you need to do to apply.

**Join the EAN Board!** This year, 4 positions are open for election:

- President (leaving member: Iro Evlampidou, EPIET, c2012)
- Secretary (leaving member: Laura Bubba, EUPHEM, c2016)
- Treasurer (leaving member: Charlotte Hammer, EPIET, c2019)
- General Board Member (leaving member: Justine Schaeffer, EUPHEM, c2019)

More information on these positions can be found [here](#). Further details on Advisory Board duties and these positions can be found in the [EAN Statutes](#) and in the [EAN Board Handbook](#).



*General Assembly 2022. From left to right: Iro Evlampidou (President), Charlotte Hammer (Treasurer), Anna Maisa (Secretary), Justine Schaeffer (General member) (photo@ECDC, ESCAIDE 2022)*

The possibility to become a Co-opted member of the EAN Board also exists and is for one year only. The person that assumes it should be an active (paying member) of the EAN that does not have a voting right in the case the Board needs to take a decision by vote. The co-opted member can follow specific dossiers or assist the Board with any relevant tasks. The Board can specifically invite an EAN member to be Co-opted, based on the specific dossiers at hand and the expertise of the person. Alternatively, an active EAN member can volunteer to be Co-opted and may or not volunteer for a specific dossier or activity (e.g. organisation of mini-modules, webinar series, website maintenance, etc.).

The EAN Board wants to emphasise that all EPIET/ EUPHEM/ PAE/ FETP alumni or our external members are very welcome to apply for any of the open positions of the EAN Board. Becoming a Board member is a great opportunity for recently graduated alumni to maintain and expand their international horizon for at least two more years. It is also a great opportunity for more seasoned alumni who may have valuable ideas on how to keep alumni connected and

have more post-fellowship experience to add to the work of the EAN Board.

**How to submit your candidature:** If you would like to **announce your candidature** for one of the Advisory Board positions, please let us know by email to [eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com) by **21 November 2023** the latest, so we can send out the list of potential candidates before the GA at ESCAIDE.

Please specify for which position you would like to be considered and provide us with a brief introduction on your background and why you are interested in the specific position, including a recent photo of you, which will be shared with the members.

If you are not able to attend the GA, you can of course still apply! In that case we would really appreciate it if you could send us a two-minute video expressing your motivation to become part of the next EAN advisory Board. We will play this video during the introduction of candidates during GA.

Alternatively, you can make your candidacy known to us just prior to the GA (until 12:00 CET on Thu 23 Nov), however, this will allow less time for canvassing! If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at [eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com)

## BarCamp 2023

The BarCamp at ESCAIDE has become another established tradition and this year we will celebrate its 10th edition! With this occasion in mind, the EAN is particularly delighted to welcome once more as moderator, its founder Florian Burckhardt (PAE, cohort 2006)! The BarCamp will take place on the evening of **Thursday 23 November 2023, 18:30-20:00 CET (ESCAIDE Day 2)** and it will be held both face-to-face and online.

[Add the event to your calendar.](#)



*Ilse Hazelhorst, EPIET cohort 2022, BarCamp 2022, ESCAIDE (photo@ECDC, ESCAIDE 2022)*

BarCamp is a dynamic informal forum for the discussion of raw ideas, methodological dilemmas, data challenges and more, where the audience generates both the programme and content in real time. On the first day of the conference and on the morning of the second day, ESCAIDE attendees are invited to propose topics through the **ESCAIDE 2023 app**, or to volunteer to briefly present their topic for discussion. Other ESCAIDE attendees can vote in favour of discussing specific topics in the evening of the second day. During this 1.5 hour informal event, the most popular topics are briefly presented by the people that proposed them and an informal discussion follows between the audience, the presenter and the moderators.

So, if you are attending this year's ESCAIDE and you have one or more pressing issues related to applied epidemiology that you would like to discuss and exchange on with other colleagues, then post your idea(s) or topic(s) through the **ESCAIDE 2023 app** and visit the BarCamp on the evening of Thursday 23 November. You can see pictures of previous events at the [BarCamp@ESCAIDE page](#).

This year's moderators will again be:

- Florian Burckhardt (PAE, cohort 2006)
- Stine Nielsen (EPIET, cohort 2008)
- Iro Evlampidou (EPIET, cohort 2012)

## Best Oral Presentation Prize 2023

Following another tradition, the EAN will award the Best Oral Presentation prize to the oral presentation which will be judged to be the most effective in transmitting an important public health message during the conference.

