EACS – Active engagement and visions for the future

EACS HIV Summer School, Montpellier, Sunday 1st September 2019

Jürgen Rockstroh, President
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EACS Members

2'467 Members

- Rest of World: 444 members (18%)
- Europe-North: 469 members (19%)
- Europe-East: 270 members (11%)
- Europe-West: 741 members (30%)
- Europe-South: 543 members (22%)
Engaging the members

by

• Having a voice in the EACS regional elections;
• Having access to the EACS Resource Library;
• Participating actively in the EACS working group panels and faculty;
• Accessing the membership database and network with other EACS professionals;
• Nominating a candidate for the EACS Award;
• Receiving the EACS newsletter with all the latest activities;
• Receiving a discount on the HIV Medicine Journal.
Governance (from 2020)

**EACS members**
- Elect the Regional Representatives: 4 Europe-East, 4 Europe-West, 4 Europe-North, 4 Europe-south
- Elected every 4 years
- Next election 2020

**General Assembly**
- EACS members
- Regional Representatives
- Meets once a year

**Governing Board**
- 16 Regional Representatives

**Bureau**
- Elected by the Governing Board
- President, Vice-President (President-elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President
EACS Working Groups

EACS Guidelines
Chair: Manuel Battegay
Coordinator: Lene Ryom

Education & Training
Chair: Sanjay Bhagani

WAVE
Chairs: Karoline Aebi-popp, Justyna Kowalska

European AIDS Conference
Chairs: Manuel Battegay, Jürgen Rockstroh

EACS Award
Chair: Nathan Clumeck

Policy & Partnerships
Chair: Ann Sullivan

Funding & Grants
Chair: Jürgen Rockstroh
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Key figures:

• The largest HIV conference in Europe this year
• 3,000+ clinicians, scientists and public health experts
• 1,056 regular abstracts submitted
• 80+ countries represented
• 4 days of scientific exchange, 45 scientific sessions, 2 pre-conference courses
• Plenaries, parallels, meet-the-expert, workshops, round table discussions
• 4,000 sqm+ exhibition, 10 industry sponsored sessions
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Conference highlights:

- Young generation to continue to drive the HIV cure agenda forward
- To increase interaction
  - ePosters stations
  - EACS Connectathon
  - EACS Clinicians of Tomorrow Mixer
- To reach a larger audience
  - Live interpretation from English to Russian
- To raise the Conference media coverage
  - EACS Press Live
- To discover the European Guidelines for treatment of HIV-positive adults
  - EACS Guidelines session & EACS Guidelines v.10.0
Conference plenaries:

- **THE LATENT HIV-1 RESERVOIR**

- **Date and time:**
  November 7, 2019 from 08:30 to 09:00

- **Speaker:**
  Matthieu Perreau
  Lausanne University Hospital, Switzerland

- **Focus:**
  The recent advances in the latent HIV reservoir field and on the various strategies currently being explored to achieve an HIV cure
Conference plenaries:

- **NEW DRUGS – WHO WOULD NEED THEM?**

- **Date and time:**
  November 7, 2019 from 09:00 to 09:30

- **Speaker:**
  Chloe Orkin
  Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

- **Focus:**
  Antiretroviral strategies, efficacy with safety and convenience.
  New agents in the pipeline, what are these and who will benefit from these new drugs and strategies?
Conference plenaries:

• PRECISION MEDICINE IN HIV

• Date and time:
  November 8, 2019 from 08:30 to 09:00

• Speaker:
  Amalio Telenti
  The Scripps Research Institute, United States

• Focus:
  Description the key aspects of AI, the conditions for usability, and the basis for data access and protection.
  Informed opinion on the value and promise of AI for medicine in general and HIV care and research in particular.
Conference plenaries:

• WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING FOR TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT AND CONTROL: A GAME CHANGER?

