

Conference Agenda

The Conference will run from midday on Thursday 14th October until the early afternoon of Friday 15th October.

It will be held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel at 19, rue du Parnasse, Brussels 1050, Belgium.

The Conference programme will be presented in 5 sessions over 2 days.

Its outline below may be subject to minor alterations.

(DAY ONE) **Thursday 14th October**

12.00 - 14.00

Registration

14.00 - 14.30

Welcome and Introductions

14.30 Session I:

Hepatitis B and C: Underestimated Diseases

Chairs: M. van de Laar, D. Valla

Speakers Include: M. van de Laar, L. Wiessing, ECDC

15.30 Session II:

Hepatitis B and C: Major causes of morbidity and cancer mortality

Chairs: M. Colombo, G. Papatheodoridis

Speakers Include: Prof. G. Dusheiko, Royal Free Hospital, London; Prof. J. Bruix, University of Barcelona

16.15-16.30

Question and Answer Session

16.45 Session III:

Hepatitis B and C are both preventable

Chairs: P. van Damme, V. Soriano

Speakers include: Prof. A. Zanetti, University of Milan; Prof. M. Carballo, ICMH, M. Salminen, Prof. A. Lok, University of Michigan

18.00

Round Table on National Hepatitis Programmes

Chair: J.M. Pawlotsky, University of Paris, M. Rizzetto, University of Torino

Scotland - D. Goldberg

Netherlands - I. Veldhuijzen

France - F. Roudot Thoraval

Italy - D. Prati

19.00-19.15

Question and Answer Session

19.15-19.45

Keynote Speaker Dr Nedret Emiroglu, Director a.i., Division of Non-communicable Diseases & Health Promotion, WHO-Europe

19.45

Reception

(DAY TWO)

Friday 15th October

08.30 Session IV:

Hepatitis B and C are treatable or curable

Chairs: P. Marcellin, R. Esteban

Speakers include: Prof. H. Janssen, Dutch Association of Hepatology; Prof. H. Wedemeyer, Secretary General, EASL; Prof. M. Thursz, Imperial College, London; Prof. M. Buti, Hospital Universitario Valle Hebrón, G. Esmat

10.00-10.15

Question and Answer Session

10.30 Session V:

European Commission and Member States - Responsibility for Action

Chair: A. Hatzakis

Speakers include: C. Gore, President, World Hepatitis Alliance; N. Piorkowsky, President, European Liver Patient Association; A. Peterle, MEP; J. Ryan, DG SANCO;

A Lonnroth, DG Research

11.45-12.30 Round Table on Need for a Coordinated Strategy and Call to Action

Chairs: M. Manns, H. Thomas

12.30-13.00 Closing Remarks: Marc Sprenger, Director, ECDC

12.45 *Lunch*

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