The oral presentations will be evaluated by a committee of EAN members that are neither part of the current or graduating cohorts. Only presentations of submitted abstracts, presented orally during parallel sessions are eligible.

The winner of the "Best Oral Presentation" prize will be announced by the EAN President at the **Closing Ceremony on Friday 24 November 2023, 16:30-16:45 CET (ESCAIDE Day 3)**.

**Last year's award** went to Oliver McManus (EPIET, cohort 2020) for his work: *"Wastewater surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 closely mirrors incidence data: results from national surveillance in Denmark, October 2021-May 2022"*.

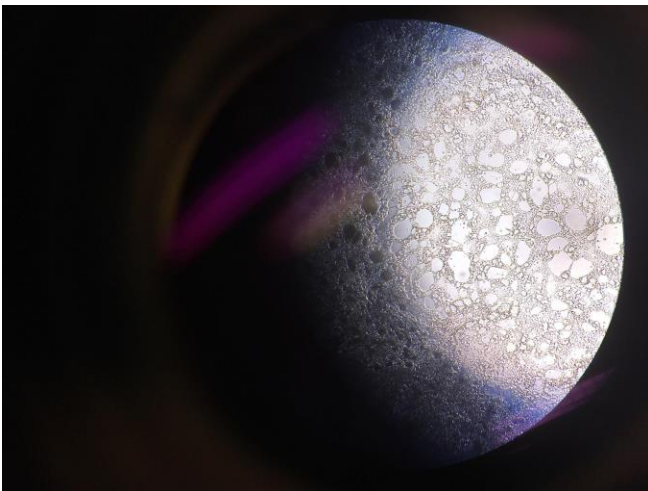
Read the associated scientific publication [here](#).

**Become a judge for the Best Oral Presentation!** Send us an email at [eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com) to express your interest. A registration form will be shared soon among the members of the EAN



Oliver McManus (EPIET, C2020) (photo@ECDC, ESCAIDE 2022)

## EAN Photo Contest 2023



*"Planet measles"* by Marius Linkevicius, 1st prize of EAN Photo Contest 2022

The [EAN Photo Contest 2023](#), organised by EAN in collaboration with ESCAIDE will take place for one more year during the conference days. It is open to all conference attendees and the EAN members. ESCAIDE participants will vote for the best photo between 22-24 November through the **ESCAIDE 2023 app**.

**Photo exhibition:** submitted photos will be displayed on screens in the coffee break area of the ESCAIDE venue, and on the EAN Photo Contest page of the ESCAIDE online conference platform, Swapcard (a link to access the platform will be sent to registered participants the week before the conference).

Therefore, if during your adventurous life as epidemiologist, microbiologist, public health expert:

- you came across a situation, a landscape, a character, an unusual and memorable "something" related to public health;
- you took a picture that can represent and depict one of the many facets of the life in "the field" and/or in "the lab";
- you want to share your memories and emotions with those who can grasp their meaning;

Note that if other people are identifiable on your pictures, you would require their written consent for the photo contest.

Please email us at [eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com) with up to two photographs including the following information:

- Photographer's name
- Date of the photograph
- Place of the photograph (location, country)
- Title of the photograph
- Accompanying text (120 words max)

Accepted formats for the photographs are the following: jpg, tiff, png, psd, bmp. Files must not be over 10 MB.

**Deadline for submission: 17 November 2023**

**Voting:** voting is open from Wednesday 22 November, until 13:30 CET on Friday 24 November. Voting will be done through a poll in Slido (link available on the page in Swapcard), each participant can vote for one photo each and should only submit the poll once.

The EAN President will announce and award the winner of the 'Best Photo' during the ESCAIDE **Closing Ceremony on Friday 24 November 2023, 16:30-16:45 CET (ESCAIDE Day 3)**. The 2nd and 3rd most popular photos will also be presented (but no prize!)



