



# STI Global Update

## Newsletter of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections

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Matthew Golden

### President's Letter



Dear IUSTI Colleagues,  
 We are looking forward to our next World IUSTI/ISSTD meeting - 23rd ISSTD/20th IUSTI World Congress, July 14-17, 2019, Vancouver, Canada. [www.STIHIV2019vancouver.com](http://www.STIHIV2019vancouver.com). Registration is open. We hope all of you are planning to attend. Our scientific chairs, David Lewis and Jamie Blanchard, have planned a very exciting program. The tentative program may be found at <https://stihiv2019vancouver.com/scientific-program-2/scientific-program/#>



Anne Robertson



Catriona Bradshaw

We are also looking forward to the 33rd Conference of IUSTI Europe Regional Meeting, September 5-7, 2019, Tallinn, Estonia, <https://www.iusti.org/regions/Europe/>. The website is open for registration and Abstracts are due June 1, 2019.



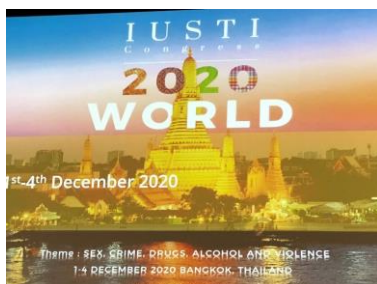
The Asia Pacific Regional Meeting last November 1-3, 2018, in Auckland, New Zealand was a great success. The program was outstanding and many thanks go to Anne and her outstanding staff. There was a lot of focus on syphilis and antibiotic resistance at the meeting, as well as focus on caring for MSM.



We will be looking forward to the Latin America IUSTI meeting 22-25 September, 2019. The falls are one of the World Wonders <https://www.dstaidsofz2019.com.br/english/home.asp>



Worldwide we look forward to the next World IUSTI in Bangkok, Thailand in 2020.



We wish to thank to all IUSTI members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of IUSTI and their efforts to combat STIs. We hope to see many of you at future World IUSTI meetings, as well as Regional IUSTI meetings.

*Charlotte Gaydos, IUSTI-World President*

## [STI & HIV 2019 World Congress](#)



Join us at the **STI & HIV 2019 World Congress, Joint meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ISSTD & 20<sup>th</sup> IUSTI World** to be held July 14-17, 2019 in the beautiful city of Vancouver, Canada at the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building. Take advantage of the early registration discount and **register by April 5, 2019**.

We are pleased to introduce the confirmed keynote speakers for the ISSTD/IUSTI Joint Meeting:

**Opening Keynote Speech, July 14: Bacterial STI Vaccines - Eternal Dream or Future Reality?**



Dr. Rino Rappuoli, Chief Scientist and Head of External R&D at GSK Vaccines, Siena, Italy

**Closing Keynote Speech, July 17: Making Science Work to Deliver Effective Programmes at Scale**



Dr. Charlotte Watts, Department for Global Health and Development, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, UK

Visit the congress website to view the latest version of the [full scientific program](#), including the [Pre-Congress symposia](#) that will take place on July 14 and our confirmed [plenary speakers](#), [symposium speakers](#), and [debate speakers](#).

### Scientific Tracks include:

- Basic Science & Translational Research
- Clinical Science
- Epidemiology & Monitoring
- Policy & Community Engagement
- Behavioral & Social Science
- Program & Implementation Science



### Important Dates

Abstract Submission	<b>Closed</b>
Scholarship Submission Deadline	<b>Closed</b>
Registration & Housing	<b>NOW OPEN</b>
Late-Breaking Submissions	<b>NOW OPEN</b>
Late-Breaker Deadline	March 22, 2019
Early Registration Deadline	April 5, 2019
Regular Registration Deadline	May 24, 2019

### Join the Conversation

Follow us, stay connected and join the Conversation.

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#IUSTIWorld2019

## [Regional Reports](#)

### [Europe](#)

#### News from the IUSTI-Europe Council

There were several excellent bids for the 2020 IUSTI-Europe Congress. The Council of IUSTI-Europe, via secret balloting, selected Bucharest, Romania, as the venue. George Sorin Tiplica,



Professor of Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, will be Congress President. The Scientific Committee will be chaired by Marti Vall Mayans.



### Preparations for the IUSTI-Europe Congress in Tallinn

Preparations for the forthcoming IUSTI-Europe Congress, to be held in Tallinn, Estonia, on 5-7 September, 2019 (see [www.iusti2019.eu](http://www.iusti2019.eu)) are making very good progress.



The venue of the Congress will be Estonian National Opera House, an art nouveau/classicist building completed in 1913. While continuing as a fully functioning theatre house, it is now also used for international conferences, and as such equipped with all necessary state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities.

