



Seminar on communicable diseases prevention and control

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Bulgarian National Center of Infectious and Parasitic
Diseases and Directorate General Health and
Consumers**

Venue:

Plenary meetings:

National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, 26
Yanko Sakazov Blvd., 1504 Sofia

Lecture hall
Meeting hall No17

Laboratory works:

National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases
Reference Center for Control and Prevention of Nosocomial
Infections

**Sofia,
29 September - 2 October 2008**

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Aim of the meeting:

The aim of the assistance is to make the Western Balkan countries, Bulgaria and Romania more familiar with the standards and principles for communicable diseases surveillance and control applied in the European Union Network

Organising committee:

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Day I : Monday 29 September 2008

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| 13:00 | Registration |
| | Surveillance of infectious diseases 1 Chairs: Helmut Walerius, Bogdan Petrunov |
| 14:00 | Welcome and introduction Helmut Walerius, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission Prof. Bogdan. Petrunov, Director of National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (NCIPD), Sofia Prof. Todor Kantardjiev, Head of Dpt. Microbiology, NCIPD |
| 14:30 | Communicable diseases surveillance and control in the EU Helmut Walerius, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission |
| 15:00 | Surveillance of antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections in Europe Dr. Carl Suetens, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Stockholm, Sweden |
| 15:30 | The German dual System for the surveillance of infectious diseases Dr. Inka Daniels-Haardt, State Institute of Health and Labour North-Rhine Westfalia (LIGA – NRW) |
| 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| | Surveillance of infectious diseases 2 Chair: Todor Kantardjiev |
| 16:30 | BulSTAR – Bulgarian system for surveillance of antimicrobial resistance Dr. M. Petrov, National reference laboratory for control and monitoring of antimicrobial resistance, NCIPD |
| 17:00 | Epidemiological surveillance system for communicable diseases Dr. Mira Kojouharova, Head of Dpt. of Epidemiology, National consultant for Epidemiology in Ministry of Health |
| 17.30 | Discussion |
| 18:00 | End of the day |

Day II : Tuesday 30 September 2008

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| | Cross-border healthcare Chair: Jacques Scheres |
| 09:00 | Cross-border health collaboration in Europe Prof. Jacques Scheres, University of Maastricht, Netherlands |
| 09:30 | Cross-border infectious disease surveillance between Greece and Cyprus Prof. Achilleas Gikas, University of Crete, Greece |
| 10:00 | Comparison of the Dutch-German cross-border epidemiology of Methicillin resistant <i>S. aureus</i> (MRSA) within the EUREGIO MRSA-net Twente/Münsterland PD Dr. Alex W. Friedrich – University Hospital Münster |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00 | Laboratory work / Participants presentations and discussion |
| 13:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| | Healthcare associated infections Chair: Smilja Kalenic |
| 14:00 | Surveillance of ICU-associated infections in Croatia: a part of the HELICS project Prof. Smilja Kalenic, Clinical Hospital Centre Zagreb |
| 14:30 | Resistant bacteria circulating in Macedonian hospitals today and in the past decade Prof. Milena Petrovska, Institute of Microbiology and Parasitology, Medical Faculty, Skopje |
| 15:00 | Recent developments in the epidemiology of <i>Acinetobacter</i> Dr. Lenie Dijkshoorn, Leiden University Medical Centre, Netherlands |
| 15:30 | Significance of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> Resistance Problem and Prevention of Transmission in Healthcare Setting Dr. R. Vatcheva-Dobrevsky, Reference Center for Control and Prevention of Nosocomial Infections, NCIPD, Sofia |
| 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:30 | Laboratory work / Participants presentations and discussion |

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| 17:30 | End of the day |
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Day III : Wednesday 01 October 2008

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| | Typing methods, diagnosis and typing of specific pathogens Chair: Alex Friedrich |
| 09:00 | Automation in Microbiology and Molecular rapid identification methods Dr. Ron Hendrix, Laboratorium Microbiologie Enschede, Netherlands |
| 09:30 | Community MRSA: what do we need to know? Prof. Wolfgang Witte, National Reference Center for Staphylococci - Robert Koch Institute Wernigerode |
| 10:00 | An update on SeqNet.org - spa typing as a communication platform between human and veterinary medicine PD Dr. Alex Friedrich – University Hospital Münster, Coordinator of SeqNet.org |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00 | Laboratory work / Participants presentations and discussion |
| 13:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| | Agents of bioterrorism, important public health threats Chair: Helmut Walerius |
| 14:00 | EU cooperation in health security Helmut Walerius, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission |
| 14:30 | Detection of highly pathogenic bacteria under suspicion of bioterrorism and setting up an European network for diagnosis of these agents PD Dr. Roland Grunow, Centre for Biological Safety (ZBS2) Robert Koch Institute |
| 15:00 | Epidemiology and clinical importance of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) PD Dr. Alex Friedrich – University Hospital Münster |
| 15.30 | Legionnaires' diseases – from the beginning to the present Dr. I. Tomova, Reference laboratory for Legionella, NCIPD |
| 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:30 | Laboratory work / Participants presentations and discussion |

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| 17:30 | End of the day |
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Day IV : Thursday 02 October 2008

Chair: Alex Friedrich

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| 9.00 | Laboratory work - analyzing software (Staph Type, Bionumerics)/ Participants presentations |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:00 | General discussion |
| 13:00 | End of the seminar |

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