6th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health

1st Mediterranean Conference on Migration and Travel Health

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I am pleased to announce that the next European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health will be hosted in Verona, Italy, from 6 to 10 September 2009. This will be the 6th Congress organised under the auspices of the Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health (FESTMIH), after Hamburg, Liverpool, Lisbon, Marseille and Amsterdam. Italy, whose Southern end is so close to Africa, is a country where "Tropical Medicine" does not necessarily refer to diseases occurring abroad. A number of parasitic diseases, ranging from visceral and cutaneous leishmaniasis to strongyloidiasis, are still endemic in our country.

Only very recently, in August 2007, an outbreak of a typically "tropical" disease, chikungunya, occurred (for the first time in Europe) in Northern Italy, causing more than 200 cases and one death, reminding us that vectors and microbes tend to travel without passports or entry visas.

Just a century ago, in October 1909, the Italian Nobel Prize Laureate Camillo Golgi founded the "Lega Nazionale contro la malaria": it took about half of the past century to eradicate malaria from Italy: a success which is not only of historical interest, now that malaria eradication is once again in the agenda.

This Congress will deal with the classical aspects of Tropical Medicine including basic science, diagnostic /therapeutics, clinical tropical medicine and disease control, but International Health will not be a minor component, the central focus being on the main theme of Equity, Human Rights and Access to Care.

We strongly encourage all interested professionals to seize this opportunity to present their research and discuss strategies which can help to reduce inequality, to broaden the access to basic health services and to reach the underserved.

The Congress will also put a great emphasis on Transferability of Research results into actual practice. We are interested to discuss how evidence obtained from research is transferred/not transferred into actual policy and practice. We will also discuss the North-South gap in health research, in all main aspects: space devoted to global health in medical journals; role of researchers from the South in relevant publications; share of research which is actually devoted to priority areas; important gaps that remain to be filled in research in tropical medicine and international health; difficulties in financing health system research. It will be a challenge to all participants to make of this event something more than a “classical” congress: let’s make use of this opportunity as a platform for open debate, discussion, proposals of practical and evidence-based solutions to the advantage of those who most need them.

We look forward to seeing you in Verona!

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**About the Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health**  
The Federation was founded in 1995 in Hamburg, during the first European Congress on Tropical Medicine. Fifteen European countries are currently represented on the Federation Council by their respective national societies. Overseas Societies are welcomed as corresponding members.

The objectives of the Federation are to build upon the interdisciplinary expertise of the national societies in Europe, for developing European collaboration and North-South partnership towards health development in the tropics, in the respect of regional specificities.

The Federation wants namely to promote harmonisation of health strategies and recommendations related to developing countries, emergency situations and international travelers, to seek advice from overseas partners for pertinent identification of their health and research priorities, to foster the formation in the tropics of new scientific societies dealing with health sciences, to encourage European harmonisation of training in tropical medicine, and to organise regular conferences on tropical medicine and international health in Europe.

The Federation is in close collaboration with the periodical Tropical Medicine and International Health and has established links with the European Schools of Tropical Medicine (Trop Med Europe).

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About the Centre for Tropical Diseases, S. Cuore Hospital, Negrar, Verona

The Centre for Tropical Diseases (CTD) and the Service of Epidemiology and Laboratory for Tropical Diseases were established in 1989 by the “Fondazione don Giovanni Calabria per le Malattie Tropicali” at Sacro Cuore - Don Calabria Hospital, Negrar (Verona), Italy. Therefore in the year of the Congress the Centre celebrates its 20th Anniversary. Despite its recent foundation, the Centre for Tropical Diseases has continuously developed and is now one of the most important Italian referral units for tropical diseases.

Since 1996, both the Centre for Tropical Diseases and the Service of Epidemiology and Laboratory for Tropical Diseases, supported by the Fondazione, have been involved in training programmes and provide many residential courses.

The Centre for Tropical Diseases is also one of the promoting centres of the “European Course in Tropical Epidemiology”, (www.ecte.org) a residential, intensive training course organised as a joint venture of European Institutes for Tropical Medicine. Every year this course takes place in a different country: in 2000 it was held for the first time in Italy, at the Centre for Tropical Diseases, and again in 2005. The Centre is also part of other European networks such as TROPEDEUROP (a network for training and education in international health) as a collaborating centre, and TROPNETEUROP (the European network on imported infectious and tropical diseases). The Service of Epidemiology and Laboratory for Tropical Diseases is not only a reference lab for parasitology in Italy, but also the centre of sample preparation for the Italian Quality Control Programme in Parasitology.

