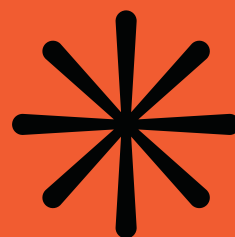


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1. About

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN AIDS CLINICAL SOCIETY (EACS)

The European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to promote excellence in prevention, care, research and education for HIV and related conditions across Europe. We advocate for equitable access to healthcare and aim to improve quality of life for those at risk of or affected by HIV, while shaping public health policies to reduce disease burden.

The main activities of the Society are:

European AIDS Conference

This is the most comprehensive abstract driven European HIV/AIDS conference. It is held every two years in a different European city. The 21st European AIDS Conference will take place in Prague, Czechia on 6-9 October 2027.

EACS Guidelines

The importance and success of the EACS Guidelines for the management of people living with HIV are demonstrated by their widespread dissemination. The EACS Guidelines are available on the interactive website and in the app.

Educational and Training Programme

EACS offers different educational and training opportunities to HIV physicians and investigators, such as the HIV Summer School, the Medical Exchange Programme, YING, and the Management of HIV and Co-infections Online Course. All educational activities are structured around the EACS Core Curriculum, which defines the essential knowledge and competencies in HIV medicine across Europe. A new addition to the educational activities is the European Diploma in HIV Medicine. Applications for the examination are open until 12 August 2026.

Standard of Care for HIV and Co-infections in Europe

Aims to promote better and more equal standards of HIV care and testing and care across Europe, a region marked by significant disparities. In recent years, the group has made important progress, with a strong focus on involving countries in Eastern Europe and beyond the EU, where inequalities are often greatest.

Advocacy and Health Policy

EACS is committed to actively contributing to the development of public health policies. This work involves building partnerships and maintaining continuous external relations. It also includes conducting studies and drafting, reviewing and updating policy documents such as consensus statements, policy briefs and calls to action. In addition, EACS engages directly with key stakeholders through one on one meetings and by hosting policy events such as roundtable discussions and high level meetings.

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ABOUT YING

Connecting the next generation of HIV experts across Europe

The EACS Young Investigators Network (YING) is an educational initiative dedicated to supporting early-career clinicians and scientists who are committed to advancing outcomes for people living with HIV. It was initiated in 2016 by Prof. Nathan Clumeck and has since grown into a strong and successful network of young clinicians. Over the years, YING has organised several key educational and networking activities, including the YING Conference held in person in 2016, 2018, and 2024, and online in 2020; the YING Symposium at EACS 2017 in Basel; and the Pre-Educational Course at EACS 2021 in London, EACS 2023 in Warsaw, and EACS 2025 in Paris.

YING was created to provide a platform for emerging professionals to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas. Organised by peers for peers, it brings a fresh perspective and innovative approach to HIV research and care across Europe. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, YING helps early-career investigators build meaningful relationships, share knowledge, and develop new networks that strengthen the HIV research community.

Through interactive sessions, networking opportunities, and collaborative projects, YING encourages members to learn from one another and gain insights that can shape the future of HIV treatment and prevention. The initiative aims to create a dynamic environment where early-career experts can contribute their ideas, challenge existing paradigms, and work together to drive progress.

Ultimately, YING is about building bridges and connecting emerging HIV specialists across Europe and empowering them to make a lasting impact on the lives of people living with HIV.





