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 - EpiSouth FP, Italy
           Pierre Nabeth - EpiSouth FP, WHO-lyo/HQ

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
Chairperson: Karim Ben Jebara
Moderators: Avgi Hadjilouka - EpiSouth FP, Cyprus
Raja Al-Haddadin - EpiSouth FP, Jordan

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 (Regina Vorou)

10.45 Discussion
(with contributions from the Zoonoses Strategic Document Scientific Board & the EpiSouth WP8 Steering Team Members)

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

**Chairperson:** Guenael Rodier  
**Moderators:** Tanya Melillo - EpiSouth FP, Malta  
Bassam Madi - EpiSouth FP, Palestine

11.45 ECDC Early Warning System (*Evelyn Depoortere*)  
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 - EpiSouth FP, Slovenia  
Djohar Hannoun - EpiSouth FP, Algeria

14.00 *IOM-the International Organization for Migration (Jelena cmilijanic)*  
Gr.I.S. and Caritas: access to health services for Roma and Sinti populations (*Fulvia Motta*)  
The International Centre for Migration and Health (*Manuel Carballo*)  
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
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- EpiSouth FP, Italy  
Mondher Bejaoui - EpiSouth FP, Tunisia  
Dragan Lausevic - EpiSouth FP, Montenegro

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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