



EACS Newsletter - April 2024

NEWS



Apply for the Short Clinical Exchange Programme

Applications for the Short Clinical Exchange Programme (SCEP) are still open!

Under the umbrella of the EACS Medical Exchange Programme, SCEP aims at promoting clinical, research and educational links between centres across Europe and facilitating exchange of models of clinical care in HIV medicine and allied specialities.

Fellows will have the opportunity to visit an EACS Clinical/Research Excellence Center (CREC) specialised in HIV medicine for a period of 2 to 4 weeks. The CREC can also nominate a member of its team for a reciprocal visit for the same period of time and with the same financial rules.

Visit our website for more information on the application process, the eligibility criteria and the list of Clinical/Research Excellence Centers that can be visited.

The applications are open until **29 April 2024**.

[Apply here](#)

Call for Expression of Interest in hosting the 21st European AIDS Conference, 2027

EACS is issuing a call for Expressions of Interest in hosting the 21st European AIDS Conference (#EACS2027) to establish a shortlist of a maximum of three potential venues/destinations. A different host city/venue will be selected for 2027.

[More details](#)

Join the WAVE meeting on HIV & EACS

Join the 90-minute WAVE (Women Against Viruses in Europe) meeting on Wednesday, 26 April at 18:00 CEST with a focus on HIV and breastfeeding.

All participants will have the opportunity to join the discussion or ask questions in the chat.

[Register today!](#)

If you want to stay up to date on all WAVE activities around breastfeeding, join the [LinkedIn group!](#)



Welcome to the new YING Steering Committee member

We are happy to announce that Dr Agnès Libois has joined the YING Steering Committee.

Dr Agnès Libois, an infectious diseases specialist at CHU Saint-Pierre in Brussels, leads the care for hospitalised people with HIV and directs operations at the MIA Center, Belgium's biggest HIV and STI reference center. At the MIA Center, she serves as the point person for issues related to STIs, PrEP, and PEP. Additionally, Dr Libois acts as the main contact for treating rape victims at the sexual assault referral center in Brussels. She is author or co-author of 30 publications and numerous posters/communications in international HIV conferences. Dr Libois is actively involved in clinical research focusing on HIV, PrEP, and STIs.

[Learn more about YING and their activities](#)

Save the date for the WAVE in Ukraine online workshop

You are invited to join the 10th workshop of the series "On track to improve the health of women living with HIV organised by WAVE" on 30 - 31 May at 16:00 - 17:30 CEST.

The experts will discuss:

Thursday, 30 May: PrEP access and administration

Friday, 31 May: Testing among women

The workshops will be streamed in English and Ukrainian.

Stay tuned for more information about the registration process.

EACS endorses the EATG Belong project

In 2023 EATG launched their Belong project, focusing on the inclusion of people living with HIV in non-HIV clinical trials. The project brings together people living with HIV, patient organisations, clinical societies, regulatory agencies and industry partners.

In April 2024, EACS published a public endorsement in support of this important project so that barriers to including people living with HIV in clinical research of potentially life-extending or life-saving drugs and treatments for non-HIV co-morbidities can be fully overcome.

[Click here to read the full statement](#)

Join the European Testing week 20-27 May 2024

European Testing Week is a campaign that encourages organisations and institutions — in community, health care and policy institutions — throughout Europe to unite for one week twice a year to increase testing efforts and promote awareness on the benefits of earlier hepatitis and HIV testing. This initiative has progressed since its start in 2013 and has grown to be a widely recognised European event with hundreds of organisations participating every year.

Participants volunteer their own time to organise their European Testing Week activities and create incredible displays of a united effort to increase testing awareness at all organisational levels.

There are a number of ways that organisations can help to increase access to HIV, hepatitis and STI testing, with activities such as:

- Advocacy initiatives for voluntary, confidential and free HIV, hepatitis, and/or STI testing
- Awareness raising activities for key populations at higher risk
- HIV, hepatitis, and/or STI testing outreach activities for key populations
- Capacity building initiatives (e.g. training of medical students, healthcare staff)
- Policy meetings
- Engagement with opinion makers and the media

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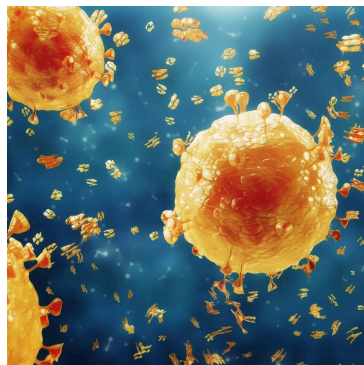
Register for the International Symposium on Neuropsychiatry & HIV

The 17th edition of the International Symposium on Neuropsychiatry & HIV will take place in Barcelona in a hybrid format on 31 May- 1 June 2024.

This Symposium has a practical focus on the diagnosis and treatment of the psychiatric and neuropsychological aspects of people living with HIV.

The Symposium will include several updated lectures on sleep disorders in people living with HIV, Neuropathogenesis of HIV and Stigma and discrimination.

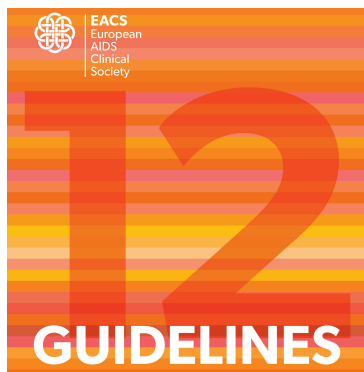
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EACS Resource Library

You can access below all the materials and information related to the European AIDS Conference and the EACS core activities.

[More info](#)



EACS Guidelines version 12.0

Have a look at the new interactive website of the latest version of the European Guidelines for the treatment of people living with HIV in Europe.

[More info](#)

Free Management of HIV and Co-infections Online Course



Follow the practical and comprehensive course on management of HIV, including: the latest findings and guidelines on how to manage, treat and prevent HIV and related diseases; optimisation of HIV treatment programmes and other related topics.

[More info](#)



EACS Social Media Accounts

Don't forget to check EACS social media accounts to stay updated on the most important news related to HIV care. We are on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#).



CALENDAR

EACS activities:

- **14-15 June:** YING Conference. [More info](#)
- **9-13 September:** HIV Summer School. [More info](#)

Other activities:

- **27- 30 April:** ECCMID. [More info](#)
- **22-26 July:** AIDS 2024. [More info.](#)
- **10-13 November:** HIV Glasgow. [More info](#)

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