• Date and time:
  November 8, 2019 from 09:00 to 09:30

• Speaker:
  Iñaki Comas
  Biomedicine Institute of Valencia, Spain

• Focus:
  How disruptive are the genome sequencing technologies for TB is still debated? Review of the current evidence, showing how transformative genome sequencing has been and will be in TB
MEET-THE-EXPERT SESSIONS
Meet-the-expert sessions

- 1-hour morning session (07:30 – 08:30) on November 7 – 8, 2019

- Compact/limited and pre-registered audience (free for Conference delegates)

- Topics:
  - TB
  - Medical writing
  - Drug resistance in HIV
  - Prevention, screening, and treatment
  - HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders
  - Vaccination in HIV
  - HIV and the liver
PRE-EDUCATIONAL COURSE
EACS pre-educational course

- **Date and time:**
  November 6, 2019 from 09:30 to 16:00
  Free registration required (for Conference delegates)

- **Chairs:**
  Tristan Barber and Laura Waters, both from United Kingdom

- **For whom?**
  Primarily for students, doctors in training or those at an early stage of their career

- **Format?**
  Combination of short lectures and case-based teachings
EACS pre-educational course

• Topics?

• Chem sex: East and West

• Non-AIDS respiratory issues

• Dermatology in the modern era of HIV

• Sleep issues beyond efavirenz

• Using new ARVs in real life

It will conclude with a session delivered by the EACS Young Investigators Network (YING).
Basel, modern conference-city with everything in easy reach
Sessions with simultaneous translation into Russian

November 6, 2019
• Opening Welcome
• 90-90-90 goals in Europe: In action
• HIV care beyond 2019: How to address the new challenges
• Community perspective
• EACS award for excellence in HIV Medicine

November 7, 2019
• PL1 The latent HIV-1 reservoir
• PL2 New drugs – Who would need them?
• PS2 More than the sum of its parts? Multimorbidity in PLWH
• PS4 Social and implementation science
• EACS Guidelines: From version 9.1 to 10.0

November 8, 2019
• PL 3 Precision medicine in HIV
• PL4 Whole genome sequencing for tuberculosis treatment and control: A game changer?
• PS 8 Antiretroviral therapy: Today and in the future
• PS 11 Where do we stand with HIV prevention today
• YING symposium

November 9, 2019
• Clinical cases
• Round table: UNAIDS goals after 2020 – What next?
• Fast-track cities
• Status report and standard of care
• Closing

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### Dates to remember

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MEET YOU IN BASEL!

17th EUROPEAN AIDS CONFERENCE
November 6–9, 2019
Basel, Switzerland
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There are over 2.5 million PLWH in the European Region, increasing by 140,000 each year. To ensure high quality care for these individuals in the future, we need to nurture and stimulate the personal, clinical and scientific development of talented, ambitious young clinical researchers.
Scope:
• Foster deeper and more frequent exchanges among young HIV experts
• Bring a fresh perspective and innovative approach on HIV in Europe
• Share knowledge and experience
• Form a network and platform

Activities:
• Young Investigators Platform (YIP)
• 1 ½ day biennial meeting
• YING Symposium at the European AIDS Conference

Young Investigators Platform (YIP):
• Establish a durable and accessible platform to promote excellence in HIV science and care
• Facilitate interaction, collaboration and scientific synergism across Europe to benefit PLWH.
YING at EACS 2019

November 6, 2019 Pre-educational Course
• YING - The past and the future: the objectives and purpose of YING

November 8, 2019 YING symposium
Growing your research:
• YING introduction and how (not) to network
• Developing a good research question; how to search and some common pitfalls
• Operationalizing your question – Get what you want (no what you don’t)
• What’s happening in clinical research on HIV/AIDS in Europe
• Roundtable discussion

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Medical Exchange Programme

Short Clinical Exchange
Chair: Sanjay Bhagani
Scope: To promote clinical, research and education links between centres across Europe; facilitate the exchange of care and public health models in HIV Medicine. Fellows have the opportunity to observe and learn about other countries/institutions practice by visiting an EACS Clinical/Research Excellence Centre
Duration: for 2-4 weeks

Career Development Fellowship
Chair: Annemarie Wensing
Scope: To build a longer-lasting relationships with the mentor, and work together on a specific project for ex. a grant proposal, a clinical research project of a management project.
Fellows will be mentored by a key opinion leader, a short stay within the mentor’s institution and attendance to a conference with the mentor (EACS or Glasgow)
Duration: 12 months
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КУРС ПО КЛИНИЧЕСКОМУ ВЕДЕНИЮ ВИЧ ИНФЕКЦИИ
Clinical Management of HIV

