EpiSouth Conference
on Communicable Diseases
and Public Health
in the Mediterranean and Balkans
Rome, 21-23 April 2010

Agenda

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)
DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2010

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)

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<td>10.45</td>
<td>Discussion (with contributions from the Zoonoses Strategic Document Scientific Board &amp; the EpiSouth WP8 Steering Team Members)</td>
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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

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<td><em>(Sk.Md. Mamunur Rahman Malik)</em></td>
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<td>Discussion <em>(with contributions from the VPD and migrants Strategic Document Scientific Board &amp; the EpiSouth WP7 Steering Team Members)</em></td>
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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

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*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)

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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                                                            |
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

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