The Scientific Committee (chaired by Rajul Patel) has nearly completed putting together the Scientific Programme. Eight keynote speeches have been confirmed. The keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony – "A Journal of the Plague Year" – will be made by Keith Radcliffe (UK). Other keynote speakers will include Janet Wilson (President-Elect of IUSTI World) – *Extragenital STI – is it important and should we be looking for it?*, Marcus Chen (Australia) – *Responding to the re-emergence of bacterial STIs*, Laura Waters (UK) – *HIV 2019*, Anne Rompalo (US) and Henry de Vries (Netherlands) – *Putting research into practice*, John White (UK) – *Integrating new tests and testing strategies into practice*, Daniel Richardson (Australia) – *Emerging enteric infections*, and Jan van Bergen (Netherlands) – *Getting to grips with chlamydial infection: What is the future for controlling chlamydial infection?*

Eleven main symposia plus a debate have been confirmed: *The President's Symposium - My Lifetime Experience in Treating/Managing STIs* (Chairs: Airi Pöder and Mihael Skerlev), *Evolving Issues in MSM Health* (Chairs: Marti Vall Mayans and Henry de Vries), *Sexual Health: Wider Perspectives / Painful Intercourse* (Chairs: Margus

Punab and Gilbert Donders), *BASHH Symposium – Young People, Children and Babies with Sexually Transmitted Infections: Time for a Paradigm Shift in Management?* (Chair: Angela Robinson), *Important Issues in Clinical Practice* (Chairs: Keith Radcliffe and George Sorin Tiplica), *Managing STIs in the Digital Age: Opportunities and Challenges of Integrating New Technologies into Sexual Health* (Chairs: Claudia Estcourt, Arjan Hogewoning and Tom Nadarzynski), *HIV – PrEP: Extending the Benefits to Difficult-to-Manage Populations* (Chairs: Laura Waters and Matti Maimets), *Real World Consequences of Bacterial Resistance to STIs* (Chair: Jonathan Ross), *Syphilis Reinfection – Managing the New Epidemic* (Chairs: Andrew Winter and Anne Rompalo), *Real World Application of Genomics to Track and Target STI Control* (Chairs: Marcus Chen and Yonatan Grad), *Clinical Conundrums* (Chairs: Stephan Lautenschlager and Valeska Padovese). The debate will be moderated by Peter Greenhouse. The list of speakers who have committed to the symposia is more than impressive (for more detail, see the Congress website [www.iusti2019.eu](http://www.iusti2019.eu), Programme: Symposium Speakers).

Abstract submission is now open for oral and poster presentations. The deadline is June 1st.



Tallinn is preparing to host IUSTI-Europe 2019 Congress

The organisers are also determined to offer a social programme that will make the Conference a memorable event emotionally. IUSTI-Estonia is pleased to welcome colleagues from abroad by hosting a ball in the Estonian National Opera House. Sight-seeing tours will give participants a chance to see the UNESCO World Heritage Site – Tallinn Old Town, the best-preserved mediaeval city in Europe, and discover why Estonia's untamed nature leaves visitors breathless. Theatre-lovers can book tickets for the ballet "A Streetcar Named Desire", a bold new take on Tennessee Williams' legendary play.



Tallinn Old Town – UNESCO World Heritage Site

Early Bird registration deadline is June 1st.

### **Preparations for the IUSTI-Europe Advanced Course 2019: "Those who know STIs know Medicine"**

As a pre-meeting, IUSTI-Europe Congress in Tallinn will host IUSTI-Europe Advanced Course 2019: "Those who know STIs know Medicine", organised by Angelika Stary and Marco Cusini. The course is particularly aimed at young clinicians and Health Care Providers (HCPs) developing an interest in sexually transmitted infections, but all STI-interested colleagues from all IUSTI regions are invited.

The programme of the course has by now been completed and is available on the Congress website ([www.iusti2019.eu](http://www.iusti2019.eu) Programme: STI Course). World-class experts will present an update on STIs as well as new diagnostic technologies, and discuss the most recent recommendations for treatment and prevention. The list of speakers includes Airi Pöder, Derek Freedman, Claudia Heller-Vitouch, Marti Vall Mayans, Charlotte Gaydos, Angelika Stary, Mihael Skerlev, Jorma Paavonen, Sergio Delmonte, Andrew Winter, Stephan Lautenschlager, Norbert Brockmeyer, Colm O'Mahoney, Peter Greenhouse, Michel Janier, Henry der Vries, Eija Hiltunen-Back, Marco Cusini, Rajul Patel, Mikhail Gomberg, Harald Moi, Jørgen Skov Jensen, Janet Wilson, Magnus Unemo, Keith Radcliffe, Jacqueline Mühlberger. Interactive case presentations will be organised by Georg Stary.

