WAVE – growing, developing, progressing

53 members (48 women + 5 men)

Region balance - 23 countries from all EACS regions
Europe East 11
Europe North 13
Europe South 12
Europe West 13
RoW 4

11 members of the Scientific Committee

2 chairs

Newsletter opening – above 60%

Surveys response – above 40%

Organised in thematic sub-groups
WAVE in Ukraine – since 2019
Simultaneous translation (Ukrainian, Russian, English)

2019
- Kiev, 2019
- Onsite
- 60 attendees

2020
- September 2020
- Online
- 98 attendees
  (43 live, 55 recording)

2021
- May-June 2021
- Online
- 272 attendees
  (90 live, 182 recording)

Development 2021-2022 and beyond:
1. Ongoing education (online seminar every 2 months) and one onsite meeting per year
2. CME credits, targeted content, responsiveness

Leads: Karoline Aebi-Popp (Switzerland), Justyna D. Kowalska (Poland)
Involved: Marta Vasylyev (Ukraine), Sergii Antoniak (Ukraine), Chas Zhytia Plus (NGO, Ukraine)
WAVE’s Collaboration with External Conferences

September 2020

Yvonne Gilleece

Contraception in Women living with HIV

United Conference of Hepatogastro-enterology and Infectious Diseases

The annual conference in Egypt bringing together clinicians, scientists and associates from the entire country, presenting the latest research

October 2020

Maria Jesus Perez Elias

HIV Glasgow Joint Session

Menopause and Gender Disparity outcomes in women living with HIV:
- Key questions in WLWHIV and ageing: menopause, frailty, and cancer screening
- 90:90:90. Are the Differences Between Women and Men Changing?

November 2020 – February 2021

Yvonne Gilleece

PrEP for women

Karoline Aebi-Popp

EACS Standard of Care

- How to measure stigma in potential PrEP providers, and anticipated/internalised stigma in potential beneficiaries
- How to measure quality of life/mental health (“The fourth 90”) in people needing PrEP and people taking it?
- How to make PrEP more accessible (de-medicalization)?
- How to identify women who might benefit from PrEP?
WAVE’s Collaboration with External Research Groups

**2020**
- **Survey**
- **WAVE members**
- **Penta Breastfeeding with HIV and neoPEP**

Evaluation of current HIV PMTCT recommendations in participating cohorts with regard to AZT prophylaxis and breastfeeding (17 countries – EPPICC and WAVE).

**2020-2021**
- **Survey**
- **WAVE members**
- **HCVAVERT trial**

First randomised controlled trial on safety and efficacy of DAAs after the first trimester in pregnant women with HCV. The trial includes women with co-infections (both HIV and HepB).
Combination prevention - since 2019

2019-2020

- PrEP Survey 2019
- Basel 2019
- Publication JVE K. Aebi-Popp (author)

2021

- Literature review
- Noami Fitzgerald (author)
- Yvonne Gilleece, (supervisor)

2021-2022

- Identifying missed opportunities
- Maria Jesus Perez Elias (supervisor)
- National Cohorts Review 2021

Development 2021-2022 and beyond:
1. Identifying gaps in access and missed opportunities for testing/offering PrEP by
   - Launching survey among women on PrEP
   - Launching survey among PrEP providers
2. Drafting recommendations for the Guidelines Panel

Leads: Yvonne Gilleece (UK), Ben Collins (UK) for questionnaire; Maria Jesus Perez (Spain) for National Cohorts Review
Involved: Karoline Aebi-Popp (Switzerland), NAM, Sophia Forum, AVAC
Co-morbidities and ageing – since 2019

2019-2021

Literature review

Yvonne Gilleece, Caroline Sabin (supervisors)
Sonia Raffe (author)

2021

Survey

Umbelina Caixas (supervisor)
Hilary Curtis (author)

2021

First results at EACS 2021

Publications

Development 2021-2022 and beyond:
1. Identifying good practices across Europe to improve management of co-morbidities in WLWH in menopausal age
2. Creating network for the future studies at European level in the frame of topics resulting from the literature review (in negotiation with journals specialising in HIV including Women special editions):
   - Systematic review on common comorbidities
   - Ageing (Focus on quality of life)
   - Respiratory diseases in WLWH
   - Sexual and reproductive health in ageing WLWH

Leads: Umbelina Caixas (Portugal), Teresa Branco (Portugal)
Involved: Shema Tariq (UK), Panagiota Lourids (Greece), Anna Hachfeld (Switzerland), Gordana Dragovic Lukic (Serbia), Nneka Nwokolo (UK), Deniz Goekengin (Turkey)

27/10/2021

European AIDS Conference London 2021
Migrant women – since 2021

What are the reasons for late HIV diagnosis in migrant women in Europe?
To what extent is perception of low risk the main factor?

Development 2021-202 and beyond:
1. designing and launching survey among NGOs and official institutions to identify gaps (results to be published)
2. survey among migrant women (results to be published)
3. creating a tool for designing culturally appropriated information kits

Lead: Nina Weis (Denmark)
Involved: Dagny Krankowska (Poland), Panagiota Lourida (Greece), Melvina Woode-Owusu (United Kingdom)
WAVE input to Guidelines Panel in 2021

Consultations
WAVE SC

Recommendations:
PrEP and ART in pregnancy
PrEP in women
Post-reproductive sexual health (Menopause)
Paediatrics ART (Penta)

Surveys
All WAVE members

Lead: Justyna D. Kowalska (Poland)
Involved: All members of WAVE

European AIDS Conference London 2021