From the EUCAST new software “Antimicrobial wild type type
distributions – a reference database”

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Aggregated Ciprofloxacin/E.coli MIC-distribution
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EUCAST steering committee at work, 2003
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Appointments by ESCMID
- chair/holder and scientific secretary (3 years)
- national breakpoint committee seats on the steering committee (3 years)
- 2 representatives from the EUCAST general committee from countries
not otherwise represented on the steering committee (3 years)

Appointments by the European countries
- against one representative each to serve for 2 years (new or confirmed appointments 2004)
- apply to the ESCMID board for a position on the steering committee (active national committees, or committees with 12 meetings per year are eligible)

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The EUCAST General Committee consists of a General Committee with representatives from all European countries, from the pharmaceutical industry, and from in vitro media and device industries. EUCAST is led by an ESCMID-appointed Steering Committee, which consists of a Chairman, a Scientific Secretary, and an Appointments Appointments by ESCMID individual from each country. Decisions are made by the Steering Committee after consultation with the General Committee.

EUCAST objectives
EUCAST was set up to standardise susceptibility testing in Europe so that comparable results and interpretations are produced. EUCAST's main objective is to develop and distribute a reference database for the MICs of antibacterial agents.

EUCAST structure
The European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST) is a standing committee under the aegis of the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID). It was set up in 1999 by the ESCMID and the European Commission to standardise susceptibility testing in Europe so that comparable results and interpretations are produced.

EUCAST publications
EUCAST publications are available online at www.eucast.org. They include guidelines, standards, and recommendations for the testing of antimicrobial susceptibility.

EUCAST websites
EUCAST provides web sites for wild type distributions, breakpoints and epidemiological cut-off values. The EUCAST website includes links to other resources and tools for susceptibility testing.

EUCAST Appointments Appointments by the European countries
- a process for harmonising breakpoints for existing antibiotics (fluoroquinolones, cephalosporins, macrolides, etc.)
- new definitions for clinical breakpoints
- new definitions for wild type bacteria and epidemiological cut-off values

EUCAST Appointments Appointments by ESCMID
- a process for setting breakpoints for new antibiotics (tryouts: daptomycin, garenoxacin – both companies contacted)
- a process for harmonising breakpoints for existing antibiotics (fluoroquinolones, cephalosporins, macrolides, etc.)
- new definitions for wild type bacteria and epidemiological cut-off values