The CTD is also involved in cooperation, training and research activities both in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

For further information visit the website: www.tropicalmed.eu

About the Italian Society of Tropical Medicine (Società Italiana di Medicina tropicale – SIMET)

The SIMET is the Italian Society dealing with Tropical Medicine and International Health. It has about 300 members working in both Italy and overseas in Tropical Medicine and related fields.

Established in 1983, it is the successor of the four previous Societies founded with different names, the first one in 1908. The “tropical pathologies”, the “diseases of warm climates”, the “exotic diseases” were the disciplines cultivated by the Society’s fellows in the past century. In recent years a renewed commitment has been addressed to the promotion and implementation of research on relevant health issues in the tropical, subtropical and Mediterranean areas, and to health cooperation with low income countries. The SIMET is a member of the Federation of European Societies of Tropical Medicine and International Health (FESTMIH). The Statute of the Society is an expression of the current European views of Tropical Medicine and International Health. The SIMET, with particular reference to the legislation that disciplines the bilateral and multilateral Italian Cooperation, aims at the prevention, diagnosis and care of human and animal diseases, and gives great emphasis to health education and information, both in Italy and in foreign countries, for health professionals, workers, travellers and also the general population interested in this field.

The SIMET official Journal is the “Giornale Italiano di Medicina Tropicale” (Italian Journal of Tropical Medicine) edited by the actual SIMET President, Prof. Giancarlo Majori (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome).
Italy is a natural bridge between North and South, as well as between Eastern and Western European countries. Formerly a country of emigration, Italy now shares with other Mediterranean countries the burden of the recent, heavy wave of immigration. We found therefore opportune to associate to the main Congress a first Mediterranean Conference on Migration and Travel Health.

The Conference is hosted in the same facilities as the main Congress and will run in parallel with the latter for two days.

We believe that many themes are transversal to both congresses, and particularly so the main lens on *Equity, Human Rights and Access to Care*.

Nevertheless, migration and travel health have also specific aspects that justify a specific forum. The health issues raised by immigration range from the need to provide an adequate access to essential care to the new citizens (including undocumented immigrants), to the problem of “new” diseases challenging health professionals who usually lack specific experience and training. The so called Travel Medicine is also increasingly dealing with a new category of immigrant travellers, usually referred to as VFR (Visiting Friends and Relatives), who travel back to their home country after a variable and often long residence in the host country: they are exposed to a higher risk than the ordinary European travellers, yet they are much more likely to travel with no prevention, often with children born in Europe and travelling for the first time.

Registered participants to the Congress will be entitled to follow sessions of the Conference, too. It is also possible to register to the Conference only, for a reduced fee: registered delegates will have the option to follow any session of the Congress, too, during the two days.

We look forward to seeing you in Verona!

On behalf of the Scientific Committee:

Francesco Castelli, Director, Post-Graduate School in Tropical Medicine | University of Brescia and Unit for Tropical and Imported Diseases, Hospital of Brescia
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**Mediterranean Conference** on Migration and Travel Health
Monday, 7 September 2009

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T2 P1 Severe Malaria: From Basic Knowledge to New Therapeutic Approaches
T3 P1 HIV Treatment

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T2 P2 Antimalarial Treatments: Registration & Beyond
T1 Workshop Global Initiatives for Health Related MDG (Norwegian Forum)
T3 P2 MDR-XDR TB Threat

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T2 P3 The Challenge of smear negative TB
T1 Round Table The North-South Differences in Medical Publishing: Time for an Action?
T4 Workshop Poverty, Inequality and Bacterial Resistance. Joint Session FESTMIH - ESCMID

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T3 P3 Preventive chemotherapy for control of NTDs: a vertical or horizontal approach?
T4 P2 Human African Trypanosomiasis

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T3 Debate Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV: Impact, Ethical Aspects and Equity
T4 P3 Reproductive Health and Human Rights

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The following programme is a preliminary version subject to change. Further versions will be regularly updated on the website www.festmih.org/verona2009. The programme is ordered by main topics (tracks); the corresponding schedule is attached.

