

IUSTI letter - Latin America region - June 2025

Latin American Congress on STIs/AIDS

From June 3 to 6, 2025, the Brazilian Society of Sexually Transmitted Diseases held its congress alongside the Latin American Congress on STIs/AIDS in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The event featured the participation of distinguished speakers representing IUSTI, including Dr. David Lewis, Dr. Janet Wilson, and Dr. Magnus Unemo. A total of 1,204 attendees took part in the congress, representing a wide range of professional categories. The opening ceremony was attended by Brazil's Minister of Health, who on that occasion handed over to the Pan American Health Organization representative the national report requesting certification of the elimination of vertical transmission of HIV as a public health problem in Brazil.



Source: SB-DST



Source: SB-DST



Source: SB-DST

King Holmes tribute

Another very emotional moment of the opening was the tribute to Dr. King Holmes for his lifelong work and dedication to the STI cause. Dr. David Lewis received the Walter Belda Medal on behalf of Dr. King's family. Walter Belda was a renowned Brazilian dermatologist, widely recognized for his contributions to dermatology and the study and treatment of sexually transmitted infections in Brazil. He held a prominent academic and clinical career, particularly associated with the University of São Paulo (USP), where he served as a professor and mentor to generations of dermatologists. Walter Belda Medal is awarded in his honor, typically recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of STIs and dermatology in Brazil and internationally.



Source: SB-DST



Source: SB-DST



Source: SB-DST



During the Brazilian Congress on STIs/AIDS, a symposium of the IUSTI Latin America and Caribbean regional branch was held, where the syphilis situation in the region was discussed, and experiences from Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay were presented.



Source: Pamela Gaspar

Brazil and Paraguay partnership

The two countries will exchange experiences with the aim of improving care and surveillance services for STI and mother-to-child transmission (MTCT). The representatives from Paraguay visited the city of Vila Velha in Brazil in June to exchange experiences about the availability and implementation of prevention, care, and surveillance services. During the visit, they toured primary care clinics, laboratories, and hospitals to observe the organization and delivery of these services in practice. In a second phase, a Brazilian delegation will visit Paraguay to carry out a similar approach, promoting the exchange of experiences and strengthening bilateral collaboration in STI and vertical transmission control.



Source: Pamela Gaspar



Source: Pamela Gaspar

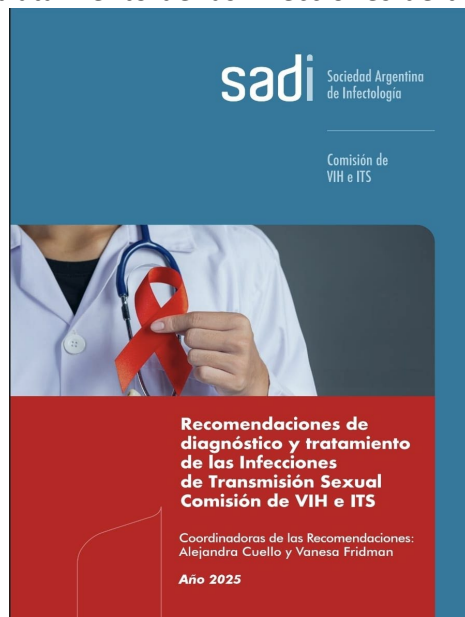
Argentina

In Argentina, the National Ministry of Health has been working with the mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) approach since 2010. In 2014, the development of the framework for the elimination of MTCT of HIV, syphilis, and Chagas disease was formalized. In 2025, an updated version of the elimination strategy was published, with a focus on the subnational approach both for the design of actions and for monitoring progress toward programmatic goals. The ETMI-Plus initiative aims not only to achieve but also to sustain the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, Chagas disease, and perinatal infection with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) as public health problems.



Source: Ministry of Health

The congress of the Argentine Society of Infectious Diseases (SADI 2025) served as the venue for the presentation of the new national guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections in the country. Dr Patricia Galarza was present in the discussion. The document is available at the IUST page - LAC Region. <https://www.sadi.org.ar/publicaciones/1871-recomendaciones-de-diagnostico-y-tratamiento-de-las-infecciones-de-transmision-sexual-2025>



Source: SADI



A symposium to discuss sexually transmitted infections in the scientific congress of the lower genital tract infections. This meeting brought together specialists and students interested in lower genital tract infections and including STIs in the program helped to give visibility and encourage joint work among specialists.



Source: TPGI



Source: TPGI

The Argentinian annual actualization course on infections in gynecology and obstetrics and sexually transmitted infections began in April 2025 in a virtual format. The course is a great opportunity for professionals to update their knowledge on the topic.

CURSO ANUAL
2025

ACTUALIZACIÓN EN INFECCIONES
en Ginecología y Obstetricia e Infecciones
de **TRANSMISIÓN SEXUAL**

Días: Miércoles
Horario: 17 a 21hs.

Comienzo:
23 de abril de 2025

Modalidad:
Mensual

Inscripciones:

- Médicos con menos de 5 años de graduación: **\$250.000**
- Médicos con más de 5 años de graduación: **\$300.000**
- Médicos residentes en el exterior: **USD 500**

Características:

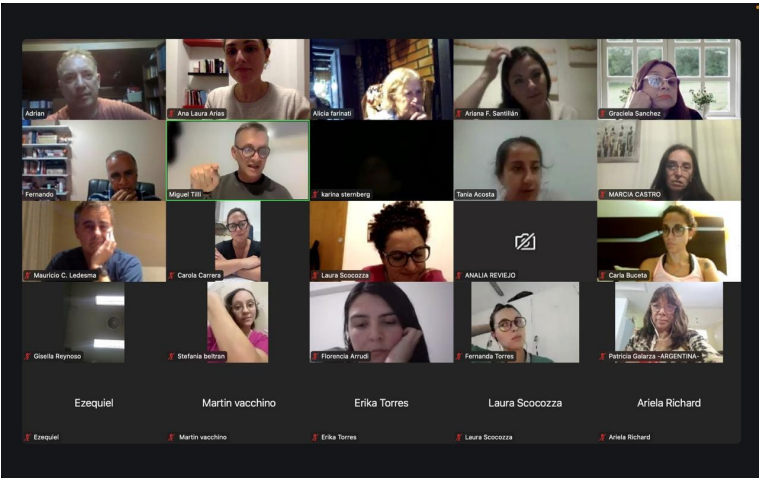
- Modalidad virtual **via streaming** (**transmisión en vivo**) con discusión final
- Entrega de **material bibliográfico** de actualización
- Foro de discusión
- Evaluación final**
- Carga Horaria (120 hs. cátedra)

Directores:
Ana Laura Ariza - Fernando Navick

Coordinadores:
Graciela Sanchez - Martin Vacchino
Pierencia Vardi - Rocasela Gomez Cherry

Secretarías científicas:
Adrián Orsini y Miguel Till

¡Escribinos!
cursoanualasaigo@gmail.com



Source: ASAIGO