

New ISHAM eLearning Course!

ISHAM has just launched an eLearning course on 'Diagnostic Medical Mycology'. The main goal of the course is to provide a comprehensive resource for people to learn about diagnostic medical mycology via an online learning platform. At the end of the course, participants should have a good understanding of the range of diagnostic techniques that are currently available, the relative advantages and disadvantages of each of the methods and how the methods can be used in different patient populations and different diseases.

The course consists of 12 modules and includes an overview of fungal diseases and antifungals, the fungal kingdom and an introduction to diagnostic techniques. Each of the diagnostic methods is then covered in detail in individual modules which include identification of yeasts and moulds; direct microscopy, culture and histopathology; antigen detection; antibody detection; molecular diagnosis, antifungal susceptibility testing and approaches to diagnosis in different patient populations. Participants who pass the final course exam will receive a certificate from ISHAM recognising their participation in the course.

The course is aimed at anyone with an interest in diagnostic medical mycology who would like to deepen their understanding of the area. With extensive reading lists and bibliographies, textbooks recommendations and a fully linked glossary, the course is ideal for those with limited experience in mycology as well as those who have some experience in this area.

Whilst the course cannot replace hands on practical experience, it will hopefully stimulate interest in diagnostic medical mycology and encourage participants to learn more about the area.

Further information can be found by logging into the ISHAM website and going to the Members Area, where you can find out how to access the discount code. If you are an ISHAM member you can register for the course at a substantially discounted price: non-members will pay CHF 75, but ISHAM members only pay CHF15! If you aren't a member of ISHAM, why not think of joining now? You can also access the course directly at <https://isham.scholarlms.com> where you will need to create an account and pay the full fee of CHF75 to participate.



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