A plenary session (in the morning) is a session with no contemporary parallel. A main session (in the afternoon) has the same structure as a plenary (typically with three invited lectures and no oral communication), but other sessions will be run in parallel.

NB. Every morning before the plenary session, an interactive clinical session will take place, in parallel with “Meet the Professor” sessions: these are “State of the art” mini conferences on topics that are not fully covered by the plenary and parallel sessions. The detailed programme will be published in a later version.

Opening Session

Event: History of Malaria Eradication in Italy and the Mediterranean
Giancarlo Majori (Italy): History of Malaria Eradication in Italy.
Pierre Ambroise-Thomas (France): Malaria Eradication in the Mediterranean: Lessons learned for a more ambitious goal.

Track 1 – Public Health, Human Rights And Access To Care

First Plenary Session

Building a common framework on human rights, equity and access to care (Introduction to the programme, objective/goals of the Congress)
1. David Sanders (South Africa)
   From research to health policy change.
2. Hans Hogerzeil (WHO)
   Human rights approach to health policy.
3. Gianni Tognoni (Italy)
   Ethics and Health Care. Is the ethical debate only an issue of clinical research?

Parallel Sessions

1. Removing Barriers to Access to Quality Care
   Keynote Speaker: Anne Mills (UK)
   Successes and failures on overcoming barriers to access to quality care.

2. Public-private Partnerships in Global Health
   Keynote Speaker: Jeremy Shiffman (US)
   Should large foundations/sponsors have a major role in setting priorities?

3. Counterfeit and Substandard Drugs: A Barrier for Access to Quality Care
   Keynote Speaker: Yves Juillet (France)
   Drug counterfeiting: raising awareness and fighting a public health threat.
   Keynote Speaker: Paul Newton (UK)
   Counterfeited antimalarials: a major problem?

4. Global Health Initiatives and Health Systems
   Keynote Speaker:
   Joseph Hubert Perniëns (WHO)
   Optimising Global Health Initiatives to Health Systems.

5. Community based interventions: an opportunity for integration?
   Keynote Speaker:
   Uta Lehmann (South Africa)
   Successes and failures in community based interventions.

Workshop

(Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research)
Global initiatives for the health related millennium development goals – Needs for improved implementation
Keynote speaker to be confirmed.
Global health initiatives and the revised primary health care strategy: Conflicts or synergies?
Keynote speaker to be confirmed.
Measuring the effect of health interventions in complex settings: need for a common evaluation framework?
Keynote speaker to be confirmed.
Effects of performance based funding and alternative strategies of improving health services in low resource settings.
### Debates/Round Tables

1. **Round Table: The North-South differences in medical publishing: time for an action? (Round Table of Editors of medical journals)**
   
   Moderators: Thomas Junghanss (Germany); Susanne Groener (Germany)
   Discussants: Ricardo Lourenço-de-Oliveira, Editor, Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz (Brazil); Hooman Momen, Editor, Bulletin of the World Health Organization (WHO); Ajit Lalvani (UK); Other discussants to be confirmed

2. **Debate: Ethical criteria in clinical research in developing countries: Is there a global standard?**
   
   Moderator: Raffaella Ravinetto (Belgium)
   Discussants: Lumuli Mbonile (Tanzania); 2nd Discussant to be confirmed

3. **Debate: Removing user fees: selective or comprehensive?**
   
   Moderator to be confirmed
   Discussants: Mitt Philips (MSF); 2nd Discussant to be confirmed

### Closing Session

**From research to action**

1. Summary of the main outcomes of the Congress.
2. Roles and responsibilities in implementing research findings.

### Track 2 – Malaria

#### Main Session

**Availability & Affordability of ACTs**
Chairperson: Chris Witthy (UK)
Overview of the challenges.
1. Antonio Longo (Italy)
   - Basic research to improve supply of Artemisia derivatives.
2. Catherine Goodman (Kenya)
   - Stabilizing prices, ensuring affordability for the end user.
3. Speaker to be confirmed
   - Expanding access: private sector involvement, public sector responsibility.

#### Special Session

**Malaria vaccines**
Joe Cohen (GSK)
The vaccine RTS,S/AS02A: From the original insight to the development of the most promising candidate.
Pedro Alonso (Spain)
What should we expect in the near future?
Robert Sauerwein (The Netherlands)
Are there any promising candidates in the pipeline?
Speaker to be confirmed.
Foreseeing the operational challenges of malaria vaccine delivery

#### Parallel Sessions

1. **Patho-Physiology & Severe Malaria. From basic knowledge to new therapeutic approaches**
   
   Keynote Speaker: Paolo Arese (Italy)
   Pathogenesis of severe malaria anemia.
   Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
   Treatment of severe malaria in adults and children: new evidences and state of the art.