# News from the Network

## Drinks & Dinner past event

We are quite happy to know that during the past months, members of our network did meet quite a lot! Here are some photos from these get-togethers! **If you would like to organise an EAN D&D in your town/city, do not hesitate to reach out to the EAN! We can help make it happen** ☑

### 21 June 2023, D&D in Rotterdam



*EAN Midsummer celebration following a pre-conference workshop on Applied Field Epidemiology*

### 11 July 2023, D&D Brussels



*A birthday celebration on a rooftop in sunny Brussels.*

### D&D in Barcelona, 17 July 2023



*Enjoying a cerveza between EPIET, EUPHEM and UK-FETP alumni in Barcelona!*

### D&D in Brussels, 22 August 2023



*Another of the regular gatherings of the Bruxellian EAN members! Still on the same rooftop, still sunny*

### D&D in Lisbon, 31 August 2023



*Having fun during the Project Review Module in Lisbon!*

### The Veleiro Sunset, Lisbon, 29 August 2023



*Fellows enjoying a sundowner during the project review module in Lisbon.*



**D&D in Copenhagen, 7 September 2023**



*Celebrating the World Field Epidemiology Day in Copenhagen! EPIET and EUPHEM fellows, alumni and former coordinator ☺*

**D&D in Berlin, 14 September 2023**



*RKI and federal state fellows organised welcome drinks for cohort 2023 in Berlin open to of course to all EAN alumni and friends!*

**D&D in London, 19 September 2023**



*Some of the attendees at the end of dinner!*

**D&D in Rome, 27 September 2023**



*EPIET&EUPHEM meeting in Rome with representatives from 6 different cohorts*

**D&D in Berlin, 18 October 2023**



## News from the Fellowship

**Fellows' Survey:** As Cohort 2021 prepares to graduate and the fellows of Cohort 2022 enter their second year, a survey to learn about their overall experience of the fellowship, their main concerns for the future and, for Cohort 2022 fellows, their aspirations for year 2 of the fellowship, was conducted with all current fellows. Provisionally, the response rate was high and all cohorts (from EPIET and EUPHEM [MS and EU tracks], PAE, MediPIET) were represented. The full report is awaited and we hope to share the findings with you in a forthcoming edition of the newsletter.

**Cohort Representative Discussion Guide:** As we near the end of the fellowship year, one issue highlighted by incumbent and outgoing cohort representatives was the need for a systematic handover between cohort representatives. In an initiative between the cohort reps and EAN, a 'Cohort Representative Discussion Guide' was compiled, providing guidance to both parties on what should be discussed during the handover meeting: what is expected of a cohort representative, their roles and responsibilities, and where to access information when needed. The guide has been shared with incoming fellows of 2023 and will be piloted when new cohort representatives have been elected. If the guide is relevant to you and you haven't yet received a copy, email us.

**The EAN Mentoring Programme,** first piloted in 2021, continues to evolve this year as we learn from the past experience of mentors and mentees. The aim of the programme is to link experienced alumni with current fellows, and to support them in the second year of their fellowship. Ultimately the purpose of the relationship

is to help the current fellows to identify and develop professional goals that are aligned with their personal vision and ambition for the future. To streamline the mentor / mentee process, the EAN Board has produced a Mentoring Guide that clarifies the roles and responsibilities of both parties, one that is values-based and suggests a framework for communication and feedback between mentors and mentees, ethics, confidentiality and programme evaluation. Cohort 2021 fellows have been recently matched with mentors and cohort 2022 will be offered the same opportunity early in 2024.

The **Quarterly Training Site Forum (TSF) meeting** took place online on September 6, 2023. Fellows from Cohort 2021 presented the preliminary results of the survey of current fellows. They also raised the important issues of how to optimise and protect the mental health and wellbeing of current fellows and addressed the practical issue of access to and support for fellows on international assignments. Major additional topics discussed at the meeting included the status of the curricular revision process of the ECDC fellowship, and a discussion on the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) for Scientific Coordination for 2024.

Since our last newsletter, there have been numerous fellowship events including formal training modules such as the **Rapid Assessment and Survey (RAS) module** hosted in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 2023, the **Project Review Module (PRM)** held at the end of August in Lisbon, Portugal and most recently the **Introductory Course** for incoming fellows from Cohort 2023 held in Spetses, Greece, from 18 September to 13 October 2023.

## News from around the world

### 2024 FETP International Nights & Call for Abstracts

TEPHINET and CDC are organising the 2024 FETP International Nights the week of 15 April 2024. During this event, ETP trainees and graduates will give oral and poster presentations and participants will listen to the remarks of special guests. The FETP International Nights will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

**A Call for Abstracts** is now open for the ones interested to submit one. **The deadline for abstract submission: November 30, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST**

For more information, click [here](#).

