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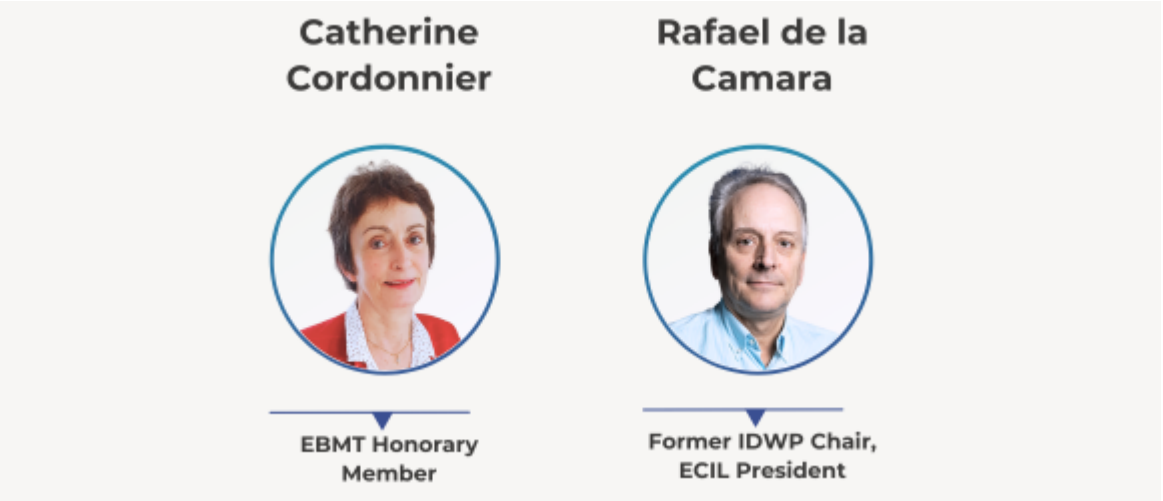
Major achievements

Infectious complications cause significand morbidity in patients following stem cell transplantation and CAR-T therapy. IDWP EBMT continues to lead the scientific, investigational and educational activities related to infections in this patient populations.

We are proud to share the achievements of our members. Catherine Cordonnier (Creteil, France) was nominated as an honorary member of the EBMT. Rafael de la Camara, a former IDWP Chair, was elected President of European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL).



Scientific activity

The IDWP is one of the participating bodies to the European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL). During 2025 seven ECIL guidelines were published, providing recommendations on the management viral hepatitis B, C, E (Mikulska, et al), CMV (Ljungman et al), post-pandemic management of COVID (Cesaro et al), *Clostridioides difficile* (Mikulska, et al), empirical and targeted therapy of febrile neutropenia (Averbuch et al), community-acquired respiratory viruses (von Lilienfeld-Toal et al), and antifungal prophylaxis (Pagano et al). These guidelines were published in top-ranked medical journals, including *The Lancet* group, *Leukemia*, and the *Journal of Infection*

During 2025 we published 18 manuscripts, and presented our studies in 7 oral and 4 poster presentations. Among IDWP publications:

1. Multinational studies on the management of tuberculosis (Drozd-Sokołowska et al), Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (Dybko et al), and HHV-6 (Perruccio, Cesaro et al) and a Survey on the management of hemorrhagic cystitis (Cesaro et al)
2. Harmonised definitions of pneumonia (Neofytos et al) and blood stream infections (Averbuch et al) in HCT setting developed within Practice Harmonization and Guidelines Committee workshop

3. Survey on Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and related infections in hematopoietic cellular therapy (HCT) in adults and children, performed with involvement of the representatives of the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (WBMT) (Snowden et al)
4. Reviews on the management of CMV in children (Galaverna et al) and how to deal with the pre-HCT respiratory viruses infections (Pinana et al)

During 2025, IDWP launched six new studies, including a pilot study using the Study Manager tool on HIV infection, a retrospective study on the real-world use of maribavir, and several surveys. In addition, in collaboration with the TCWP, we developed an approach to infectious and non-infectious central nervous system (CNS) complications during the 3rd Practice Harmonization and Guidelines Committee workshop.

