



EACS Newsletter - March 2026

NEWS

Apply for the 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 (CDF)

The CDF allows young HIV physicians in training to develop their research and clinical careers through a mentorship from experienced physicians/scientists/researchers.

The programme aims to link an HIV physician in training with an established European key opinion leader, over a period of 12 months, to facilitate mentorship and help career progression.

Apply until 31 March 2026.

[Learn more](#)

Short Clinical Exchange Programme (SCEP)

The SCEP aims at promoting clinical, research and educational links between centres across Europe and facilitating exchange of models of clinical care in HIV medicine and allied specialities.

Fellows will have the opportunity to visit an EACS Clinical/Research Excellence Centre (CREC) specialised in HIV medicine for a period of 2 to 4 weeks.

Apply until 26 April 2026.

[Learn more](#)

European Diploma in HIV Medicine coming soon!

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: WAVE Editorial for International Women's Day 2026

On 8 March, we marked International Women's Day, a key moment to highlight women's health and to recognise the specific needs of women living with or vulnerable to HIV. WAVE continues to bring attention to these issues by supporting research, sharing expertise and working with clinical and community partners across Europe.

To mark this day, Nina Weis, Chair of WAVE, has written an editorial in HIV Medicine. Her piece outlines current priorities in women's health, including the challenges faced by women who are migrants, the need for clearer guidance on menopause in women with HIV, ongoing gaps in HPV

screening, and the importance of improving healthcare experiences for women across Europe. The editorial also reflects on recent work in breastfeeding guidance and continued activities of the WAVE in Ukraine workshop.

Article available [here](#).

Join the April EACS Live! Journal Club

The next EACS Live! Journal Club will take place on **Wednesday, 15 April** at **14:00 CEST** and will focus on injecting drug use, migration, and HIV from a public health perspective.

Karol Serwin (Poland) will discuss the impact of the war in Ukraine on the HIV epidemic in Poland, while Kirsten Hanke (Germany) will present on people who inject drugs in Germany. The session will conclude with a discussion involving YING members and the panelists.

Presenters:

Karol Serwin (Poland)
Kirsten Hanke (Germany)

Moderators:

To be announced

[Learn more!](#)

[Click here to register](#). When your registration has been accepted you will receive the Zoom link.

The Journal Club is an online meeting/discussion on a recent topical paper or clinical case together with YINGers and interested participants.

When long-acting HIV therapy fails, what can we learn?

A new study from experts within EACS analyses the first ~100 reported cases of virological failure with long-acting cabotegravir/rilpivirine (CAB/RPV-LA).

The key takeaway: failure remains rare, but when it occurs it is often associated with emergent resistance, sometimes affecting future treatment options. RPV or CAB levels at failure were often low; however, similar low levels are sometimes also observed in successfully treated individuals, highlighting the complexity of interpreting drug concentrations.

As long-acting antiretroviral therapies become more widely used, continued monitoring of resistance patterns and viral subtypes will be critical.

Congratulations to the authors Maria Mazzitelli, Milosz Parczewski, David Burger, and Annemarie Wensing for this important contribution.

Published in Clinical Infectious Diseases

<https://bit.ly/VirologicalFailure>;
<https://academic.oup.com/cid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cid/ciag046/8508656?login=false>



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!](#)

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.

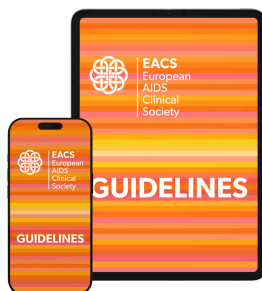
The programme offers two flexible components that can be taken together for a full certification or as individual training:

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

- **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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