



# EACS Newsletter - February 2026

## NEWS

### Apply for the HIV Summer School 2026

The applications for the EACS HIV Summer School are still open. The course will take place from **31 August - 4 September in Lyon, France.**

This 5-day residential course is designed for clinicians involved in HIV management who wish to deepen their knowledge about all aspects of HIV medicine and research methodology. The course is delivered by an experienced faculty of key opinion leaders in the fields of HIV clinical care and research.

A maximum of 60 participants will be accepted.

A moderate fee of EUR 400 is charged, which will cover registration and accommodation (payment is due on confirmation of a place in the course). A limited number of scholarships are available to applicants from low-income countries.

**Applications are open until 2 March 2026.**

[Learn more and apply today.](#)

### Medical Exchange Programme

The EACS Medical Exchange Programme, launched in 2001, aims to strengthen clinical skills and foster collaboration across Europe through placements in specialised HIV units.

The programme now offers two opportunities for young professionals:

**Career Development Fellowship - [applications are now open!](#)**

Provides a 12-month mentorship between an HIV physician in training from the WHO European Region and an established European key opinion leader, supporting career progression and professional growth.

**Apply until 31 March 2026.**

[Learn more](#)

**Short Clinical Exchange Programme**

Promotes clinical, research and educational links between centres across Europe and facilitates the exchange of models of care in HIV medicine and allied specialities.

**Applications open: 23 February 2026**

[Learn more](#)

### European Diploma in HIV Medicine coming in April

The European Diploma in HIV Medicine, awarded by EACS in partnership with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI), is designed for practising medical professionals with at least three years of direct patient care experience in HIV management. The exam blueprint is based on the EACS Core Curriculum and aims to set a recognised standard of excellence in HIV care.

The first examination took place on **25 September 2025**, with **38 candidates** sitting the exam. This milestone reflects EACS' commitment to advancing clinical expertise across Europe and beyond.

The next iteration will be held in **September 2026.**

**Applications open: 22 April 2026**

**Exam date: 25 September 2026**

[More information here.](#)

## Now published: YING article on highlights from the 20th European AIDS Conference

Following the 20<sup>th</sup> EACS Conference in Paris in 2025, members of the EACS Young Investigator Network (YING) collaborated to write a summary article highlighting the most important findings from the conference.

The article covers key developments in antiretroviral therapy, co-morbidities, women and children, PrEP, HIV prevention, testing and migration, STIs and STI prevention, HIV cure, and molecular epidemiology.

The full article is now published in **HIV Medicine** (accessible via subscription or institution access).

[Article available here.](#)



## Join us in Prague in 2027

The 21st European AIDS Conference (#EACS2027) will take place in Prague, Czechia, from 6–8 October 2027.

Located in the heart of Europe, Prague is a key centre of science and culture and will offer a great setting to continue our shared commitment to advancing HIV research and care.

[Stay tuned!](#)

## Register for the HIV Advanced Training Forum 2026 - Endorsed by EACS

The HIV Advanced Training Forum is a two-day international course organised on **25-26 March 2026 in Bucharest Romania**, through the collaboration of leading academic and clinical institutions across Europe.

The course is designed to equip early-career healthcare professionals with practical, patient-centered strategies for long-term HIV care.

[Learn more and register.](#)

## Join the ID and HIV Dialogues 2026 - Endorsed by EACS

ID and HIV Dialogues 2026 is a leading event organised in **Bucharest Romania on 26-28 March 2026**, dedicated to excellence in HIV and infectious diseases. Currently at its seventh edition, the conference brings together distinguished European experts and major scientific societies to deliver state-of-the-art updates in HIV prevention and treatment, viral hepatitis, antimicrobial resistance, emerging infections, diagnostics, and vaccination.

With high-level keynote lectures, interactive sessions, and strategic dialogue at the intersection of science, clinical practice, and public health, ID and HIV Dialogues stands as a landmark event shaping the future of infectious disease medicine in Romania and beyond.

[More information here](#)

## PentaTr@ining 2026: 'HIV & other Congenital Infections'

Penta has launched PentaTr@ining 2026, a programme designed for healthcare professionals managing paediatric HIV and other congenital infections. The course provides updated, scientifically rigorous training on the latest treatment guidelines and management strategies for infants, children, and adolescents.

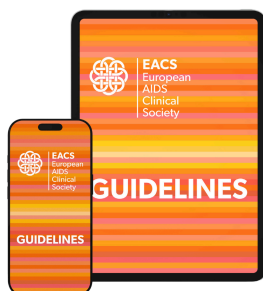
The programme offers two flexible components that can be taken together for a full certification or as individual training:

**Online e-Learning:** Starting 20 April 2026, this interactive phase includes six case-based modules and live webinars covering topics from vertical transmission to complex co-infections.

**Residential Workshop:** Taking place 15–17 September 2026 at the University of Padua, Italy, this three-day in-person event focuses on high-level clinical case discussions and expert-led networking.

Registration is now open, with tiered fees available for various professional backgrounds and regions.

[Learn more.](#)



## EACS Guidelines version 13.0

Have a look at the website of the latest version of the European Guidelines for the treatment of people living with HIV in Europe.

[More info](#)



## Follow us on BlueSky!

Don't forget to check EACS social media accounts to stay updated on the most important news related to HIV care. We are now on [BlueSky!](#)



## EACS Management of HIV and Co-infections Online Course

Follow the practical and comprehensive course on management of HIV, including: the latest findings and guidelines on how to manage, treat and prevent HIV and related diseases; optimisation of HIV treatment programmes and other related topics.

[More info](#)



## CALENDAR

### EACS Activities

- **5-6 June 2026:** YING Conference
- **31 August- 4 September 2026:** HIV Summer School
- **8-9 October 2026:** EACS Standard of Care Meeting

- **6-9 October 2027:** 21st European AIDS Conference

## Other activities

- **22-25 February 2026:** CROI
- **25-26 March 2026:** HIV Advanced Training Forum 2026
- **26-28 March 2026:** ID and HIV Dialogues 2026
- **17-21 April 2026:** ESCMID Global
- **27-29 April 2026:** BASHH BHIVA Joint Conference 2026
- **26-31 July 2026:** AIDS 2026
- **2-3 November 2026:** HepHIV2026
- **8-11 November 2026:** HIV Glasgow

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