2. **Antimalarial Treatments: registration & beyond**
   
   Introduction by Chairperson (to be confirmed)
   The global antimalarial portfolio (products in use and under clinical development).
   Keynote Speaker: Henri Vial (France)
   Beyond ACT: promising candidates.
   Selected presentations: results of Phase III and post-registration trials.

3. **Malaria in pregnancy**
   
   Keynote Speaker: Umberto D’Alessandro (Belgium)
   Efficacy & safety of anti-malarial treatment in pregnancy (incl’ng 1st trimester).
4. Expanding access to ACTs
Keynote Speaker: Ambrose Talisuna (Uganda)
Ensuring global access to ACTs and targeting their use.

5. Malaria miscellaneous
Chairperson and Keynote Speaker: Claudio Tadeu Ribeiro (Brasil)
Perspectives for Malaria elimination in the American continent: focus on Brasil.

6. Malaria Diagnosis: Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT) and Traditional Microscopy
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
Are RDT killing basic laboratory in the field?

7. \textit{P. vivax} & others incl. \textit{P. knowlesi}
Do they really matter?
Keynote Speaker: Indra Vythilingam (Malaysia)
Update on the fifth human plasmodium.
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
\textit{Plasmodium vivax} infection in pregnancy.

Debates/Round Tables

1. Debate: Home/near-home treatment: Is this the way forward?
Moderator: Franco Pagnoni (WHO)
Discussants: Ambrose Talisuna (Uganda); 2nd discussant to be confirmed

2. Round Table (Swiss Society of Tropical Medicine). Malaria eradication:
A realistic target? Pro’s and con’s, how and when
Moderator: Christian Lengeler (Switzerland)
Discussants: Richard Feachem (US);
Marcel Tanner (Switzerland);
Awa Coll-Seck (WHO);
Ambrose Talisuna (Uganda)

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Track 3 – HIV and TB

Plenary Session

HIV and TB Epidemiology and Control

Parallel Sessions

1. HIV treatment
Chairperson: Peter Piot (UK)
ART in peripheral and resource-limited settings: lights and shadows.

2. The challenge of smear-negative TB
Chairperson: Martin Boeree (Netherlands)
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
Evidence based management of smear-negative TB.

3. Integrated management of HIV and TB
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
Integrated management of HIV and TB patients: so obvious, so difficult.

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Debate

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT): impact, ethical aspects and equity
Moderator and discussants to be confirmed

4. Gender disparities in TB and HIV: evidences and strategies
Keynote Speaker: Vinod Diwan (Sweden)

5. Challenges in HIV and TB diagnosis
Chairperson: Daniela Cirillo (Italy)
Keynote Speaker: Karin Weyer (WHO)
Easy access to local diagnosis and treatment.
Keynote Speaker: Francis Drobniewski (US)
TB diagnosis: The role of microscopy, culture and rapid tests.
Track 4 – Neglected Tropical Diseases, Clinical Tropical Medicine, Other Tropical Diseases

Main Session

Neglected Diseases Control, Equity and Human Rights
1. Eduardo Gotuzzo (Peru)
   Diseases, communities, essential drugs, human rights: Which is most neglected?
2. Teresa Gyorkos (Canada)
   The gender divide of tropical parasitic diseases.
3. Lorenzo Savioli (WHO/NTD)
   Integrated control of NTDs: Thinking beyond the health system.

Parallel Sessions

1. Buruli Ulcer
   Keynote Speaker: Abdoulaye Diarra (WHO/AFRO)
   Improving Access to Treatment for T. b. gambiense Sleeping Sickness.
2. Human African Trypanosomiasis
   Chairperson: August Stich (Germany)
   Progress in Treating Buruli Ulcer.

3. Chronic Degenerative Diseases
   Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
   The challenges of managing CDD in Primary Care.

4. Leishmaniasis and Innovative Disease Management
   Chairperson: Luigi Gradoni (Italy)
   Keynote Speaker: Ben-Ismail Riadh (WHO/EMRO)
   Improving access towards new drugs and innovative tools for leishmaniasis.

