

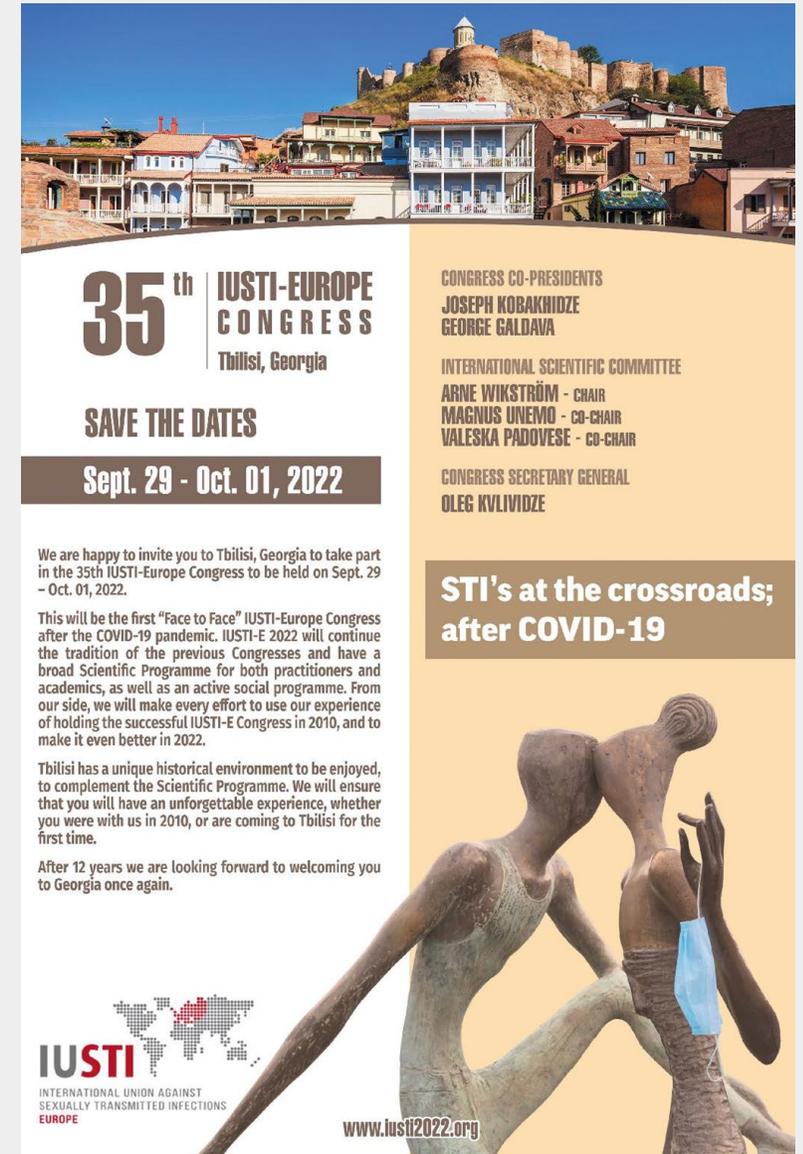
COVID 19 & STI in GEORGIA

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Georgia

- Georgia is a small country. The population is just under 4 million
- Situated at the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.
- It is a part of the Caucasus region, bounded to the west by the Black Sea, to the north and east by Russia, to the south by Turkey and Armenia, and to the southeast by Azerbaijan



Covid 19 cases

- Total - about 700 000 (every day increases)
- Death - about 10 000

- Hospitalized- at this moment 6 200
- Icu at this moment - 1100
- Hot spots- Tbilisi (Population-1.5 M)and Batumi (Population-169 100)

Vaccination in Georgia

- Fully vaccinated - 907 106 (populations 24.4%)
- All vaccines made- 1 920 934
- Booster is available for Medical personal and special group travellers or by special request
 - Available vaccines : Pfizer , AstraZeneca, Sinopharm , Sinovac .
 - Free of Charge

Travel restrictions

must present **one of the mentioned below:**

- the document confirming the full course conduct (two doses, one dose in case of Johnson & Johnson) of any COVID-19 vaccination;
- documents confirming recovery from the Covid-infection (confirmed positive PCR-test) during the last 100 days and one dose conduct of any vaccination listed by the WHO for emergency use. The sequence of infection and vaccination does not make difference, at least 14 days must be passed from the moment of vaccination.

X If traveller does not have PCR test result , is recommended to make during 3 days.

X does not require pre-registration

- As we know with STI problems , patients reach Dermato-venereologists , urologists , gynecologist, andrologists and also Pediatrics.
- Therefore correct incidence is not evaluated. sexual mucosa and is therefore hidden STI.
- Communication with the patient became difficult during pandemic , patients became more reserved.but It depends on both the mentality and the education.



New ways

- Increased demand on online consultations
 - Home Lab services (price increased)
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- ❑ PCR and Rapid antigen tests are available everywhere (PCR- 15-50 eur ; Rapid - 8-10 eur)
 - ❑ In all the building must be used masks .
 - ❑ Now situation is under control . We just hope for restrictions to be released.

Sexual behaviour and Covid 19

- Covid-19 decreased amount of STI cases
- Contact tracing is same.
- decreased face to face consultations and increased online consultations
- Impact was on STI clinic in 2020 march while was lockdown , because of transport limitations and commandant
- Medical personnel had problems with transportation , but Labs didn't have the impact.(fully worked home service Labs)
- PreP is available in Georgia . Equality Movement and AIDS Center staff are involved in the PrEP program. Not popular , people need more information.

	2019	2020
Infectious syphilis	1059	866
Gonorrhoea	738	396
Chlamydia	1559	1310
Trichomonas	4422	2462

HIV The most accurate and verified data in our country - we can generalize to all STI
last updated 20.oct.2021

2019	2020	2021
501	446	419

- ❑ total -9051
- ❑ From here AIDS developed -4441
- ❑ Died -1882
- ❑ Currently-5653, of which 42 are children.

HIV transmission

- ❑ 35.2% - Drugs
- ❑ 50.1% -heterosexual contact
- ❑ 12.5% - MSM
- ❑ 1.2% -vertical
- ❑ 0.5% - Blood Recipient
- ❑ 0.5% -Unknown

Sexual behaviour during Covid 19

75 patients were involved in our questionnaire

5 patients refused to take a survey

more than 50% of women admitted decline in sexual activities

70% of all participants admitted decrease of Sexual activities and visiting of STI specialist.

Young people avoided contact , rather than >40y.

Increased cases were in autumn ,because of releasing regulations in summer .

All this data needs to be classified and qualified, unfortunately without governments funding is not possible for now.

Welcome in Tbilisi next year



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