



EACS Newsletter - May 2023

NEWS

Share your art at the 19th European AIDS Conference

The European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) wishes to put the creative work of people living with HIV in the spotlight at the 19th European AIDS Conference in Warsaw, Poland, 18-21 October 2023. Artists living with HIV are invited to submit their work - drawings, paintings, prints, photographs, short movies or images of 3D exhibits.

Art with HIV-related themes is especially encouraged, and artists can remain anonymous if they wish.

An international jury will choose which artworks will be displayed at the Conference. Following that, delegates can vote for their favourite exhibit.

[Learn more and submit your artwork.](#)

Welcome to the new co-chairs of the EACS Standard of Care Scientific Committee

EACS is happy to announce that Cristiana Oprea (Romania) and Ann Sullivan (United Kingdom) have been elected as the new co-chairs of the EACS Standard of Care Scientific Committee.

[Click here to learn more about the Standard of Care working group.](#)

Join the 3rd WAVE meeting on HIV & Breastfeeding

Join the 90 min WAVE (Women Against Viruses in Europe) meeting on **Wednesday, 17 May at 18:00 CEST.**

Topic: "Ongoing national and international studies on breastfeeding and women living with HIV".

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!](#)

It's European Testing Week! (15-22 May)

European Testing Week is a European initiative that urges stakeholders throughout Europe — in community, health care and policy institutions — to join forces for one week twice a year to improve testing efforts and raise awareness about the benefits of earlier hepatitis and HIV testing. Since its inception in 2013, this project has evolved to become a well-known European event, with hundreds of groups taking part each year.

The Spring and Autumn European Testing Weeks continue to have the same goal: **"to unite partner organisations throughout Europe for one week to increase access to testing and promote awareness on the benefits of earlier hepatitis and HIV testing".**

WAVE message for Mother's Day 2023

A Happy Mother's Day with HIV? Absolutely!

Why talk about HIV on the occasion of Mother's Day?

Approximately 1.3 million women and parents living with HIV per year give birth. Access to HIV testing and treatment has improved for HIV in pregnancy, with vertical transmission rates decreasing by more than half over the last decade globally. However, we have not yet reached the goal of zero vertical transmissions.

Moreover people living with HIV still face particular challenges. Fearing HIV-related stigma and discrimination, most women and parents hide their HIV diagnosis from others to protect their children, thus having to live a double life with a heavy family secret.

Women Against Viruses in Europe (WAVE) is committed to improving the lives of women and parents living with HIV and works to eliminate HIV-related discrimination against all. Mother's Day is a fitting opportunity to raise awareness about this issue.

[Read the full message.](#)

Submit your nomination for the EACS Award (for members only)

The EACS Award is handed out every two years at the time of the European AIDS Conference in recognition of an individual's longstanding, impactful and sustained professional contribution to the field of HIV.

Contributions worthy of this recognition are expected to reflect sustained excellence in the field of HIV. Such contributions may be scientific in nature, and/or relate to advancing the prevention and care of people at risk of or affected by HIV, or to promoting education, policy, community engagement or advocacy.

The recipients will be announced at the Opening Ceremony of the 19th European AIDS Conference on Wednesday 18 October 2023 in Warsaw.

EACS members are invited to submit a nomination for the EACS Award by 20 June.

[Click here for more information](#)

Apply for the Hector Research Award!

The H.W. & J. Hector Foundation, Weinheim, is announcing a prize for European HIV research, which will be awarded for the best scientific achievements in the HIV research area in 2022/2023.

Dotation:

EUR 20,000 for the best clinical and/or epidemiological paper;

EUR 20,000 for the best basic science, translational paper.

Any paper on an HIV-related topic that has been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal within the last 24 months (i.e. from 18 October 2021) before the start of the 19th European AIDS Conference (#EACS 2023) can be submitted.

Deadline: 15 August 2023

[Learn more!](#)

Participate in 16th Symposium on Neuropsychiatry in Barcelona on 2 & 3 June

On **2 and 3 June 2023**, the 16th Symposium on Neuropsychiatry will take place in Barcelona, Spain.

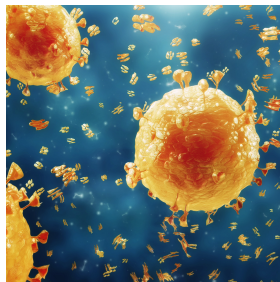
This Symposium has a practical focus on the diagnosis and treatment of the psychiatric and neuropsychological aspects of HIV-infected patients.

This year includes an intensive course on HIV and CNS, aimed at the new generation of health professionals who have had limited and fragmented knowledge on the subject.

Also includes several updated lectures by keynote speakers in the field of HIV and mental health.

We encourage you to participate.

[Learn more and register.](#)



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 11.1

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:

- **17 May:** WAVE meeting on breastfeeding. [More info](#)
- **4-8 September:** HIV Summer School. [More info](#)
- **18-21 October:** 19th European AIDS Conference. [More info](#)

Other events:

- **23-26 July:** IAS Conference on HIV Science. [More info](#)

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