

ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases), The LANCET Infectious Diseases, Fondation Mérieux, ESA (Ecole Supérieure des Affaires) and AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie) are pleased to announce a joint conference on public health and infectious diseases for the first time in the MENA region.

MENA Regional Conference on **Public Health and Infectious Diseases**

Conference Objectives

The MENA region (Middle East and North Africa) is a hotbed for many well-known and emerging infectious diseases. Due to political instability and migratory flows, the region might contribute greatly to the global spread of infectious diseases. The conference will bring together local scientists and renowned international experts to address this important issue for global health.

Organizing Committee

- Giuseppe Cornaglia, ESCMID, Basel, Switzerland
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- Josette Najjar-Pellet, Fondation Mérieux, Beirut, Lebanon
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Conference Venue

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Registration

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Beirut, Lebanon 4 – 5 March 2017



Programme

Saturday, 4 March 2017

- 08:30 Welcome – *Stéphane Attali* (ESA on behalf of the five organizing partners)
08:45 Opening – *Walid Ammar* (Ministry of Health, Lebanon)

Session 1: Infectious Diseases Regional Perspective

Chair: *Jesús Rodríguez-Baño*, ESCMID

Co-Chair: *Ghassan Al Awar*, LSID

- 09:00 Infectious diseases in the Middle East: outbreaks and challenges.
Rana Hajjeh (WHO, EMRO)
09:25 Viral hepatitis in the Middle East.
Seyed-Moayed Alavian (Tehran)
09:50 Epidemiology of antibiotic resistance in the Middle East. *Souha Kanj-Shararah* (Lebanon)
10:15 Discussion
10:30 Break
11:00 HIV/AIDS in the Middle East. *Ghina Mumtaz* (Qatar)
11:25 Pneumonia aetiology amongst refugees and vulnerable population. *Hubert Endtz* (France)
11:50 Vaccination impact in Lebanon and Jordan?
Najwa Khuri Bulos (Jordan)
12:15 Discussion
12:30 Lunch

Session 2: Public Health Perspective

Chair: *Hervé Sabourin*, AUF

Co-Chair: *Pierre Abi Hanna*, LSID

- 14:00 Global biodefence against emerging infections.
Mike Turner (United Kingdom)
14:30 Update on childhood vaccinations.
Pierluigi Lopalco (Italy)
15:00 Polio endgame, and what comes next.
Roland Sutter (WHO)
15:30 Discussion
15:45 Break
16:15 Infectious diseases issues in refugees.
Onder Ergonul (Turkey)
16:40 Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.
Ibrahim Abubakar (United Kingdom)
17:05 Discussion

Sunday, 5 March 2017

Session 3: State of the Art – Challenging Diseases

Chair: *John Mc Connell*, Lancet Infectious Diseases

Co-Chair: *Toni Saad*, LSID

- 09:00 Emerging arbovirus infections. *TBC*
09:25 Respiratory infections.
Ziad Memish (Saudi Arabia)
09:50 Leishmaniasis. *Hechmi Louzir* (Tunisia)
10:15 Discussion
10:30 Break

Session 4: Preparedness and Capacity Building

Chair: *Josette Najjar-Pellet*, Fondation Mérieux

Co-Chair: *Zahi Helou*, LSID

- 11:00 Data sharing and country readiness for international health regulations.
Rana Hajjeh (WHO, EMRO)
11:25 Research investment and exchange programmes.
Jesús Rodríguez-Baño (Spain)
11:50 Training and Research opportunities in the Middle East. *Hervé Sabourin* (Lebanon)
12:15 Middle East Preventive Healthcare Chair.
Mireille Guiguaz (France)
12:40 Discussion
13:00 MENA regional conference closing