5. Diseases targeted to elimination 1: Leprosy, treponematosis
   Keynote Speaker: Salvatore Noto (Italy)
   Leprosy: Will it soon be eradicated?
   Keynote Speaker: Kingsley Bampoe Asiedu (WHO)
   Treponematosis elimination and health system challenges.

6. Diseases targeted to Elimination 2: Filaria, Guinea worm
   Keynote Speaker: Silvio Paolo Mariotti (WHO)
   Neglected blindness and new tools for control in public health.
   Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
   Why is Sudan the last country to eliminate Guinea worm?

7. Soil-transmitted Helminthiasis and Schistosomiasis: improving access to preventive treatment
   Keynote Speaker: Antonio Montessor (WHO)
   Delivery of Anti-Helminthics through Community Campaigns: Opportunities and Challenges.

8. Vaccines for Neglected Diseases
   Keynote Speaker: Stanley Plotkin (France)
   Update on Dengue and Rotavirus vaccine developments.
   Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
   PAPOVA vaccines: Access, feasibility and impact.

9. Neglected Zoonotic diseases
   Chairperson and Keynote Speaker: Francois-Xavier Meslin (WHO)
   Control of Neglected Zoonotic diseases: A route to poverty alleviation?

Debates/Round Tables

1. Debate: Preventive chemotherapy for Neglected Tropical Diseases: A vertical or horizontal approach?
   Moderator: Marleen Boelaert (Belgium)
   Discussants: Els Mathieu (US); Anna Cavalli (Italy)

2. Round Table: Open questions in control of helminthiasis
   Moderator: Lorenzo Savioli (WHO/NTD)
   1. Speaker to be confirmed
      Interaction with the big three (Malaria, HIV and TB).
   2. Dirk Engels (WHO/NTD)
      Safety and benefits of drug co-administration.
   3. Marco Albonico (Italy)
      Potential drug resistance.
4. Sexual violence and unsafe abortion

Keynote Speaker: Marleen Bosmans (Belgium)
A rights based approach to prevention and response to gender-based violence in conflict settings.

Keynote Speaker: Marleen Temmerman (Belgium)
Organising referral and health care for survivors of sexual violence.

Track 6 – Alert and Preparedness

Opening

Opening: Luigi Bertinato (Italy)
From Plague Control in the Republic of Venice to International Health Regulation

Parallel Sessions

1. Haemorragic Fevers. New insights and preparedness to detect and control local outbreaks. Joint session FESTMIH – ESCMID
Chairperson: Giuseppe Ippolito (Italy)
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
Identifying and controlling outbreaks of Ebola and Marburg viruses: recent experiences and lesson learned.
Keynote Speaker: Onder Ergonul (Turkey)
Haemorragic Fevers. Implications for Tropical and Temperate Regions.

2. South – North trends in arboviral disease control
Keynote Speaker: Maria Guadalupe Guzman (Cuba)
Evaluating the Effectiveness of Dengue Control in Endemic Countries.
Preliminary Programme of the 1st Mediterranean Conference on Migration and Travel Health

Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
Risk Assessment and Preparedness for Chikungunya, Dengue and West Nile Fever in Italy and the Mediterranean.

3. Confronting new global threats such as Avian flu
Keynote Speaker: Ilaria Capua (Italy)
The role of surveillance in animal health.
Keynote Speaker to be confirmed Experience of countries affected with avian influenza.

Bioterrorism: myth or reality?
(Realistic threat or a waste of money?)
Moderator: Gerd Burchard (Germany)
Discussants: Christian Drosten (Germany)
2nd Discussant to be confirmed

Workshop
Surveillance for emerging tropical and infectious diseases

Mediterranean Conference on Migration and Travel Health

Main Session
Introduction and overview:
Francesco Castelli (Italy)
Movements of People in the Mediterranean Area
1. Louis Loutan (Switzerland)
   Migrants: leading travellers in our mobile world.
2. Guido Sabatinelli (UNRWA, Jordan)
   Health of Palestine Refugees in the Eastern Mediterranean: Determinants, Barriers and Opportunities.

Plenary Session
Migrant Health between Tropical and Travel Medicine
1. Manuel Corachan (Spain)
   Tropical vs. Travel Medicine: is the Migrant the neglected link?
2. Speaker to be confirmed
   Cultural diversity and stereotyping: which implication for medical practice?
3. Speaker to be confirmed
   Travel and migration of unknown microbes and parasites.

