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Summit Conference

Hepatitis B and C in Mediterranean and Balkan Countries

5-7 December 2012 Nicosia Cyprus

Wednesday, December 5 (15.00-19.00)

15.00-16.00

Welcome and Introduction

Chairs: M. Manns, A. Hatzakis, C. Gore

Sponsors: WHO, CDC, ECDC, EMCDDA, VHPB, EASL, ELPA

Short addresses from:

Deputy Costas Constantinou, President, Health Committee, Cyprus Parliament

Dr Andreas Dimitriou, President, Cyprus Medical Association

H.E. Androulla Agrotou, Minister of Health of Cyprus

16.00-19.00

Hepatitis B and C: Underestimated Diseases_

Chairs: M. Donoghoe (WHO-EURO), E. Duffell (ECDC)

16.00-17.00

Round Table on Epidemiology, Surveillance and Burden of HBV/HCV in Mediterranean and Balkan Countries.

Speakers: E. Duffell, M. Sočan, M. Tosti, A. Vince.

17.00-17.15

Questions and Answers

Chairs: M. Carballo, L. Vounou

17.15-18.15

Round Table on Migration and HBV/HCV in Southern Europe, Northern Africa and Middle East. Speakers: H. Cortes Martins, C. Hadjichristodoulou, O.Hamouda

18.15-18.30

Questions and Answers

18.30-19.00

National viral hepatitis control policies: regional results from a global survey
M. Donoghoe (WHO-EURO)

Thursday, December 6 (08.30-19.05)

8.45 -10.00

Hepatitis B and C are both Preventable

Chair: M. Manns (Hannover University)

08.45 - 09.00

Safety of blood, blood products and transplanted organs
D. Prati (Alessandro Manzoni Hospital, Lecco)

09.00-09.30

Harm reduction in IDUs for prevention of HBV and HCV
L. Wiessing (EMCDDA)

09.30-09.50

Screening programmes for HBV/HCV
M. Buti (Hospital General Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona)

09.50-10.15

Keynote Speaker: N. Emiroglu, Deputy Director, WHO-EURO

10.15-10.35 *Break*

10.35-13.00 Hepatitis B and C are Treatable or Curable

Chair: H. Thomas (past Secretary-General, EASL)

10.35-10.55 Natural history and treatment of HBV (including HDV coinfection)
M. Rizzetto (University of Turin)

10.55-11.15 Natural history and treatment of HCV (including HIV coinfection)
G. Papatheodoridis (University of Athens)

11.15-11.35 Treatment effect in the future burden of HCV
S. Deuffic-Burban, INSERM, France

11.35-11.55 Cirrhosis and liver carcinoma
Mark Thursz (Imperial College, UK)

11.55 - 12.15 National hepatitis programmes: planning for funding
D. Goldberg (NHS, Scotland)

12.15 -12.45 *Questions & Answers*

12.45-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-19.05 Overview of Prevention, Care and Treatment Policies

Chair: P. Van Damme (Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board)

14.00 - 15.30 Round Table on National Policies for Prevention, Care and Treatment of HBV/HCV in Mediterranean and Balkan countries (case studies and good practices)
Speakers: F. Roudot-Thoraval (France), D. Shouval (Israel), G. Potamitis (Cyprus), S.Bino (Albania)

15.30 - 15.45 Address from H.E. Minister of Health of Albania

15.45 - 16.00 Address from H.E. Deputy Minister of Health of Bulgaria (TBC)

16.00-16.15 *Questions & Answers*

16.15-16.45 *Break*

16.45-17.05 Control of HBV/HCV: Lessons from HIV/AIDS
S. Wiktor, WHO Geneva (TBC)

17.05-17.25 EU Public Health Programme of Viral Hepatitis
N. Heine, Policy Officer, DG SANCO

17.25-17.45 EU Research Programme on Viral Hepatitis
DG Research: Dr. Line Matthiessen

17.45-18.05 European Parliament and Viral Hepatitis OR Union for the Mediterranean (TBC)

- 18.05-18.35 Keynote Presentation: K. Fenton, Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB, CDC:
Accelerating Viral Hepatitis Prevention in the United States: New Directions. Emerging Lessons
- 18.35-19.05 Keynote Speaker: J. Giesecke, Chief Scientist, ECDC
- 20.15 *Reception*

Friday, December 7 (08.30-13.00)

08.30-13.00 A Call to Action: A Multinational Response

- 08.30-10.00 Chairs: Gamal Esmat (Cairo University), R. Esteban (Vall d'Hebron Hospital, Barcelona)
Country specific presentations (Serbia, Romania, Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Morocco)
Speakers: Bouafif Ep Ben Alaya (Tunisia), Ioannis Goulis (Greece), Ala Sharara (Lebanon), Imam Waked (Egypt), Saadi Berkane (Algeria)
- 10.00-10.30 *Break*
- 10.30-11.30 Chairs: Raquel Jose (World Hepatitis Alliance), Achim Kautz (ELPA)
Round Table on Gaps and Barriers for Prevention, Care and Treatment in Mediterranean and Balkan countries (inc. cost of treatment): A patient perspective
Speakers: Nady Chaia (Lebanon), Gamal Shiha (Egypt), Tatjana Reic (Croatia), Isabelle Meyer-Andrieux (Médecins Sans Frontières)
- 11.30-11.45 Address from H.E. Minister of Health of Libya
- 11.45 - 12.00 Address from H.E. Minister of Health of Egypt (*or his representative*)
- 12.00-12.15 A Call to Action: presentation by EASL, ELPA WHA, HEPBCPPA
Presenters: Manuel Carballo (Executive Director, ICMHD), Charles Gore (President, WHA)
- 12.15-12.45 Keynote Speaker: WHO-EMRO
- 12.45-13.00 Closing remarks

(including from: Takis Hatzigeorgiou, MEP/Cyprus)