IUSTI-Europe will provide 15 scholarships to cover attendance costs. The criteria of eligibility and the procedure of application can be found on the Congress website ([www.iusti2019.eu](http://www.iusti2019.eu) Programme: STI Course).

### **Report on the European STI Guideline project**

The Editor-in-Chief of the European STI guidelines project editorial board is Keith Radcliffe. Editorial board teleconferences are held every three months with an annual physical meeting taking place in conjunction with the annual IUSTI Europe scientific congress. Since the last report one teleconference has taken place (on 18 December, 2018).

All the guidelines that are produced are freely available on the IUSTI Europe website and are also published in a peer-reviewed journal, either the *International Journal of STD and AIDS (IJSA)* or in the *Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (JEADV)*.

The guideline on the organisation of an STI consultation has been updated and published on the website. It has also been accepted for publication in the *JEADV*.

Work continues on updating the following guidelines: LGV, gonorrhoea, genital warts, HIV testing, gonorrhoea, partner management, proctitis and balano-posthitis.

A new guideline on molluscum contagiosum is being developed.

The Pocket Summary of the European STI Guidelines will be updated in time for its distribution at the 2019 IUSTI-Europe Congress in Tallinn on 5-7 September.

Particularly acknowledged should be the role played by Jackie Sherrard in liaising with the IUSTI webmaster and also for leading on the production of patient information on each and every guideline as it is produced or updated. Patient information in English is available for every guideline and, as a result of a new and highly productive collaboration with the EADV, numerous pieces of patient information have been translated into various European languages as follows: French (5), German (1), Polish (3), Romanian (13), Russian (13) and Spanish (11).

*Airi Pöder & Keith Radcliffe*

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### **North America**



The ASTDA Executive Committee (EC) held its annual in-person meeting March 19 and 20 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Topics of discussion included ongoing collaborations with sister agencies, ASTDA's commitment to national and international STD and sexual health conferences, specifically with sessions and content related to the support of young investigators, and the integration of ASTDA and IUSTI memberships. The EC also discussed a shared desire to have ASTDA periodically issue position papers and policy statements. A subgroup of the EC was formed to develop a process for this purpose. Finally, the meeting started a broad discussion on the current vision, mission, and objectives of the ASTDA as an organization. This discussion will be continued during a full-day EC meeting after the ISSTD meeting in Vancouver in July that will be solely devoted to this topic. These deliberations will ultimately lead to changes in the Association's bylaws that will be shared with the public.



2019 ASTDA Executive Committee

From left: Hunter Handsfield, Kees Rietmeijer, Khalil Ghanem, Lynn Barclay, Laura Bachmann, Kyle Bernstein, Anne Rompalo, Julie Dombrowski, Abby Norris Turner, Marc Steben, Dennis Fortenberry, Bobbie Van Der Pol. Not pictured: Kathy Hsu.

The EC annual meeting was preceded by the second ASTDA Academia/Public Health/Industry Workshop, initiated last year by ASTDA president Bobbie Van Der Pol to fulfill ASTDA's ongoing commitment to the work and mentorship of young investigators and the importance of academic/industry relationship. This second meeting, largely attended by the same group of young investigators, industry scientists, and ASTDA representatives, revisited the group's objectives and progress in building relationships since last year. There was consensus among group members that this meeting already led to some meaningful collaborations over the past year and a commitment was made to continue the meeting in future years.



ASTDA/IUSTI North America is a sponsor of the 2019 National Sexual Health Conference (NSHC) held in Chicago July 10-12. The NSHC aims to create opportunities to share information, efforts, and best practices around sexual health across the lifespan by bridging the varied disciplines of education, advocacy, and clinical care, among others. The NSHC brings together clinicians, researchers, educators, social workers and healthcare administrators to advance sexual health. The 2019 conference will be co-chaired by Dr. Virginia Caine from Indiana University School of Medicine and IUSTI North America Director, Dr. Kees Rietmeijer. ASTDA past-president Dennis Fortenberry and past secretary Ned Hook are among the plenary speakers. More information on the [conference website](#).



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

IUSTI Canada, the newly-formed branch of IUSTI North America, will support the joint meeting of the 23rd International Society of STD Research and the 20th IUSTI World Congress in Vancouver, Canada, July 14-17. Specifically, IUSTI Canada will organize a pre-congress symposium on July 14th entitled: "Innovative Platforms and Interventions Against Gonorrhoea."

