



EpiSouth Conference on Communicable Diseases and Public Health in the Mediterranean and Balkans

Rome, 21-23 April 2010

Agenda

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**Pocchiari Conference Hall
Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Viale Regina Elena 299 – Rome, Italy**

**In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO)
and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**

- 14.00 Registration
- 14.30 Welcome address
The role of Public Health Institutes in the development of the international networks (*Enrico Garaci, ISS President*)
- 14.45 EpiSouth at a glance (*Isabel de la Mata*)
EpiSouth Project overview (*Silvia Declich*)
EpiSouth: presentation of a success story (*Mondher Bejaoui*)
- 15.30 The Italian contribution to the Public Health (PH) networks in the Mediterranean (*Ferruccio Fazio, Italian Minister of Health*)

Round Table 1 - Added value of Networks in Public Health: Best Practices and Lessons Learned (1st part)

Chairperson: *Jan C. Semenza*

Moderators: *Giovanni Putoto/Pierre Nabeth*

- 16.00 A Network Strategy to Advance Public Health in Europe
(*Jan C. Semenza*)
The SHIPSAN Trainet Project (*Christos Hadjichristodoulou*)
EMPHIS- the Euro-Mediterranean PH Information System
(*Djamel Yala*)
GOARN - the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network
(*Patrick A. Drury*)



16.50-17.00 Tea break

Round Table 1-The added value of the Networks in the Public Health (2nd part)

- 17.00 MECIDS - the Middle East Consortium for Infectious Diseases Surveillance (*Asad Ramlawi*)
SEEHN - the South Eastern Europe Health Network (*Aurora Stanescu*)
PPRD - Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made Disasters: the Civil Protection Mediterranean Network
(*Alessandro Candeloro*)
The EpiSouth Network for Communicable Disease Control in the Balkans and Mediterranean area (*Maria Grazia Dente & Giovanni Putoto*)
- 18.00 - 18.30 Discussion
- 18.30 Closing

DAY 2: THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2010

- 9.00 Securing Public Health: filling the gaps and addressing the needs
 (*Guenael Rodier*)

Round Table 2- Cross Border Emerging Zoonoses and present challenges in Mediterranean Countries and Balkans

Chirperson: *Karim Ben Jebara*

Moderators: *Avgi Hadjilouka/Raja Al-Haddadin*

- 9.30 Emerging Zoonoses of PH concern (*Karim B. Jebara*)
 Promoting PH through cross-sectoral collaboration (*Darem Tabbaa*)
 The ARBO-ZOONET Network for Capacity Building for the Control of
 Emerging Viral Vector Borne Zoonotic Diseases (*Paolo Calistri*)
 Thirty years experience of the WHO-Mediterranean Zoonoses Control
 Center Programme in the Mediterranean and Middle East Regions
 (*Aristarhos Seimenis*)
 The EpiSouth Strategic Document on Zoonoses (*Rengina Vorou*)
- 10.45 Discussion
 (*with contributions from the Zoonoses Strategic Document Scientific
 Board & the EpiSouth WP8 Steering Team Members*)



- 11.15 Coffee Break

Round Table 3 -Cross Border Epidemic Intelligence and future developments in Mediterranean Countries and Balkans

Chairperson: *Guenael Rodier*

Moderators: *Tanya Melillo/Bassam Madi*

- 11.45 ECDC Early Warning System (*Evelyn Depoortere*)
Early Warning System in the Eastern Mediterranean Region of WHO
(*Sk.Md. Mamunur Rahman Malik*)
The EpiSouth Strategic Document on Epidemic Intelligence
(*Philippe Barboza*)
- 12.30 Discussion
(*with contributions from the Epidemic Intelligence Strategic Document Scientific Board & the EpiSouth WP6 Steering Team Members*)



13.00 Lunch

Round Table 4 - Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Migrants, present challenges in Mediterranean Countries and Balkans

Chairperson: *Donato Greco*

Moderators: *Alenka Kraigher/Djohar Hannoun*

- 14.00 IOM - the International Organization for Migration (*Cmliljanic Jelena*)
Gr.I.S. and Caritas: access to health services for Roma and Sinti populations (*Fulvia Motta*) **(to be confirmed)**
The International Centre for Migration and Health (*Manuel Carballo*)
(to be confirmed)
Migration to North African countries (*Sandro De Luca*)
The EpiSouth Strategic Document on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and migrants (*Mira Kojouharova*)
- 15.00 Discussion
(*with contributions from the VPD and migrants Strategic Document Scientific Board & the EpiSouth WP7 Steering Team Members*)



15.30 Tea Break

Round Table 5 - Training on Applied Epidemiology and response in Mediterranean Countries and Balkans

Chairperson: *Guido Sabatinelli*

Moderators: *Nada Ghosn/Danijela Simic*

- 15.45 TEPHINET - the Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (*Pierre Nabeth*)
Laboratory training by the Pasteur International Network (*Kathleen Victoir*)
ETHREAT - the European Training for Health Professionals on Rapid Response to Health Threats (*Agoritsa Baka*)
ESOC - the Epidemiological Surveillance and Outbreak Control training module (*Guido Sabatinelli*)
The EpiSouth Strategic Document on Training (*Fernando Simon Soria*)
- 17.00—17.30 Discussion
(with contributions from the Training Strategic Document Scientific Board & the EpiSouth WP5 Steering Team Members)
- 17.30 Closing

Round Table 6 - EpiSouth Plus: the framework for Securing Global Health in the Mediterranean and Balkans (1st part)

Chairpersons: *Germain Thinus/Philippe Servais*

Moderators: *Silvia Declich/Mondher Bejaoui/Dragan Lausevic*

- 9.00 EC Health Programme and Generic Preparedness Planning
 (Germain Thinus)
- CBRN risk mitigation: centres of excellence *(Philippe Servais)*
- Union for Mediterranean: health cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region *(Amélie Schmitt)*
- Euro MeSCo: Flexible Multilateralism: Unlimited Opportunities? The Case of Civil Protection in the Mediterranean *(Ahmed Driss)*

Round Table 6 - EpiSouth Plus: how to valorise all the resources available in the Network (2nd part)

- 9.45 EpiSouth Plus overview *(WP1 co-leaders)*
- Laboratory Networks *(WP4 co-leaders)*
- Preparedness and Risk management procedures *(WP5 co-leaders)*
- Early Warning Systems and Data Sharing *(WP6 co-leaders)*
- Data collection and assessments for IHR implementation
 (WP7 co-leaders)
- 10.45 Discussion



11.15 Coffee Break

Round Table 6 - EpiSouth Plus: The point of view of the Institutions (3rd part)

- 11.30 Synergies with ECDC and future collaboration (*Massimo Ciotti*)
Synergies with WHO and future collaboration (*Pierre Nabeth*)
Synergies with EpiSouth Countries National Governments and
future collaboration (*El Meddeb Hamrouni, Itamar Grotto,*
Boban Mugosa, Asad Ramlawi, Fabrizio Oleari)
- 12.15 Discussion
- 12.45 Closing Remarks



13.15 Lunch

Speakers and Chairpersons

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