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**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS:
TOWARDS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND INTEGRATED APPROACH**

VERONA INTERNATIONAL MEETING

9TH-10TH MAY 2019

AULA "ROBERTO VECCHIONI", LENTE DIDATTICA,
POLICLINICO "G.B. ROSSI",
37134 VERONA, ITALY

PROGRAMME



Speakers	Affiliation
Karel Blondeel	World Health Organization, Reproductive Health and Research Department, Geneva, Switzerland
Vincenzo Bronte	Head of Immunology Section, Department of Medicine, Director of the PhD School of Health and Life Sciences, University of Verona, Italy
Maddalena Cordioli	Infectious Diseases Section, Department of Diagnosis and Public Health, University of Verona, Italy
Lorenzo Gios	Infectious Diseases Section, Department of Diagnosis and Public Health, University of Verona, Italy
Kai J Jonas	Department of Work and Social Psychology Program , Maastricht University , The Netherlands
Maria Lleo	Microbiology Section, Department of Diagnosis and Public Health, University of Verona, Italy
Ulrich Marcus	Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Division for HIV/AIDS, STI and Blood-borne Infections, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Germany
Otilia Mårdh	HIV/STI Division, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Stockholm, Sweden
Massimo Mirandola	Infectious Diseases Section, Department of Diagnosis and Public Health, University of Verona, Italy
Maurine Murtagh	The Murtagh Group, California, USA
Katie Newby	Faculty Research Centre for Advances in Behavioural Science, Coventry University, United Kingdom
Tariq Sadiq	Institute of Infection and Immunity, St George's University of London, United Kingdom
Rob Stephenson	Department of Health Behaviour and Biological Sciences, University of Michigan, USA
Igor Toskin	World Health Organization, Reproductive Health and Research Department, Geneva, Switzerland
Christine Winkelmann	WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Federal Centre for Health Education, Germany



DAY 1
9th May 2019

SESSION 1 Introduction and state of the art
The public health perspective

Moderators: M. Mirandola, I. Toskin

Time	Title	Speaker
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome	Vincenzo Bronte
09:15 - 09:30	Introduction to the meeting	Maria Lleò
09:30 – 10:00	Global perspective on STIs and WHO initiatives	Igor Toskin
10:00 – 10:45	Epidemiological update on STIs in the European Region and current recommendations for STI treatment in Europe	Otilia Mårdh
10:45– 11:00	Q&A	All
30 mins	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Emergence, mechanisms and targets of antimicrobial resistance	Tariq Sadiq
12:00 – 12:30	Old and new vaccines for STIs	TBD
12:30 – 12:45	Questions & Answers session	All
1,5 hours	<i>Lunch</i>	

SESSION 2 New approaches to STI
Innovative models and strategies

Moderators: K. Jonas, M. Mirandola

Time	Title	Speaker
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction	Maddalena Cordioli
14:15 – 14:45	Challenges and opportunities to assess STIs and risk for STIs in bio-behavioural studies among MSM	Ulrich Marcus
14:45 – 15:15	New needs, new Sexual health clinic model?	Kai J Jonas
15:15 – 15:30	Questions & Answers session	All
30 mins	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	New approaches for sexual and reproductive health education in Europe	Christine Winkelmann
16:30 – 17:15	Dyadic approaches to STIs prevention and care	Rob Stephenson
17:15 – 18:00	Innovative strategies to enroll adolescents	Katie Newby
18:00 – 18:15	Questions & Answers session	All
18:15 – 18:30	Conclusions	
18.30	<i>Meeting close</i>	

20.00 Social Dinner



DAY 2
10th May 2019

SESSION 3

Diagnostic tools
Advances, concerns, opportunities
Moderators: U. Marcus, M. Lleò

Time	Title	Speaker
9:00 - 09:20	Introduction	Igor Toskin
9:20 - 10:10	Diagnostic advances and concerns in STI: the landscape and new diagnostic approaches	Maurine Murtagh
10:10 - 10:50	New diagnostic tools and strategies to tackle antimicrobial resistance	Tariq Sadiq
10:50 - 11:10	Questions & Answers session	All
30 mins	Coffee break	
11:40 - 12:30	Ongoing, independent evaluation of promising diagnostic tools for HIV, syphilis, NG, CT and TV: overall architecture, data management, data analysis and results from a piloting project	Karel Blondeel Lorenzo Gios Maddalena Cordioli Maria Lleo Antonella Zorzi
12:30 - 12:45	Questions & Answers session	All
12:45 - 13:00	Conclusions	
13:00	Meeting close	

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