



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

*Rome, 21-23 April 2010*

## **Agenda**



**Pocchiarri 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Caneloro*)  
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(*Guenaël Rodier*)

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

**Chirperson:** *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)*



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 - EpiSouth FP, Malta*  
*Bassam Madi - EpiSouth FP, Palestine*

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 - EpiSouth FP, Slovenia*  
*Djohar Hannoun - EpiSouth FP, Algeria*

14.00 IOM-the International Organization for Migration (*Jelena Cmliljanic*)  
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

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

**Chairperson:** *Guido Sabatinelli*

**Moderators:** *Nada Ghosn - EpiSouth FP, Lebanon*

*Danijela Simic - EpiSouth FP, Serbia*

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

**DAY 3: FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2010**

**Round Table 6 - EpiSouth Plus: the framework for Securing Global Health in the Mediterranean and Balkans (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Enrico Garaci  
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*Zooprophyllactic Institute of Abruzzo and Molise "G. Caporale" - Teramo, Italy*

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*WHO Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Centre - Athens, Greece*

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*International Organisation for Migration(IOM) - Kiev, Ukraine*

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*International Centre for Migration and Health - Geneva, Switzerland*

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*International Committee for the Development of Peoples - Nairobi, Kenya*

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*National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases - Sofia, Bulgaria*



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