IDWP places great importance on developing the next generation of scientists by actively involving young investigators in ECIL guidelines, research, and the Practice Harmonization and Guidelines Committee activities.

We are very grateful to our outstanding team of study coordinators and biostatisticians!

From left to right: Inge Verheggen (study coordinator), Lotus Wendel (study coordinator), Juana Schwartz Mota (associate biostatistician), Gloria Tridello (biostatistician), Per Ljungman (Chair of the subcommittee CMV IDWP, Chair of the EBMT Registry Committee, a founder of IDWP), Dina Averbuch (Chair IDWP), Nina Knelange (IDWP study coordinator lead), Jan Styczynski (Secretary IDWP).

Educational activities:

IDWP participated extensively in the 51st Annual EBMT Conference, held in Florence in 2025. Infection-related topics were featured across the IDWP session, workshops, Meet-the-Expert sessions, educational sessions, and Trainee Day. The educational session on viral infections ranked among the top ten most attended in-person sessions.

Infectious complications ranked first among the top ten categories of submitted abstracts, and infection-related studies were presented in two dedicated abstract sessions.

The 28th IDWP–EBMT Educational Course took place in Würzburg, Germany, with 129 participants from 29 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and South America. The excellent scientific program, prepared by the local organizer Daniel Teschner, was highly appreciated by attendees. For the first time, the course included a thought-provoking and stimulating session on basic research and translational science, featuring fascinating presentations.

28th Infectious Diseases Working Party Educational Course, November 2025, Wurzburg, Germany

Twelve young physicians presented challenging cases from their clinical practice and four educational grants were awarded by the EBMT.

Case presenters (Giulia Ferrando, Davide Bosetti, Carmen Corrales, Paul Casey, Marina Vallvé, Laura Pedretti, Claudia Gomez Hernandez, Eva

Desbrousses, Martina Colli, Laia García Marzo, Martin Cueto Diaz, Lotan Choshen Cochen), Jan Styczynski, Dina Averbuch

Principal research studies

Maribavir use for CMV infection in allogeneic stem cell transplantation: the real-world experience. A retrospective study of IDWP EBMT
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
Complications: infectious
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Principal investigator
Annalisa Paviglianiti
Outcome of adult patients with HIV undergoing autologous or allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation
Study type
Retrospective Studies
Diseases
All diseases
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Type of treatment
Allogeneic
Autologous
Principal investigator
Annalisa Paviglianiti
IDWP-CTIWP: Survey on vaccination strategy in CAR-T patients
Study type
Closed Survey/Study
Diseases
All diseases
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)

Cellular Therapy & Immunobiology Working Party (CTIWP)
Type of treatment
CAR T
Principal investigator
Agnieszka Piekarska

ECIL guidelines

2025
Updated recommendations for the management of hepatitis B, C, and E virus infections in patients with haematological malignancies and those undergoing haematopoietic cell transplantation: recommendations from the 9th European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL-9)
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Other society
1st listed author
Malgorzata Mikulska
Journal
Lancet Haematol .
2025
Recommendations from the 10th European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia for the management of cytomegalovirus in patients after allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation and other T-cell-engaging therapies
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Other society
1st listed author
Per Ljungman
Journal
Lancet Infect Dis.
2025
Primary antifungal prophylaxis in hematological malignancies. Updated clinical practice guidelines by the European Conference on Infections in Leukemia (ECIL)
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Other society
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Livio Pagano
Journal
Leukemia.
2025
Management of Clostridioides difficile infection in patients with haematological malignancies and after cellular therapy: guidelines from 10th European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL-10)
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Other society
1st listed author
Malgorzata Mikulska
Journal
EClinicalMedicine.
2025
Post-pandemic recommendations for the management of COVID-19 in patients with haematological malignancies or undergoing cellular therapy, from the European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL-10)
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
Simone Cesaro
Journal
Leukemia.
2025
Community-acquired respiratory virus infections in patients with haematological malignancies or undergoing haematopoietic cell transplantation: updated recommendations from the 10th European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
Other society
1st listed author
Marie von Lilienfeld-Toal
Journal
Lancet Infect Dis.
2025
Empirical and targeted antimicrobial therapy in patients with febrile neutropenia and haematological malignancy or after haematopoietic cell transplantation:

recommendations from the 10th European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
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Dina Averbuch
Journal
Lancet Infect Dis.