- Epidemiology and surveillance
- Opportunistic infections and co-morbidities
- ART and complications of ART
- Continuum of HIV care
- Key affected populations
- Treatment as prevention of HIV
- Basic principles of PrEP
- Implementation and monitoring of PrEP
- ....and much more

3900 enrolled Participants since February 2016

https://iversity.org

“This course provided deep insight in current HIV treatment guidelines”, MD Russia

“Broad coverage of a variety of daily practice clinical problems”, MD Greece

“Interesting having faculty from all over Europe as teachers”, ID trainee Romania

“Very relevant to my work in a much simplified way”, MD UK
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European Diploma in HIV Medicine

Core Curriculum

HIV Summer School

YING conference

HIV Online Clinical Course + Online PrEP course

Core Curriculum

Exchange Programme

Programmes for AHPs and non-HIV Specialists
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How to address the gaps in WLWH care that have been identified?

- **Advise** on Guidelines & provide expert level opinion
- **Link** between scientific organizations and practitioners & community representatives
- **Promote** research in prioritised direction
- **Support** other organizations through research assistance and in seeking funds for specific topics
- **Target** regions in Europe where there is a hererosexual epidemics and where women’s needs are endangered, with a focus on Eastern Europe

Women Against Viruses in Europe
Promote the welfare of HIV-positive women in Europe

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WOMEN AGAINST VIRUSES IN EUROPE - MISSION

Promoting the welfare of HIV-positive women in Europe

Promoting equality of access to care and excellence in standards of care for women living with HIV

Addressing the many gaps that have been well identified in WLWH care

Advising on guidelines and provide expert level opinion whenever there are gaps in evidence

Building equal access and contributing to the body of evidence for using PreP for women
WOMEN AGAINST VIRUSES IN EUROPE

• European AIDS Conference (biennial)

• Pre-workshop survey on PreP for women to identify gaps

• Basel 6-9.11.2019
  - Menopause
  - Prep
  - Breastfeeding

• Literature review on coinfections and comorbidities prevalence in women
WAVE Pre-Conference workshop

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 10:00-13:00

Sessions:
1. If women are more mature... – menopause and ageing
2. If women are missing clear guidelines...- PrEP and breastfeeding
HIV Glasgow 2018 joint session
- PreP for women
- Pharmacokinetic studies in women
- HCV treatment and pregnancy

Peer-to-Peer visits in 2019
- Providing doctors the opportunity to visit specialized HIV units
  Strengthening the clinical skills of visiting doctors by sharing EACS standards of care
  Encouraging exchange of good practices and developing expertise
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Standard of Care meeting 2019

- Date: 30-31 January, 2019
- Venue: National Institute for Infectious Diseases “Prof. Dr. Matei Bals”, Bucharest, Romania Report
- Chair: Cristiana Oprea
- Attendees: 89 participants, representing 30 countries
- Profile: PLWHIV, Community representatives, and public health institutional partners, such as ECDC, WHO, UNAIDS, and HIV in Europe.
Standard of Care Audit project

Three key areas
1. Diagnosis and treatment hepatitis C virus (HCV) coinfection
2. HIV testing and late presentation
3. Integration of HIV-TB services

Pilot project
Hep audit in 5-6 countries: Georgia, Germany, Poland, Romania, Spain.

ECDC helps with the data analysis.

The first results of the pilot will be presented at the EACS 2019 Conference at the Standard of Care session in Basel on Saturday, 8 November 2019.

Russian clinicians with the support of WHO interested in participating to a late presenters audit.
Topics:

**Results** for the Hepatitis Audit
- Implementation of audits for TB coinfection as well as late presentation

**Implementation & retention** in care in Eastern and Central Europe

**Monitoring**: Dublin declaration
- Data availability
- Performance data by centres
- Performance to the Standard of Care guidelines – Prioritisation of limited resources

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ECDC Scoping project

ECDC has approached EACS for a Scoping project to develop European Standards of HIV care.

**Purpose:** To support ECDC in conducting a scoping exercise that considers the span and perceived usefulness of a European Standards of HIV Care, taking into account public health, clinical and community perspectives.

**Scope:** To identify and analyse useful sources of background information, draft key areas for possible inclusion in a European Standards of Care.

**Timeframe:** 12 months
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Greetings from the EACS Secretariat!

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