



Episouth Plus Project: Final Conference, 20-21 November 2013



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# EPISOUTH PLUS PROJECT

Network for the Control of Public Health Threats  
in the Mediterranean Region and South East Europe

## FINAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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This Project is led by The Italian National Institute of Health and counseled by an Advisory Board composed by EC, ECDC, WHO and other international experts.



**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

**8.30-9.00 : REGISTRATION**

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

**9.00-9.30**

- Welcome by Italian Authorities (*D. Rodorigo*, DG of the Italian Ministry of Health and *F. Oleari*, President of the National Public Health Institute-ISS)
- Conference's programme and aims (*S. Declich*)

**9.30-10.30 Strengthening Preparedness Planning in the Mediterranean Basin**

Moderator: Frank Van Lock/DG SANCO

- The Trainings (*C. Martin Pando* and *D. Simic*)
- The EPREP Tool (*V. Sizaire*)
- The Simulation Exercise (*M.R. Belizaire* and the EpiSouth Representatives from Lebanon and Greece)
- SE Evaluation (*C. Hadjichristodoulou*)

**10.30-10.45 Discussion**



**10.45-11.15 Coffee Break**



**SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anthony Williams M. - Port Health Medical Services - Floriana, Malta                 | Menel Lemos C. - EC EAHC - Luxembourg                                               |
| Belghiti F. - InVS - S. Maurice, France                                              | Nabeth P. - WHO IHR - Lyon, France                                                  |
| Belizaire M.R. - Carlos III Health Institute (ISCIII) - Madrid, Spain                | Nicoletti G. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                    |
| Cicogna F. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                       | Mugosa B. - Institute of Public Health - Podgorica, Montenegro                      |
| Cook R. - London, United Kingdom                                                     | Oleari F. - National Public Health Institute (ISS) - Rome, Italy                    |
| Di Caro A. - National Institute for Infectious Diseases L. Spallanzani - Rome, Italy | Petrakova A. - ECDC - Stockholm, Sweden                                             |
| Declich S. - National Public Health Institute (ISS) - Rome, Italy                    | Priotto G. - WHO IHR - Lyon, France                                                 |
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| Fabiani M. - National Public Health Institute (ISS) - Rome, Italy                    | Riccardo F. - National Public Health Institute (ISS) - Rome, Italy                  |
| Galabru J. - EC DG DEVCO - Brussels, Belgium                                         | Riva S. - EC DG DEVCO - Brussels, Belgium                                           |
| Giese C. - InVS - S. Maurice, France                                                 | Rodier G. - WHO EURO - Copenhagen, Denmark                                          |
| Ghosn N. - MoH - Beirut, Lebanon                                                     | Rodorigo D. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                     |
| Hadjichristodoulou C. - University of Thessaly - Larissa, Greece                     | Rossi P. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                        |
| Illic D. - Institute of Public Health "Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut" - Belgrade, Serbia  | Ruocco G. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                       |
| Jansa J. - ECDC - Stockholm, Sweden                                                  | Salmaso S. - National Public Health Institute (ISS) - Rome, Italy                   |
| Koruklouglu G. - Public Health Institute - Ankara, Turkey                            | Samhoury D. - WHO EMRO - Cairo, Egypt                                               |
| Mahjour J. - WHO EMRO - Cairo, Egypt                                                 | Simic D. - Institute of Public Health "Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut" - Belgrade, Serbia |
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| Memeti S. - Institute for Public Health - Skopje, FYROM                              | Van Lock F. - EC DG SANCO - Luxembourg                                              |
|                                                                                      | Vellucci L. - MoH - Rome, Italy                                                     |
|                                                                                      | Victoir K. - Institut Pasteur - Paris, France                                       |





## ROUND TABLE

### 11.15-12.15 **Episouth Added Value at National and Regional Level**

Moderator: Francesco Cicogna/Italian MoH

Countries Directors: D. Ilic-Serbia, B. Mugosa-Montenegro, S. Memeti-FYROM, S. Salmaso-Italy

EC DG SANCO: P. Van Lock

EC EAHC: C. Menel Lemos

EC DG DEVCO: S. Riva and J. Galabru

WHO EURO: G. Rodier (tbc)

WHO EMRO: D. Samhoury and J. Mahjour (tbc)

12.15-12.45 Discussion

## PLENARY SESSION

12.45-13.00 Closing Remarks (G. Ruocco, DG of the Italian Ministry of Health, S. Salmaso, Director CNESPS-National Public Health Institute-ISS and S. Declich, National Public Health Institute-ISS)



13.00 "Arrivederci" Lunch

### 11.15-12.05 **Cross Border Epidemic Intelligence (EI) and Event Based Surveillance (EBS) in the Mediterranean Basin**

Moderator: Josep Jansa/ECDC

- Sharing Alerts and Information (F. Belghiti and C. Giese)
- Emerging health threats: 2013 Thematic notes (F. Riccardo)
- The EI/EBS Stages (F. Riccardo and F. Belghiti and the involved EpiSouth Countries: Montenegro, Morocco, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Italy)

12.05-12.20 Discussion

### 12.20-13.05 **Mediterranean Regional Lab Network (MRLN)**

Moderator: Antonino Di Caro/INMI

- Laboratories' needs assessment, capacity building and future needs (K. Victoir and G. Korukluoglu with representatives from the EpiSouth Med Regional Lab Network: Algeria and Libya)

13.05-13.20 Discussion



13.20-14.20 Lunch





### 14.20-15.10 Facilitating IHR implementation in the Mediterranean Basin

Moderator: Pierre Nabeth/WHO IHR

- Facilitating IHR implementation: the work of EpiSouth (*F. Riccardo*)
- The National experiences on coordinating surveillance at Points of Entry (EpiSouth Countries/IHR NFP: *L. Vellucci/Italy, M. Anthony Williams/Malta*)
- The WHO Points of Entry Guidance (*G. Priotto*)

15.10-15.25 Discussion



15.25-16.00 Coffee break

### ROUND TABLE

#### 16.00-17.00 Project Final Evaluation

Moderator: Cinthia Menel Lemos/EC EACH and Simonetta Riva/EC DG DEVCO

- Final Evaluation Preliminary results (*C. Hadjichristodoulou*)
- Round table (*A. Petrakova, R. Cook, D. Reynders, F. Cicogna, P. Rossi, F. Van Lock and EpiSouth Focal Points*)

17.00-17.30 Discussion



18.00 Welcome Cocktail



## DAY 2: THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013

### PLENARY SESSION

#### 9.30-10.30 Project's Sustainability and possible future sectors of activities

Moderator: Giovanni Nicoletti/Italian MoH and Silvia Declich/ISS

- Sustainability for EpiSouth Vital Functions (*M.G. Dente and M. Fabiani*)
- Future sectors of activities for the EpiSouth Partners
  - Lab development/Biosecurity (*K. Victoir*)
  - MediEpiet (*N. Ghosn*)
  - EW and EpiS for EpiSouth (*J. Jansa*)
  - Migrants Health (*M.G. Dente*)

10.30-10.45 Discussion



10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

