



Target Audience

20 –30 doctors, nurses and laboratory staff from South/South-East Europe who might be involved in the identification, diagnosis or treatment of patients with arbovirus infections.

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Picture outside: Tick (*Ixodes ricinus*)
Picture inside: Tiger mosquito



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Thessaloniki, Greece
7 – 9 March 2016



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Organizers

- University of Oxford
- Erasmus MC: University Medical Center Rotterdam
- University of Antwerp
- Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust
- ESCMID Study Group for Infections in Travellers and Migrants (ESGITM)
- Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Specialty Society of Turkey (EKMUD)

Course Coordinators

- Veronique Nussenblatt, Antwerp, Belgium
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Course Objectives

The aim of the course is to improve the participant's knowledge of identification and management of arbovirus infections and outbreaks at local and European levels. The course is part of PREPARE, a project aimed at strengthening European preparedness for (re-)emerging infectious disease outbreaks. Course topics will include a review of arboviruses of importance to Europe, including endemic and travel imported viruses. This will include an overview of symptomatology, diagnostics and interpretation of laboratory results and an update on prevention, vaccine and treatments for these viruses. The course will also include an overview of surveillance systems, European organizations, laboratories and clinical networks involved in surveillance, control and outbreak response and practical sessions covering serology interpretation, case scenarios and outbreak response exercises. The course will be delivered by a range of European experts on arboviruses, through a dynamic mix of presentations, case scenarios and outbreak exercises.

Course Programme

Monday, 7 March 2016

Overview of clinically important arboviruses in Europe

- 12:00 Light lunch and participants registration
- 13:15 Welcome and introduction to the course.
L. Sigfrid & V. Nussenblatt
- 13:30 Review of (re-)emerging arbovirus diseases in Europe. *C. Reusken*
- 14:30 Clinically important arboviruses in Europe – part I.
A. Papa & T. Avšič-Županc
- 15:30 Coffee/tea break
- 16:00 Clinically important arboviruses in Europe – part II.
A. Papa, T. Avšič-Županc & O. Ergonul
- 17:00 Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever virus in Turkey – 13 years of experience.
H. Leblebicioglu
- 17:20 Round table session: Current state and experience with viral haemorrhagic fever viruses in South-East Europe.
Chair: *A. Papa*
Expert panel: *O. Ergonul, H. Leblebicioglu & T. Avšič-Županc*
- 18:00 End of day
- 19:00 Dinner and networking

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Arbovirus outbreak preparedness and response

- 09:00 Interactive session: Diagnostics, case definition and serology interpretation.
N. Cleton
- 10:00 Interactive session: Clinical case scenarios.
H. Leblebicioglu
- 10:45 Coffee/tea break
- 11:15 European and global arbovirus surveillance systems.
M. Braks
- 11:45 European outbreak response networks.
H. Zeller (ECDC)
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 Interactive session: European emerging infectious disease outbreak scenario.
C. Reusken, H. Zeller, A. Papa, N. Cleton, V. Nussenblatt, H. Leblebicioglu & L. Sigfrid
- 15:00 Coffee/tea break
- 15:30 Interactive session: European emerging infectious disease outbreak scenario – continued.
C. Reusken, H. Zeller, A. Papa, N. Cleton, V. Nussenblatt, H. Leblebicioglu & L. Sigfrid
- 17:00 End of day
- 18:30 Dinner and networking

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Prevention and future perspectives for Europe

- 09:00 Vector control strategies.
M. Braks
- 09:45 Arbovirus drugs and vaccine developments.
J. Lang
- 10:15 Coffee/tea break
- 10:30 Arbovirus outbreaks perspectives for Europe. *H. Zeller (ECDC)*
- 11:15 Interactive session: Are we prepared?
C. Reusken, N. Cleton, V. Nussenblatt & L. Sigfrid
- 12:00 Questions, feedback, diplomas/certificates and farewell

Organization

Course Venue & Accommodation

Makedonia Palace Hotel
2, Megalou Alexandrou Avenue
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Registration Procedure

Register now online on the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education. Registration deadline is 5 February 2016.

Registration Fee

EUR 300 for ESCMID members
(Full Membership/Young Scientist Membership)
EUR 400 for non-ESCMID members
EUR 600 for industry participants

The fee includes the course and teaching materials, two nights of accommodation (Monday and Tuesday night), tea and coffee during the course, two lunches and two dinners. Travel is not included.

Attendance Grants

ESCMID provides a number of attendance grants for ESCMID “young scientist members”. The grant covers the registration fee. Travel is not included. Please apply via the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education before 8 January 2016. Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by 22 January 2016.

CME Accreditation

The organizers of the course will apply for European CME accreditation through EACCME.