In addition, ASTDA will host a number of sessions for young STD investigators, as has become a growing tradition at these meetings. These sessions feature work by young investigators as well as panel sessions on grant writing and publishing with journal editors and representatives of granting organizations. Specifically, there will be a young investigator mentor-mentee breakfast session on July 15<sup>th</sup> as well as two "meet the experts" sessions on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, ASTDA will host its annual awards ceremony and luncheon on Tuesday July 16, 12:15-13:45. The luncheon is open to all conference attendees. For more details, please check the program on the [meeting website](#).



ASHA recognized January as Cervical Health Awareness Month and February as National Condom Month, respectively. Our January activities included the launch of a [podcast](#), *New HPV Vaccine Protocols and Update to Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines*. Featuring commentary from Ina Park, MD, MS, this episode covers the expansion of the indication for the nonavalent HPV vaccine to include males and females through age 45. Dr. Park also discussed updated cervical cancer screening guidelines from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force that include HPV primary testing (for oncogenic genotypes) every five years as a screening option with women ages 30-65. During February we posted a series of [videos](#) featuring ASHA staff and volunteers designed to educate the public about the proper use of internal condoms (sometimes referred to as female condoms) and their value in preventing pregnancy and STIs.



2019  
HIV  
DIAGNOSTICS  
CONFERENCE



Optimizing Testing for HIV, STIs and HCV  
in Laboratories, Public Health Programs and  
Clinical Practice

Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association, and the Association of Public Health Laboratories, ASHA is a co-sponsor of the 2019 HIV Diagnostics Conference held March 25-28 in Atlanta. The focus of this meeting is on HIV diagnostic testing in public health programs, clinics, and laboratories. Recognizing the intersection of HIV with other infections, the 2019 meeting has expanded to include STI and HCV testing. The conference website is [here](#).

In December we published a Facebook live Q&A session with Dr. Latoya Patterson on contraception options. The archived video is available [here](#).



Dr. Latoya Patterson

We also debuted [another podcast](#), this one a two-part conversation with Terri Warren, RN, ANP, on diagnosing and managing genital herpes infections. In part one of our talk we cover the array of tests available for clinical use, which patients should have them, and how to make sense of the results. In part two of our conversation, Ms. Warren offers strategies to effectively manage herpes in a relationship and deal with the psychosocial aspects of the diagnosis.



National Network of  
STD Clinical Prevention  
Training Centers

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the [National Network of STD Prevention Training Centers \(NNPTC\)](#) is comprised of 8 regional clinical training centers in the United States,

funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop and support the STD clinical workforce. Centers are located in New England, New York, Baltimore, Birmingham, St. Louis, Denver, California and Seattle; each center serves a number of states in their region through in-person clinical precepting and a wide array of webinars and other distance learning modalities. In addition, there are 7 national centers for curriculum development, quality improvement, technical innovation, evaluation, and coordination. Recent NNPTC products include an [on-line national STD clinical curriculum](#) developed by the Seattle training center and an on-line [clinical consultation service](#), developed by the Denver training center. More information about the latter is [available here](#).

### Calendar

March 25-28: 2019 HIV Diagnostics Conference, Atlanta GA, USA

June 11 -13: 2020 STD Treatment Guidelines Meeting, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA, USA (invitation only).

July 10-12: 2019 National Sexual Health Conference, Chicago IL, USA

July 14-17: STI and HIV World Congress, Vancouver, BC Canada

*Kees Rietmeijer*

## Conference Update

### **IUSTI Events:**

23rd ISSTD/20th IUSTI World Congress

Dates: July 14-17, 2019

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Website: [www.STIHIV2019vancouver.com](http://www.STIHIV2019vancouver.com)

33rd Conference of IUSTI-Europe on Sexually Transmitted Infections

Dates: September 5-7, 2019

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

Website: [www.iusti2019.eu](http://www.iusti2019.eu)

XII Brazilian STI Congress and the III IUSTI Latino American Congress - IUSTI Latin America

Dates: September 22-25, 2019

Location: Foz do Iguaçu – Brazil

Website: <https://www.dstaidsofz2019.com.br/home.asp>

21st IUSTI World Congress

Dates: November 2020

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Website: TBA

**Other STI or Related  
Meetings/Congresses/Courses:**

International Herpesvirus Workshop 2019

Dates: July 20-24, 2019

Location: Knoxville, Tennessee

Website:

<http://www.herpeshvirusworkshop.com/2019/>

17th European AIDS Conference

Dates: November 6-8, 2019

Location: Basel, Switzerland

Website: <https://eacs-conference2019.com/>

9th International Workshop on HIV Persistence

during Therapy

Dates: December 10-13, 2019

Location: Miami, USA

Website: <http://www.hiv-persistence.com/>

*Somesh Gupta*

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Further information on the activities of IUSTI available at

[www.iusti.org](http://www.iusti.org)