



Dear Member of IUSTI Europe

The preparations for the **IUSTI-Europe Congress 2019** which will take place in Tallinn from 5th – 7th September 2019 are in full swing and we very much hope to meet you all there. Please let me call your attention as well to the pre-meeting **IUSTI Europe Advanced Course 2019: "Those who know STIs know Medicine"**. IUSTI-Europe will support attendance at the course with 15 scholarships for full IUSTI members who are healthcare professionals and younger than 36 years to help cover registration fees, travel and accommodation. The Austrian and Italian STI societies have also decided to support course scholarships for three young members from each country.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the European Council has selected by a ballot **Bucharest** as the destination for the **IUSTI-Europe conference 2020**. We would like to congratulate George-Sorin Tiplica and his team and look forward to a successful meeting in 2020.

I would like to cordially thank **Misko Skerlev** and **Marco Cusini** who represented IUSTI-Europe on the IUSTI world executive committee (EXCO) during the last 8 years. They have served as a perfect link between the parent society and the European branch and have put much effort into this position. As their term will end this year a nominations committee of IUSTI-Europe decided to nominate **Jörgen Skov Jensen** and **Stephan Lautenschlager** for this function due to their dedication for IUSTI-Europe and their extraordinary reputation in the STI-world. Both of them have kindly accepted our invitation. This has to be confirmed by the EXCO and finally decided by the general assembly at the IUSTI-world conference in Vancouver. Please let me express my deepest gratitude to Jörgen and Stephan that they are willing to represent IUSTI-Europe in the EXCO.

Claudia Heller, Chair of IUSTI Europe

Guidelines group

All current and draft guidelines are published on <https://www.iusti.org/regions/Europe/euroguidelines.htm>

The *STI Treatment Pocket European Guidelines – summary 2018* is available [here](#). This will be updated ready for a new version to be distributed at the Tallinn meeting.

Through our partnership with EADV we now have patient information leaflets available in 7 languages (English, French, German, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish). More translations are underway.

<https://www.iusti.org/regions/Europe/PatientInfo/PatientInfo.html>

Guidelines on vaginal discharge and [hepatitis](#) have been published with a fulltext weblink direct to the journal article on the journal homepage.

Guidelines for LGV management and for organisation of a consultation are in process of publication.

A lot of other guidelines are under review including: HIV testing, gonorrhoea, molluscum contagiosum, syphilis, balanoposthitis, partner management.

Sexual Health and HIV updates

Extensively drug-resistant gonorrhoea

ECDC has issued further [public health advice](#) on the recently reported cases of extensively drug-resistant gonorrhoea detected in the UK in Oct & Nov 2018 published by [Eyre et.al.](#) in *Eurosurveillance* on 7 March 2019. Both cases had links to Ibiza. These cases were indistinguishable by sequencing and related to the FC428 clone first identified in Japan in 2015. One case required multi-day intravenous ertapenem to clear infection.

HIV epidemiology in Europe

HIV figures for 2017 are available [here](#) as presentations and infographics – good for teaching talks and updates

ECDC continues to monitor the [Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV & AIDS](#) in Europe and Central Asia. Data from the 2018 reporting round were published on 4 Feb 2019, with 52 of 56 countries now submitting data. The majority of people with transmissible virus were diagnosed but remained untreated, showing that rapid and sustained scale up of treatment is a critical factor in reducing HIV transmission.



NAM AIDS MAP's *Sexual Health & HIV Policy EURO Bulletin* published four times a year contains useful articles and country round-ups relevant for IUSTI Europe members. You can sign up [here](#).

The [December](#) edition covers epidemiology, treatment guidelines, campaigns, advocacy and policy along with lots of fascinating country-level updates

Beyond viral suppression



A [compendium](#) of good practices from across Europe to improve long-term health outcomes for people living with HIV

Public Health Guidance on HIV, Hepatitis B and C testing in EU/EEA

Published in Nov 2018, this [guidance](#) aims to provide EU/EEA countries with an evidence-based framework to help develop, implement, monitor and evaluate their own national HBV, HCV and HIV testing guidelines and programmes. IUSTI Europe were full members of the Expert Panel and are pleased to support the recommendations.



European Testing Week held between 17-24 of May, 2019 offers the unique opportunity for interested stakeholders to unite in order to increase awareness of the benefits of early HIV and hepatitis testing.

AIDSMAP maintain the [European HIV test finder](#) with support from ECDC. Take a moment to check your own area and make sure service locations and contacts are up to date

Future conference dates

IUSTI World STI & HIV Congress, Vancouver , Canada



**STI & HIV 2019
WORLD CONGRESS**
Joint Meeting of the
23rd ISSTD & 20th IUSTI
JULY 14 - 17, 2019 VANCOUVER, CANADA

**WE WELCOME YOU
TO VANCOUVER IN 2019!**

Nous avons hâte de vous voir à Vancouver en 2019!
Wir freuen uns auf Ihren Besuch in Vancouver im Jahr 2019!
Esperamos ver você em Vancouver em 2019!
Los esperamos en Vancouver en 2019!
2019年にバンクーバーで会いましょう!
2019 溫哥華歡迎你!



The programme and plans are coming together for a superb meeting in Tallinn.

Please consider subscribing to the Congress [newsletter](#)

Early registration and abstract deadline is **01 June 2019**



IANS Scientific Meeting 2019
November 1-3 | Amsterdam

Henry de Vries and Oliver Richel invite you to this international meeting on anal neoplasia, which will discuss screening, pathogenesis and treatment of AIN and how to scale-up high resolution anoscopy.

Get involved in IUSTI Europe

Join the IUSTI Europe [Linkedin](#) group

There are a number of committees which always welcome enthusiastic members.

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