Parallel Sessions
1. Research needs in migrant's health
   Keynote Speaker: Ben-Ismail Riadh (WHO/EMRO)
   Update on Leishmaniasis in the Mediterranean Area.
   Keynote Speaker: Sanaa Kamal (Egypt)
   Hepatitis C virus genotype 4: what we know and we don’t know yet.

2. Health education for travelling migrants: Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR)
   Keynote Speaker: Ron Behrens (UK)
   Keynote Speaker: Delane Shingadia (UK)
   VFR: the problem of the second generation. A pediatrician’s perspective.

3. Approach to the long-term traveller
   Keynote Speaker: Pat Schlagenhauf (Switzerland)
   Malaria prophylaxis in long-term travellers.

4. TB in marginalized populations
   Keynote Speaker to be confirmed
   TB in illegal immigrants, prisoners, drug addicts. Epidemiology and access to care.

5. Human mobility and sex
   Keynote Speaker: Frédéric Sorge (France)
   Children and sexual tourism.
   Keynote Speaker: Rogelio Lopez-Velez (Spain)
   Is HIV a problem of travellers and migrants?

6. Women, children and migration
   Keynote Speaker: Ines Keygnaert (Belgium)
   Sexual and reproductive health consequences of sexual violence in immigrants.

Debates
1. Enteric diseases and cholera in pilgrims, migrants and travellers
   The new oral cholera vaccine: a solution for all?
   Moderator to be confirmed
   Discussants: Claire-Lise Chaingnat (WHO)
   2nd Discussant to be confirmed

2. From epidemiology of migrant deaths in the Mediterranean to possible solutions
   Moderator and Discussants to be confirmed
Workshop

Chagas disease (1909-2009): From Latin America to Europe and the Mediterranean
Opening lecture: José Rodrigues Coura (Brasil)
Chagas disease (1909-2009): What are the perspectives, one century after discovery?
Introduction: Joaquim Gascon (Spain)
Imported Chagas Disease in Europe: A new challenge.

Round Table

Approach to imported Chagas Disease: towards a shared protocol?
Moderator: Jean Jannin (WHO/TDR)
### Abstract Categories

1. **Public Health and Human Rights**
   - 1.1 Equity, Health and Human Rights
   - 1.2 Access to Care (Financial and Non-Financial Issues)
   - 1.3 Ethical Issues in Clinical Research
   - 1.4 Ethical Issues in Health Policies
   - 1.5 Public-Private Partnership in Global Health
   - 1.6 Health Financing
   - 1.7 Health Systems and Communities
   - 1.8 Health Systems Research
   - 1.9 Primary Health Care
   - 1.10 Priority Setting
   - 1.11 Quality of Care

2. **Malaria**
   - 2.1 Epidemiology and Control
   - 2.2 Malaria Eradication
   - 2.3 Vector Control
   - 2.4 Insecticide Treated Nets and Curtains
   - 2.5 Pathophysiology and Immunology
   - 2.6 Severe Malaria
   - 2.7 Treatment
   - 2.8 Vaccines
   - 2.9 New Diagnostics
   - 2.10 Basic Laboratory and Malaria
   - 2.11 P. vivax, P. knowlesi and others
   - 2.12 Malaria Miscellaneous

3. **HIV and Tuberculosis**
   - 3.1 HIV
   - 3.2 TB
   - 3.2.1 Epidemiology and Control
   - 3.2.2 TB Prevention
   - 3.2.3 TB Vaccines
   - 3.2.4 Pathophysiology and Immunology
   - 3.2.5 MDR and XDR TB
   - 3.2.6 Access to First and Second Line Treatment
   - 3.2.7 DOT and DOT Plus
   - 3.2.8 TB Miscellaneous
   - 3.2.9 Clinical AIDS and Opportunistic Infections
   - 3.2.10 HIV Miscellaneous

4. **Neglected Diseases, Clinical Tropical Medicine, Other Diseases**
   - 4.1 Antibiotic Resistance
   - 4.2 Buruli Ulcer
   - 4.3 Cysticercosis
   - 4.4 Dengue
   - 4.5 Filariasis
   - 4.6 Fungal Diseases
   - 4.7 Haemorrhagic Fevers
   - 4.8 Leprosy
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   - 4.12 Schistosomiasis
   - 4.13 Intestinal Helminths
   - 4.14 Zoonoses
   - 4.15 Other Infectious and Tropical Diseases
   - 4.16 Chronic and Degenerative Diseases
   - 4.17 Laboratory and Tropical Diseases

