



## EACS Newsletter - April 2021

### NEWS



### 18th European AIDS Conference

The 18th European AIDS Conference will be organised in London in a hybrid format from **27-30 October 2021**.

The main sessions will be translated into Russian. We are confident that this will give Eastern-Central European countries the opportunity to increase their participation.

Registration, abstract and clinical cases submission are open.

A reduced fee is available for allied professionals, students and community members.

[For more information](#)

### European Hector Research Award in HIV 2021

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 2020.

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 October 27, 2019) before the start of the 18th European AIDS Conference can be submitted.

[More information](#)

### EACS Live! Journal Club by YING

YING is launching their monthly Journal Club!

The first session entitled *"Preprints in the COVID era: lifesaving or hazardous?"* will take place online on **14 April 2021** at 16:00 CEST.

It will consist of a pro-con debate with illustrative examples on how preprints can either shape or distort our understanding of COVID-19, and will discuss the role of peer-review for evidence-based medical practice.

The second session will take place online on **4 May 2021** at 16:00 CEST.

*"The impact of COVID-19 on STI rates and sexual behaviour"* will show the potential and demonstrated impacts of SARS-CoV-2 on sexually transmitted infections (STI)/HIV transmission. The importance of maintaining accessible HIV/STI-related testing and care in the COVID era will be discussed.

[For more information](#)

### WAVE workshop in Ukraine 2021

The next WAVE workshop in Ukraine will be held online on **19-20 May 2021** and **9-10 June 2021**. The workshop is intended for Ukrainian doctors of all specialities, NGOs and institutions dealing with women living with HIV.

Material will be available on the EACS Resource Library for all participants and EACS members. Get a foretaste by having a look at our previous edition [here](#).

[More information coming soon](#)

### EACS at ISHEID 2021

YING (EACS Young Investigators) is organising a joint session on HIV & COVID-19 at ISHEID 2021 on **17 May 2021** at 17:30 CEST. ISHEID is taking place virtually from 17-20 May 2021. The symposium will dedicate a privileged place to state-of-the-art presentations, as well as to debates among experienced and younger investigators regarding new data and their implications.

[Read more](#)

## EACS at ECCMID 2021

EACS will co-organise two sessions at the 31st European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), taking place online from **9-12 July 2021**.

### **HIV in Europe: getting to zero** (1-hour symposium)

- Innovative approaches to increase uptake of HIV testing
- Strategies for HIV prevention: TasP, PrEP and PEP

### **Standards of care in HIV management: where are we?** (Educational workshop)

- European standards of care: where are we?
- HIV and hepatitis audit: final results
- PrEP in Europe: how is implementation and equity of access moving ahead

[More information](#)

## HepHIV 2021

The next HepHIV conference will take place **5-7 May 2021** in a mixed face-to-face and virtual format involving participants from across community, public health and the health system. The conference will focus on the latest evidence, best practices, achievements and challenges in the field of viral hepatitis, HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted infections (STI) prevention, testing and care, highlighting progress achieved in testing policy implementation since the ECDC integrated testing guidance was released in 2018. The conference will also specifically address the impact of and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic on the availability and provision of testing and other health services.

[For more information](#)

## British HIV Association guidelines on immunisation for adults with HIV: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) 2021 - consultation open

SARS-CoV-2 emerged at the end of 2019 as the cause of COVID-19 resulting in a pandemic. Data from observational studies indicate that a subset of people with HIV are at increased risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes. Opportunities should not be missed to offer immunisation against SARS-CoV-2 to people with HIV. Numerous vaccine candidates are in development and several have received authorisation in the UK and worldwide, although there is limited information that is specific to people with HIV.

These guidelines aim to provide information for healthcare professionals on the use of SARS-CoV-2 immunisation in people with HIV. They are based on the interpretation of current evidence, and will be kept under review and updated as new evidence emerges.

A non-technical summary is in development.

This consultation will be open for one month until **17:00 on Friday 23 April 2021**.

[More information](#)

## WHO Global HHS Programmes

Since 1 January 2020, the Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) unit has joined the Department of Global HHS Programmes. Hereunder some of their latest publications:

**News story:** (<https://www.who.int/news/item/03-03-2021-new-who-report-on-human-t-lymphotropic-virus-type-1-indicates-the-future-path-for-its-prevention-and-control>)

**WHO Human T-lymphotropic virus type 1: technical report:**

(<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240020221> or <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/339773>)

**Public health impact and implications for future actions: WHO global consultation on the human T-lymphotropic virus type 1, Tokyo, Japan, 13-15 November 2019:**

(<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240020023> or <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/339886>)

**Factsheet on HTLV-1:** (<https://www.who.int/news-room/factsheets/detail/human-t-lymphotropic-virus-type-1>)

## First WEEPI-funded projects being rolled-out

The Western-Eastern European Partnership Initiative on HIV, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis (WEEPI) awarded its first grants in late summer 2020. Seven 'stage 1' projects, covering a range of clinical and implementation research topics across the three disease, have been initiated and are being implemented by project teams in four countries in dialogue with WEEPI-affiliated researchers. The projects are at various stages of implementation but all are in progress

despite of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.  
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## EATG PROMS in HIV Research

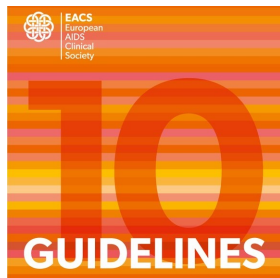
EATG did research into the use of PROMs for the development of new HIV medicines. Led by the community, the work comprised of a literature review, a survey with people living with HIV taking treatment and stakeholder interviews. The purpose of the work is to describe the current use of PROMs in HIV research and development as well as to inform an advocacy agenda to guide the use and development of PROMs, highlighting the role of communities living with or affected by HIV. It provides a concrete set of recommendations for people living with HIV, pharmaceutical companies, researchers/clinicians and regulatory bodies/HTAs.  
[Read more](#)



### 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 10.1 Website

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; you can find it in the link below.

[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](#), and [Youtube](#).



### CALENDAR

#### EACS Events:

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