1st Annual meeting of the EURL for Public Health on HELMINTHS and PROTOZOA

10-11 November 2026

POCCHIARI room
(Lecture theatre; Viale Regina Elena 299)

10 November

08:30	**Registration**
09:00	**Welcome and aims of the meeting** *Anna Teresa Palamara* (Director, DMI, ISS); *Adriano Casulli* (Director, EURL-PH-HP, ISS)
	Session 1
09:15	**EURL-PH-HP: framework, specific scope, annual workplan Y1 (and updates from its "big brother" EURL-P)** *Adriano Casulli* (ISS, EURL-PH-HP)
9:45	**Helminths and Protozoa in FWD- and EVD-Net, ECDC update** *Therese Westrell* (ECDC)
10:00	**ISS (DMI, PAN)** – Introduction *Adriano Casulli* (ISS, EURL-PH-HP); *Anna Teresa Palamara* (Director, DMI, ISS) **PHAS** – Introduction *Caroline Ronnberg* (PHAS, EURL-PH-HP)
10:30	***Coffee break***
11:00	**Introduction of the OCPs or NFPs for the FWD and EVD networks** All *OCPs/NFPs* (3 min each, 3 slides)
13:00	***Lunch break***
	Session 2
14:00	**Echinococcoses in clinical practice: diagnostic challenges, management and unexpected cases** *Francesca Tamarozzi* (Negrar hospital, Italy) - Invited speaker
15:00	**The 2026 EQA on the molecular detection of *Echinococcus* spp.** *Azzurra Santoro* (ISS, EURL-PH-HP)
15:30	**The 2026 EQA on the molecular detection of *Plasmodium* spp.** *Anna Olivieri* (ISS, EURL-PH-HP)
	Group photo section
16:00	***Coffee break***
16:30	**Lesson learned from the first EURL-PH-HP training at PHAS** *Caroline Ronnberg* (PHAS, EURL-PH-HP)
17:00	**Results of the Survey for other helminths and protozoa of public health relevance** *Therese Bergstrand* (PHAS, EURL-PH-HP)
17:30	**End of day 1**

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	Session 3
09:00	**Malaria in clinical practice: diagnostic challenges, management and unexpected cases** *Emanuele Nicastri* (INMI, Spallanzani hospital, Italy) - Invited speaker
10:00	**Airport-related malaria in Germany** *Julia Enkelmann* (RKI, Germany) - Invited speaker - remotely
	Selected presentations from FWD and EVD Networks (15 min each)
10:15	***Echinococcus granulosus* and *Echinococcus multilocularis* without liver involvement** *Mario Sviben* (Croatia)
10:30	***Coffee break***
11:00	**Unusual cutaneous leishmaniosis cases in Austria** *Julia Walochnik* (Austria)
11:15	**Emergence of human alveolar echinococcosis in Slovenia** *Barbara Šoba Šparl* (Slovenia)
11:30	**Genetic diversity of introduced *Plasmodium vivax* malaria isolates in Greece** *Eleni Patsoula* (Greece)
11:45	**High resolution multi-locus sequence typing schemes for *Giardia duodenalis* assemblage A and B outbreak and population analysis** *Christian Klotz* (Germany)
12:00	**Increasing detection of cryptosporidiosis foodborne outbreaks - international clusters - advantage of MLVA for discrimination** *Damien Costa* (France)
12:15	**Indigenous nosocomial malaria: context and genomic characterisation** *Sandrine Houzé* (France)
12:30	**National Reference Laboratory for Tissue Helminthoses of the Czech Republic** *Vladimir Skala* (Czech Republic)
12:45	**Suggestions and planning of diagnostics, trainings and EQA for 2027**
12:55	**Final remarks and closure of the meeting**
13:00	***Light lunch break* - End of the meeting**

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