2. Scientific Programme

Thursday, 4 June	
Arrival of faculty and participants in Valencia	
Friday, 5 June (9:00 – 17:25)	
9:00 - 9:30	Opening and introduction of YING Steering Committee and Scientific Committee
9:30 - 10:05	Networking moment & coffee
10:10 – 12:45	Plenary Sessions
10:10 – 10:55	Future of HIV Treatment • <i>Chairs: Karolina-Anthoula Akinosoglou, Greece</i> • <i>Speaker: David Lawrence, United Kingdom (30 min + 15 min Q&A)</i>
10:55 – 11:40	Broadly neutralising anti-HIV antibodies (bNAbs) beyond treatment • <i>Chair: Uwe Koppe, Germany</i> • <i>Speaker: Jesper Damsgaard Gunst, Denmark (30 min + 15 min Q&A)</i>
11:40 – 12:25	Women in migration – WAVE • <i>Chair: Jasmini Alagaratnam, United Kingdom</i> • <i>Speaker: Dagny Krankowska, Poland (30 min + 15 min Q&A)</i>
12:25 – 12:45	Driving research forward using a European Network • <i>Chair: Evangelia Kostaki, Greece</i> • <i>Speaker: Klaske Vliegthart, Netherlands (10 min + 10 min Q&A)</i>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 13:55	Move to Breakout sessions





13:55 – 15:05	Breakout Session 1: Four workshops running at the same time • Cancer screening for people living with HIV <i>Moderators: Jose Bernardino, Spain & Maria Mazzitelli, Italy & Dagny Krankowska, Poland</i> • Designing impactful research projects <i>Moderators: Uwe Koppe, Germany & Evangelia Kostaki, Greece & Jesper Damsgaard Gunst, Denmark</i> • Career development <i>Moderators: Karolina-Anthoula Akinosoglou, Greece & Julia Notter, Switzerland & Klaske Vliegthart, Netherlands</i> • Challenging clinical cases <i>Moderators: Jasmini Alagaratnam, United Kingdom & Giovanni Villa, Ireland</i>
15:05 – 15:15	Rotation
15:15 – 16:25	Breakout Session 2: Four workshops running at the same time
16:25 – 16:55	Coffee Break
16:55	Back to plenary
16:55- 17:35	STI Screening among PrEP users - pro & con discussion • <i>Chair: Jose Bernardino, Spain</i> • <i>Speakers: Agnès Libois, Belgium & Giovanni Villa, Ireland (30 min + 15 min Q&A)</i>
17:35- 17:45	Closing day 1
19:30 – 00:00	Dinner





Saturday, 6 June (8:30 – 13:35)	
8:30 – 9:45	Plenary sessions
8:30- 09:00	Updates from Major Conferences • <i>Chair: Giovanni Villa, Ireland</i> • <i>Speaker: Karolina-Anthoula Akinosoglou, Greece (20 min + 10 Q&A)</i>
9:00 – 9:45	European Clinical Research Alliance on Infectious Diseases • <i>Chair: Oana Sandulescu, Romania</i> • <i>Speaker: Miranda Hopman, ecraid, Netherlands (30 min + 15 min Q&A)</i>
9:45 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:25	Breakout Session 3: Four workshops running at the same time • Cancer screening for people living with HIV <i>Moderators: Jose Bernardino, Spain & Maria Mazzitelli, Italy & Dagny Krankowska, Poland</i> • Designing impactful research projects <i>Moderators: Uwe Koppe, Germany & Evangelia Kostaki, Greece & Jesper Damsgaard Gunst, Denmark</i> • Career development <i>Moderators: Karolina-Anthoula Akinosoglou, Greece & Julia Notter, Switzerland & Klaske Vliegthart, Netherlands</i> • Challenging clinical cases <i>Moderators: Agnès Libois, Belgium & Giovanni Villa, Ireland</i>
11:25 – 11:35	Rotation
11:35 – 12:45	Breakout Session 4: Four workshops running at the same time
12:45	Back to plenary
12:45 – 13:10	Closing plenary with presentations from participants • <i>Chair: Oana Sandulescu</i>
13:10	Closing remarks by YING Chair Jose Bernardino, Spain
13:20	Take-out lunch and goodbye





3. Participants

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He is the author of more than 90 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including original articles and commentaries. His fields of interest span antiretroviral therapy strategies, ART toxicity, especially metabolic disorders and cardiovascular diseases, inflammation, and novel biomarkers of ageing.



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