



## EACS Newsletter - August 2020

### HIV NEWS



## Call for Nomination EACS European Regional Elections- Last Chance!

This October, the EACS European Regional Elections will take place. All European members who have paid their membership fee can nominate their candidate. The nomination process started on 23 July and ends TODAY! So, if you are a paying member from one of the EACS European scientific regions, check your mailbox, you should have received a message with all the info, and don't forget to vote.

[For more information.](#)

## BHIVA, DAIG, EACS, GESIDA & Polish Scientific AIDS Society Statement on risk of COVID-19 for people living with HIV (PLWH)

Case series of people living with HIV (PLWH) with COVID-19 have been published from China, Spain, Germany, Italy and the United States (1-15) with no clear evidence for a higher COVID-19 infection rate or different disease course in people with and without HIV. Of note, most case series of PLWH report a younger age in their study population than in HIV-negative hospitalised COVID-19 patients, but comparable rates of comorbidities.

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## EACS President and BHIVA Chair joint Article on COVID-19 research

Prof. Jürgen Rockstroh and Dr. Laura Waters have just issued an article in HIV Medicine to highlight some of the proposed antiretroviral-based treatment and prevention strategies for COVID-19.

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## Interview with Dr. Magdalena Ankiersztejn Bartczak on International Youth Day

On the occasion of the International Youth Day, which aims to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's younger generations, the EACS secretariat interviewed Dr. Magdalena Ankiersztejn-Bartczak, a well-recognized HIV activist and PLWH advocate in Poland. She is the president of Foundation for Social Education (FES), an NGO Polish organisation which in addition to the HIV field, delivers education in numerous areas, such as sexual health, cancer prevention, and many others. Her background is in pedagogy, sexual education and sociology and she is the author and coordinator of numerous educational programmes delivering knowledge on HIV and fighting stigma and discrimination towards PLWH in Poland. She is an EACS member.

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## Interview with EACS Vice President on World Hepatitis Day

On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, whose aim is drawing attention to the global burden of viral hepatitis and to take action to reduce the number of undiagnosed cases, the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) secretariat interviewed its Vice President, Dr Sanjay Bhagani. He is a consultant physician in Infectious Diseases/HIV Medicine and General (internal) Medicine at the Royal Free Hospital in London with a special focus in the management of HIV in-patients with complex multi-system and opportunistic infections and patients with viral hepatitis coinfections. Dr Bhagani has an active interest in teaching doctors and post-graduates from resource-poor settings about managing HIV-associated opportunistic infections and viral hepatitis co-infections.

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## PentaTr@ining 2020: 'HIV & other Congenital Infections'

'[PentaTr@ining](#)' is an interactive course that continues to develop and evolve in response to the changing needs of children living with HIV and other congenital infections. This year's online course, beginning on 2 November, will be highly interactive and clinical case-based, designed to kindle engagement and encourage intercommunication among the students and faculty team. It will consist of 6 weekly modules (about 90-120 minutes long), with associated pictures, infographics, tables and figures, references, and links to major PID websites of interest. EACS members can access the course at a discounted Early Bird rate before 25th September 2020.

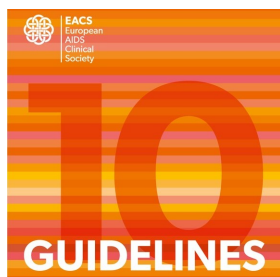
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### EACS Resource Library

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 10.0 Website

Have a look at the new interactive website of the latest version of the European Guidelines for the treatment of PLWH 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](#).

## Meet the EACS Bureau



**Ann Sullivan, Secretary**

Dr Ann Sullivan is an HIV Consultant at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Honorary Senior Lecturer at Imperial College and is currently on secondment as National co-lead for HIV surveillance at PHE, London. She is Vice Chair of the BHIVA Audit and Standards Sub-Committee and co-led the production of the 2018 BHIVA Standards for the Care for People Living with HIV. She is currently helping to develop EACS Standards and led the linked pan-European audit pilot. She is EACS Secretary and a Regional Representative. Her main interests are HIV testing and prevention and improving standards of care for all people living with HIV. She is also the Chief Investigator of the UK PrEP Impact trial.



### CALENDAR

#### EACS Events:

- **23 July-12 August:** Nomination EACS European Regional Elections. [More info.](#)
- **3-4 September 2020:** "EACS Live! Interactive sessions with HIV updates and lessons learned from the pandemic". [More info.](#)
- **12 October-3 November 2020:** Voting EACS European Regional Elections
- **22-23 October 2020:** Standard of Care for HIV and Coinfections in Europe meeting.
- **11-12 December 2020:** EACS Young Investigators (YING). [More info.](#)
- **Q3 2021:** HIV Summer School. [More info.](#)

#### Other Events:

- **7-10 September 2020:** Fast-Track Cities 2020. [More info.](#)
- **4-7 October 2020:** Virtual HIV Glasgow 2020. [More info.](#)
- **2 November 2020:** Beginning of PentaTr@ining 2020: 'HIV & other Congenital Infections', Online. [More info.](#)
- **20-27 November 2020:** European Testing Week. [More info.](#)
- **1 December 2020:** World AIDS Day



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