5. **Child and Reproductive Health**
   - 5.1 Child Health in the International Agenda
   - 5.2 Child Health Policy Issues including Child Health Days
   - 5.3 Child Survival and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)
   - 5.4 Reproductive Health in the International Agenda
   - 5.5 Reproductive Health and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)
   - 5.6 Access to Prenatal and Perinatal Quality Care
   - 5.7 Sexual Violence and Unsafe Abortion
   - 5.8 Miscellaneous

6. **Alert and Preparedness**
   - 6.1 Haemorrhagic Fevers in Tropical and Temperate Regions
   - 6.2 Surveillance for Emerging Tropical and Infectious Diseases in Europe
   - 6.3 Avian Flu and the New Global Threats
   - 6.4 Other Zoonosis with Epidemic Potential
   - 6.5 Bioterrorism
   - 6.6 Arboviral Diseases
   - 6.7 Miscellaneous
The Scientific Boards of the 6th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health and of the 1st Mediterranean Conference on Migration and Travel Health welcome the submission of abstracts for original contributions to the field. All accepted abstracts, to be presented as oral presentation or as poster, will be published in the abstract book. The abstract book will be available on-site at the Congress as a special issue of the FESTMIH official Journal, Tropical Medicine and International Health.

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Verona, the largest city in the Veneto with a population of a quarter of a million people is world famous for the ill-fated love affair of Romeo and Juliet. The medieval core of the city boasts numerous attractions, immortalized by the pen of William Shakespeare: thousands of tourist come to visit Juliet’s balcony from all over the world, and every summer the city hosts a Shakesperean Festival in its Roman Theatre.

In 2000 Verona has been awarded the status of “World Heritage Site” by UNESCO, as “an outstanding example of a town that has developed progressively and uninterruptedly over two thousand years”: starting with the Romans conquering Verona, and ending with its contemporary history, the different ages of the city are visible through all the various monuments scattered around its historical centre and also beneath the level of the street, where you can see very well preserved archaeological remains of Roman villas and mosaics.

Verona can be considered a work of art in itself, with many monuments that have resisted almost intact through the centuries: from the Arena, the imposing amphitheater that, with its thousands seats, testifies to the grandeur of the Roman Empire, and in the summer becomes the largest open air theater in the world, when it hosts the popular Opera Festival; to the 12th century Duomo, located in the Medieval part of the city. The San Zeno Basilica is a masterpiece of Romanesque art, with a splendid triptych by Mantegna. You can also admire the imposing building of Castevecchio, the old castle built in the 14th century; the small towers in the hills that guarded the city during the second half of the 18th century; the magnificent Renaissance Palaces, with their frescoed facades alongside the ancient Roman Via Postumia; not to mention San Pietro Castle, built under Austrian influences, from where it is possible to admire the most beautiful panorama of the city...

Visiting Verona is also an unforgettable culinary experience, with its delightful restaurants and wine bars hidden away on its charming back-streets and beautiful Piazzas. Verona also provides ample opportunities to shop at its numerous boutiques and fashionable stores.

The hills that rise directly behind the city and their numerous olive trees give a Mediterranean feel to the area. These hills are home to the Valpolicella wine region, and the famous “Amarone” wine. Only one hour away from Venice, Verona is located in an excellent position, between the rolling plains of the Veneto, the Dolomite mountains and the fascinating Lake Garda. It enjoys a mild climate with the spring and fall months being the ideal time to visit. In the summer, it can be very hot and humid due to the closeness of Lake Garda. From December to February there is briskly cold weather, although it’s rarely grey and gloomy.
Palazzo della Gran Guardia
The Congress venue is located in the heart of Verona, at the Piazza Bra, in front of the famous Arena. The piazza is large and airy and partially kept as a garden. It is dominated by the massive Arena and two old buildings, the neoclassical Palazzo Barbieri, headquarters of the town hall and the Congress venue, the 17th century old Palazzo della Gran Guardia, property of the City of Verona Municipality, a baroque building once used for military gatherings and now the most elegant and modern meeting centre with all meeting facilities.

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