



Happy New Year from the EACS President



Wishing you a great 2024 ahead!

Happy New Year to all our members and friends. The past year marked significant activities and growth for EACS, with specific groups like YING, WAVE and Standard of Care showing exceptional engagement.

Throughout the year, we faced challenges such as anti-homosexuality laws in Uganda and other nations. In response, EACS voiced its opposition and took a stand.

Our collaboration with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), allowed us to actively contribute to improving standards of care in pre-exposure prophylaxis and HIV testing.

Notably, we successfully held the 19th European AIDS Conference (EACS 2023) in Warsaw, shining a spotlight on Poland and the broader Eastern European region, particularly Ukraine during these challenging times of war. At the EACS 2023 Conference, a new edition of the EACS Guidelines was released, accompanied by definitive steps toward making the Diploma in HIV Medicine a reality.

As we step into this year, I want to emphasise our continued commitment to combating HIV stigma and discrimination. Our collaborative efforts with the community, which has always been the first and most crucial responder, have yielded positive results.

A special acknowledgement goes to the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, which has prioritised addressing stigma. Together with ECDC we conducted a comprehensive survey on stigma in healthcare settings, receiving responses from over 18,000 healthcare professionals across the WHO European region.

Looking ahead to 2024, anticipate a revamped format a format of the EACS Guidelines, advancements in the Diploma in HIV Medicine, insights from the healthcare setting stigma survey, face-to-face conferences for YING and Standard of Care, preparations for the election of a new Governing Board, and various other exciting activities.

Maintaining strong relationships with other societies remains a priority as we collectively strive towards common objectives.

If you haven't become a member of EACS yet, we invite you to join us. There are numerous compelling reasons to do so, and we assure that you won't be disappointed.

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