



Dear Member of IUSTI Europe

The preparations for the [IUSTI-Europe congress 2019](#) which will take place in Tallinn from 5th – 7th September 2019 are in full swing. Moreover, there are only very few places available for the pre-meeting IUSTI Europe Advanced Course 2019: "Those who know STIs know Medicine". We look forward to an extraordinary conference in both senses: scientifically and socially and we very much hope to meet you all there.

There is a 2019 update of the IUSTI-Europe Pocket Guidelines by Dr. Marti Vall Mayans available for [download](#). Hard copies will be available during the IUSTI-Europe congress in Tallinn.

The [IUSTI Europe Congress 2020](#) will be held in Bucharest, 3-5 Sep 2020. A site inspection took place in May 2019. The delegation (Airi Poder, Claudia Heller-Vitouch, Derek Freedman and Mihael Skerlev) confirmed the venue of the Congress to be the Palace of Parliament and agreed the location of the main social events. We could convince ourselves of Bucharest being a wonderful city with friendly people, surprising architecture and enjoyable surroundings. The highly professional local organizers headed by Prof. Sorin Tiplica will organize a memorable meeting.

Have a nice summertime until we meet in Tallinn!

Claudia Heller, Chair of IUSTI Europe

IUSTI Global News

The latest Global newsletter is [here](#)

IUSTI Europe was pleased to nominate Jörgen Skov Jensen and Stephan Lautenschlager to the IUSTI World Executive Committee and they were appointed at the July 2019 EXCO meeting in Vancouver. Mihael Serlev and Marco Cusini were thanked for their eight years' service in this role.

Guidelines group

All current and draft guidelines are published on <https://www.iusti.org/regions/Europe/euroguidelines.htm>

The updated 2019 STI Treatment Pocket European Guideline is now available [here](#).

Updated guidelines have been published for HPV, lymphogranuloma venereum, and Organisation of a consultation for sexual health.

Guidelines under review include partner management, HIV testing, gonorrhoea, molluscum contagiosum, pediculosis pubis, syphilis, balanoposthitis and proctitis.

Through our partnership with EADV we now have patient information leaflets available in 10 languages (Bulgarian, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Serbian). More translations are underway.

<https://www.iusti.org/regions/Europe/PatientInfo/PatientInfo.html>

Sexual Health and HIV updates

Syphilis notifications up by 70% in the EU/EEA during this decade

The [number of syphilis cases](#) is on the rise consistently across Europe since 2010, primarily affecting MSM in urban areas. In 2017, notification rates peaked in the EU/EEA countries with more than 33 thousand reported cases, with clusters of infection observed among heterosexual population as well.

False-negative chlamydia tests: new 'escape' CT variant with 23S rRNA mutation

ECDC released a [Rapid Risk Assessment](#) on 17 Jun 2019 regarding the Hologic Aptima Combo 2 (AC2) assay. Cases have emerged back to Jun 2018 in Finland and Sweden where variant CT escapes detection by the AC2 assay. In laboratories in Finland using AC2 it is estimated some 6-10% of chlamydia infections may have been missed. The Risk Assessment details what to do if your clinical service/laboratory contract currently uses the AC2 assay.

First genital chlamydia vaccine in human clinical trial

Genital *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection remains a significant global health burden, with an estimated 131 million new cases occurring annually – however, the quest for vaccine was thus far elusive. In a [UK study published this month](#), Abraham et al. described a phase 1, first-in-human, double-blind, parallel, randomised, placebo-controlled trial of a novel chlamydia vaccine based on a recombinant protein subunit (CTH522). The study showed promising immunogenicity with favourable safety profile.

Slideset for STI epidemiology in EU/EEA

ECDC has produced a neat [summary slide set](#) summarising 2017 surveillance data for EU/EEA member states

HIV drug resistance in Europe

ECDC intends to develop a [sustainable HIV drug surveillance system](#) that complements the overall structure of European HIV surveillance.

Averting the antimicrobial crisis

STIs are at the front line of antimicrobial resistance concerns. WHO Europe produced a [policy brief](#) to inform decision makers, under the sponsorship of the Romanian Ministry of Health, which may help set our immediate concerns for gonorrhoea and M. genitalium treatment into a wider context.



NAM AIDSMAP's *Sexual Health & HIV Policy EUROBulletin* published four times a year contains useful articles and country round-ups relevant for IUSTI Europe members. You can sign up [here](#).

The [June](#) edition features Caroline Hickson discussing abortion care in Europe, as well as updates on epidemiology, campaigns, criminalisation of HIV transmission, and snapshots of issues in a number of countries.



The 2019 Autumn European Testing Week is from 22-29 November. The theme is to emphasise importance of integrated testing for HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and STIs (when possible).

All information and supportive material is on the [website](#) and you also can follow events on [Facebook](#) and Twitter [#EuroTestWeek](#)

AIDSMAP maintain the [European HIV test finder](#) with support from ECDC. Take a moment to check your own area and make sure service locations and contacts are up to date

Training fellowships: public health and epidemiology

Applications for [ECDC's 2020 Fellowship Programme](#) intake for field epidemiology or public health microbiology close on 8 Sep 2019

Other meetings of interest



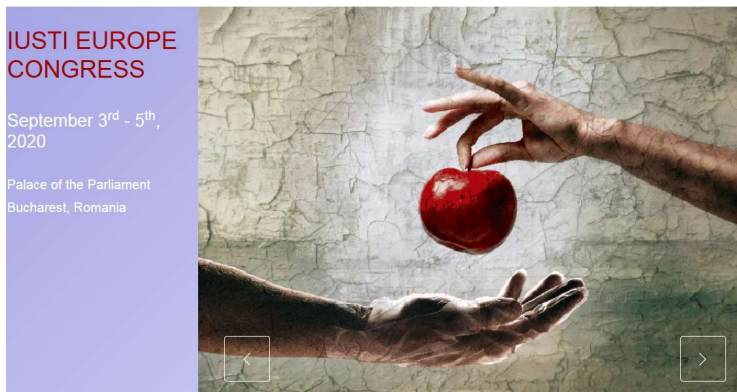
28th European Academy of Dermato-Venerology – **Madrid** , 9-13th October 2019

**17th EUROPEAN
AIDS CONFERENCE**
November 6–9, 2019
Basel, Switzerland

17th European AIDS Conference takes place in **Basel** November 6-8 2019



ECCMID 2020 takes place in **Paris** 18-21 April 2020. Abstracts close 27 November 2020.



IUSTI Europe 2020 takes place in **Bucharest** from 03 – 05 Sep 2020.

Get involved in IUSTI Europe

Join the IUSTI Europe [Linkedin](#) group

There are a number of committees which always welcome enthusiastic members.

International development - contact Mihael Skerlev: mskerlev@kbc-zagreb.hr

Communication - contact Andy Winter: Andrew.Winter@nhs.net

We are keen to recruit more members to help with communications especially if you have experience running social media for organisations or want to contribute updates outside EU/EEA

Scientific Policy - contact Derek Freedman: df@freedman.ie

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