

EAN Monthly Newsflash

October Edition

Dear Network.

In the past months we have been very busy with our new website and preparing for ESCAIDE 2025. You will have received a separate email about activation of your account on the new website.

In this first Newsflash sent through the website, we would like to continue introducing some of our newest "external" members and give them a warm welcome!

Previous editions of the newsflash are now also stored on the website.

Best regards,

Ioannis, Joaquin, Camille, Alba, Soledad, Vera, Alicia, Bojana, Mona & Liza EAN Board 2024-2025

Spotlight on the Network

Introducing Zeynep Özgüler



My name is Zeynep Özge Özgüler. I'm a medical doctor and field epidemiologist, currently working at the WHO Country Office in Türkiye, where I support Country Preparedness, implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) and Health Security activities.

My work as a field epidemiologist has focused on building early warning and response systems and responding to outbreaks — experiences that have taught me the value of collaboration, adaptability, and staying close to the realities on the ground.

I joined EAN because it brings together a community that understands the value of fieldwork, shared learning, and quiet persistence in the face of public health challenges. It's a space I'm glad to be part of - one that offers joy in learning from others and contributing in return.

My name is Michael Casera. I am a field epidemiologist by training, with a background in Global Health and infectious disease epidemiology. Over the past years, I have worked in humanitarian contexts across the Middle East, Africa, and the Caribbean. I am currently based at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, where I serve as Coordinator of the Outbreak Investigation Task Force (OITF).

My work focuses on the rapid setup of epidemiological surveillance systems and the coordination of outbreak responses, particularly in complex emergencies. I have led field responses to cholera, measles, dengue, and other epidemics. If I were to highlight one key area of interest, it would be capacity building—through mentoring, training, and academic lecturing.



My motivation to join EAN originates from a wish to remain actively engaged with a community dedicated to the practical dimensions of field epidemiology. While I did not attend the EPIET program, I have had the privilege of working closely with EPIET alumni—such as Iro Evlampidou and Amrish Baidjoe—whose mentorship has been essential in my career as a field epidemiologist.

I regard EAN as an excellent platform to exchange expertise, tools, and experiences with like-minded professionals, who support each other. At Institut Pasteur, where my current role is situated within a research-centred environment, being part of EAN offers a great opportunity to stay connected to applied fieldwork.

It is a real pleasure to have joined EAN as an external member.

Be part of the community: ways to stay involved and connected!

Do what you love to do!

You'd like to get active on a project for our community? An experience you'd like to share or a topic you'd like to educate on? Please reach out to us at eanboard@gmail.com if you'd like to discuss your idea and want our support. We are available to help you bringing your ideas come to life.

Support us with (small) tasks

Our community lives from all of us and the capacities of the volunteer board alone are limited. Every now and then, we may reach out to ask for your help on specific tasks or activities to get the best out of it for all of us. Of course, feel free to reach out proactively to see how you can help.

Activate your membership

Many benefits are lined up for active members of the network (GOARN requests of assistance, bulletins, discounts on mini-modules, access to specific ressources on our website...). You can activate your membership at anytime! The annual membership fee is now €30 / £28. There is a 10-year membership available at €250 / £230. Fellows in their first and second year of training are exempt from paying membership fees.

To activate or renew your membership, you can log in on the <u>website</u>. Open your profile and click on the button "Contribute now" and follow the steps. Alternatively, you can transfer the membership fee to the following Qonto account. Please indicate your **name** and **membership year** as reference in the bank transfer and also send an email to

<u>eanboard@gmail.com</u> with a copy of the receipt/invoice to inform us about your payment (sometimes names are not correctly transmitted with the transfer).

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