Key publications

2025
Tuberculosis after hematopoietic cell transplantation: retrospective study on behalf of the infectious diseases working party of the EBMT
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
Joanna Drozd-Sokołowska
Journal
Bone Marrow Transplant.
2025
Clinical characteristic and outcome of HHV-6 encephalitis after allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation: A study of Infectious Disease Working Party of EBMT
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
Katia Perruccio
Journal
Bone Marrow Transplant.
2025
Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML) after hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT): a retrospective study of Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP) of the EBMT
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
Jarosław Dybko
Journal

Bone Marrow Transplant.
2025
Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and related infections in hematopoietic cellular therapy (HCT) in adults and children: a survey from the Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP) of the European Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
John A Snowden
Journal
Bone Marrow Transplant.
2025
A survey on the practices and the management of hemorrhagic cystitis in patients who undergo allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, on behalf of the Infectious Diseases Working Party of EBMT
Group
Infectious Diseases Working Party (IDWP)
1st listed author
Simone Cesaro
Journal
Bone Marrow Transplant.
See the full list of the IDWP 2025 publications

Indicators

	2023	2024	2025
Impact factor	206.90	77.50	**217.30**
Oral presentations	7	4	**7**
Poster presentations	3	8	**4**
Educational events	2	2	**2**

Event

51st Annual Meeting of the EBMT

Mar 30, 2025 - Apr 02, 2025 / Florence, Italy
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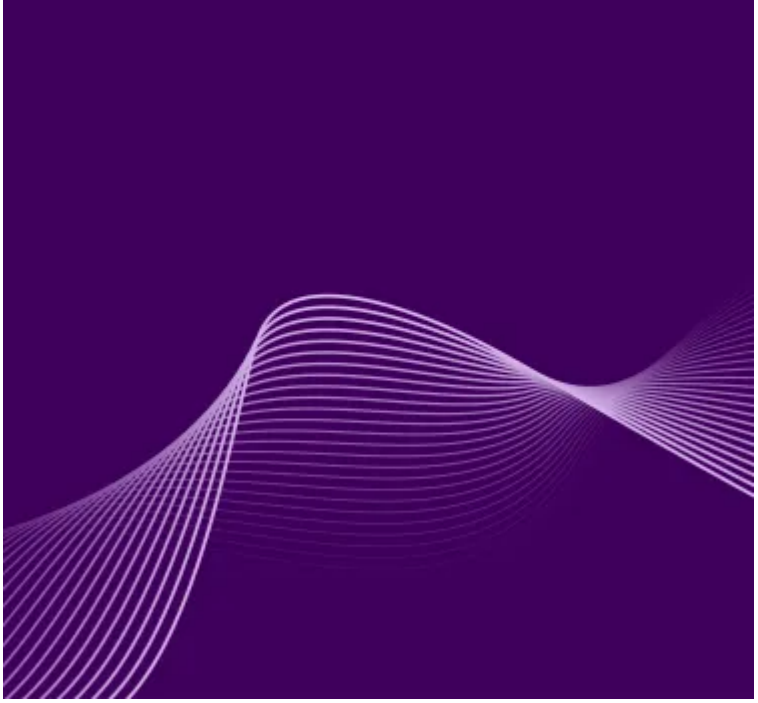

Event

28th Infectious Diseases Working Party Educational Course

Nov 20, 2025 - Nov 22, 2025 / Würzburg, Germany
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