### World Health Summit 2023, 15-17 October, Berlin

The World Health Summit 2023, an annual international strategic forum for Global Health, took place in Berlin and online from 15 to 17 October and consisted of over 300 speakers and a broad range of stakeholders from more than 100 countries. The meeting's theme this year was "A Defining Year for Global Health Action" and consisted of over 60 sessions with topics on lessons learnt from COVID-19 for EPRER, Universal Health Coverage, Sustainable Health for People and Planet, Global Health Equity and Security, Digital Technologies for Global Health, Innovations to Accelerate the Fight Against Tuberculosis and the World Health Organization's 75th Anniversary. Among the participants were many EAN members!



*Julia Fitzner (EPIET C2000), Christian Winter (PAE C2006), Raquel Medialdea Carrera (EPIET C2018), Inessa Markus (PAE C2017), Sabrina Weiss (EUPHEM C2014) Johannes Schnitzler (EPIET C2001), Matthias Nachtnebel (PAE, C2009), Muna Abu Sin (C2004)*



## Global Field Epidemiology Partnership meeting, 18 October 2023, Berlin

As a side event at the margins of the World Health Summit, the Global Field Epidemiology Partnership (GFEP) meeting took place in Berlin and online on 18 October and was hosted by the WHO Berlin Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence. The GFEP is an initiative of a group of national, regional and global health partners including AFENET, ECDC, EMPHNET, RKI, WHO, FETPs and

Public Health Institutes while TEPHINET serves as secretariat. Its objectives are to champion the development of operational epidemiology capacities, professionalise the workforce and strengthen relevant institutions and systems. The EAN, as an alumni network was invited to participate in the meeting and the EAN President, Iro Evlampidou, gave a 10 min talk on the benefits of being a member of EAN.

## EAN Communication channels (Discord, WhatsApp, etc.)

Since the beginning of the pandemic, EAN's WhatsApp group was activated to share and facilitate the communication between EAN members, allowing a more rapid and effective response. However, the group grew and we now need another platform for smoother communication and interaction.

EAN's Discord server is a structured forum to connect, exchange and discuss information within the network. On [EAN's Discord](#), you will get the latest EAN-related information and news as well as be able to find and share resources on analytics, surveillance or outbreak investigations, public health microbiology or discuss the latest news and developments in the field of infectious diseases. The easiest way to use Discord is by installing the Discord app on your phone and/or desktop and then clicking that link. After joining the server, you will be

directed to the welcome-and-rules channel where you can read more about all the different features and learn how to use the server. Once you are done with that, please come and tell us a few words about you in the [#introducing-yourself](#) channel! And of course, please contribute with topics and in discussions to get the discord channel to a lively forum.

EAN has an up-to-date website where you can find several resources and a dedicated member's only area with posts on jobs, courses and conferences, internal news and updates, webinar recordings, and many more!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [twitter!](#)

## In the next edition!

- ✓ Reflections on ESCAIDE, outcomes of the EAN General Assembly and EAN side-events.
- ✓ Meet the 2023-2024 EAN Board members
- ✓ An overview of EAN Board plans and expected activities for 2024
- ✓ Plans for forthcoming EAN workshops and mini-modules
- ✓ Information on other EAN trainings and events
- ✓ And much more!

## Update your Membership

The annual membership fee is now **€30 / £28**.

There is a **10-year membership available at €250 / £230**.

Please note that membership year runs from **1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October of each calendar year. Make payment now and have your membership extended until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024~~3~~ (or 2033~~2~~)!**

Fellows in training are exempt from paying membership fees.

Renewing your membership is easy and you can do it [through our website using a credit card](#). You can also renew your membership via bank transfer using either of the accounts mentioned below. Make sure to add your name as reference in the bank transfer.

If you require any further information on membership payment, we kindly ask you to contact the EAN board ([eanboard@gmail.com](mailto:eanboard@gmail.com)), putting "membership payment" in the subject line.

### EURO ACCOUNT (€30 per annum)

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**Bank address:** Avenue Louise 54, Room S52, Brussels 1050, BE

**Account Holder:** E.A.N. (EPIET Alumni Network)

**IBAN:** BE88 9670 3610 1241

**BIC/Swift:** TRWIBEB1

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**Address:** 56 Shoreditch High Street, London E16JJ, UK

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