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EAN MONTHLY NEWSFLASH

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Happy new Year 2025 !!!



As we bid farewell to another year and welcome the opportunities of the next, we wish all EAN members a happy and prosperous New Year!

May 2025 bring continued success in your professional endeavors, meaningful connections within our vibrant community, and renewed energy for tackling public health challenges. Together, let's continue to make an impact and celebrate the legacy of collaboration, resilience, and dedication that defines our network.

Behind the Scenes : Representing EAN on the ESCAIDE Scientific Committee

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Our very own Alicia, a dedicated EAN General Board member, is taking us behind the scenes of ESCAIDE! This year, she joined the ESCAIDE Scientific Committee, playing a pivotal role in shaping the conference. Today, Alicia shares insights into her work and the significance of this key position.



As a long-time EAN member and former EPIET scientific coordinator, I've had a front-row seat to ESCAIDE's transformation—from its beginnings as the EPIET conference to the event it is today. This year, I joined the ESCAIDE Scientific Committee, continuing EAN's tradition of contributing to this vital conference.

Being part of the committee means getting involved in the behind-the-scenes work that makes ESCAIDE happen. One key task is reviewing abstracts, including all the late-breaking ones, and ensuring abstracts with conflicting scores get a second look. We also assign abstracts to specific conference topics, shaping how they fit into the overall programme and ensuring diverse perspectives are included.

What I've enjoyed most is working on the plenary sessions. These are the moments when everyone comes together to discuss the big issues in public health. As a committee, we decide on the topics, invite expert speakers, and collaborate with them to make sure the discussions are engaging, relevant, and thought-provoking. Seeing those sessions come together has been very rewarding.

Representing EAN on this committee feels like a continuation of our network's longstanding involvement. It's been a valuable experience to contribute to the conference's development while keeping EAN's perspective in mind and helping ensure the conference remains relevant to both current and future public health professionals.

EAN celebrates HIV Awareness Month

*The **HIV Awareness Month** offers an opportunity to reflect on the impact of field epidemiologists and public health microbiologist in the global response to HIV. From the early challenges of tracing outbreaks to today's efforts in refining surveillance and improving access to care, epidemiology has been pivotal in shaping public health responses. In this newsflash, we highlight the profile of one MediEPIET alumn whose work is contributing to understanding and combating the epidemic.*

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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 mini-assignments

Our community lives from all of us and the capacities of the 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.

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 resources on our website...).

Membership runs from Nov. 1 until Oct 31 of the following year - but 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. We have added a new payment option for credit cards to make membership renewal a bit easier. To use this option, please go to our website and follow the instructions there.

The details for how to transfer fees by online banking are also on the [EAN webpage](#); if you require any further information on membership payment, we kindly ask you to contact

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