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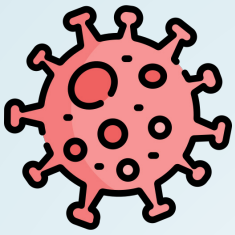
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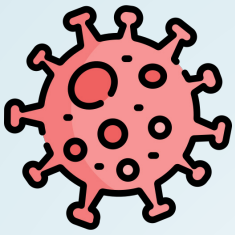
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08.00 - 08.45	**Registrations**
08.45 - 09.00	**Introduction**
Keynote Presentations	
9.00 - 9.40 **Keynote Presentation**	**A Sustainable Blood System – What are The Fundamental Pillars?** **Cees Th. Smit Sibinga,** University of Groningen and IQM Consulting, Netherlands
9.40 - 10.20 **Keynote Presentation**	**WHO Pandemic Treaty Gets Green Light: Can The New Treaty Provide Equitable Treatment in Next Pandemic?** **Yaeko Mitsumori,** Osaka University, Japan
Oral Presentations	
Chair	**Cees Th. Smit Sibinga,** University of Groningen and IQM Consulting, Netherlands
Chair	**Peter Stoemmer,** Pathology Augsburg Hermanstr, Germany
Co-Chair	**Dalton Luiz Rivabem Junior,** Hospital do Rocio, Brazil

Sessions: Infectious Diseases | Bloodstream Infections | Pediatric Infectious Diseases | Food & Water Borne Infectious Diseases | Preventive Medicine | Emerging Infectious Diseases | Tuberculosis | Clinical Infectious Diseases | Epidemiology | Infectious Diseases Pathology | HIV, AIDS, STD's & Clinical Research | Hepatitis | Bacteriology and Parasitology

10.20 - 10.45 **Oral Presentation**	**The Most Suitable Riboswitches as Targets for Antibacterial Drug Discovery - Bioinformatics, Genomic and Laboratory Analyses** **Nikolet Pavlova,** Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria
10.45 - 11.10 **Oral Presentation**	**Ventilator-associated Pneumonia: Shifts in Microbial Patterns and Clinical Implications** **Dalton Luiz Rivabem Junior,** Hospital do Rocio, Brazil



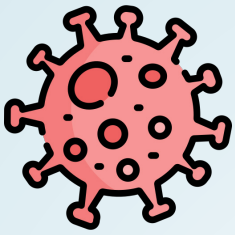
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11.30 - 11.55 **Oral Presentation**	**Clinical Spectrum and Outcomes of Paediatric Typhoid Fever: A One-Month Audit from A Tertiary Care Children's Hospital in Sri Lanka** **BRRN Gunaratne,** Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
11.55 - 12.20 **Oral Presentation**	***M. Paratuberculosis:* From Cows to Crohn's and Colorectal Cancer and What Can We Do About It?** **Coad Thomas Dow,** University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
12.20 -12.45 **Oral Presentation**	**Acute Compartment Syndrome after Viper Bite of The Genus Bitis: The Role of The Surgeon in The Fight Against Viper Venom** **Kristian Chrz,** General University Hospital in Prague, Czech Republic
Group Photo (12.45 - 13.00)	
Lunch 13.00 - 14.00 @ Simmer Restaurant	
14.00 - 14.25 **Oral Presentation**	**Ehrlichiosis and Anaplasmosis; Chronic Inflammations Related to Hepatocellular Carcinoma** **Maria Jose Tintel Astigarraga,** Pathvet-Veterinary Specialty Center, Paraguay
14.25 - 14.50 **Oral Presentation**	**A Clinico-Epidemiological Study of Scrub Typhus Cases in A Tertiary Care Center of A Non-endemic Area** **Anirudh Mukherjee,** All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raebareli, India
14.50 - 15.15 **Oral Presentation**	**Analysis of The Application of Medical Thoracoscopy in The Diagnosis of Tuberculous Pleuritis** **Xiaopeng He,** Xianyang Central Hospital, China
15.15 - 15.40 **Oral Presentation**	**Subacute Spinal–brainstem–cerebellar Syndrome: A Previously Unrecognised Neuroinflammatory Phenotype with Shared Environmental Exposure: Evidence for A Previously Unrecognized Infection- Associated Syndrome** **Yi Li,** Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, China
15.40 - 16.05 **Oral Presentation**	**Fungal Infection in ICU of A Medical University of Bangladesh** **Montosh Kumar Mondal,** Bangladesh Medical University [BMU], Bangladesh



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Poster Presentations	
IDP-001	**Atypical Presentation of Cerebral Abscess in A Child with Trisomy 21 and Tetralogy of Fallot** **BRRN Gunaratne,** Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
IDP-002	**Rare Hepatobiliary Obstruction Following Induction Therapy for Disseminated Histoplasmosis in AIDS** **Luis Colon Bererios,** Universidad Central del Caribe, Puerto Rico
E-Poster Presentations	
IDEP-001	**Alternative and Investigational Therapies for Genital Trichomoniasis: Lessons from a Challenging Case** **Siham Mahgoub,** Howard University, USA
IDEP-002	**When Blurred Vision Reveals Neurosyphilis: A Case Report** **Eftychia Charatsi,** Amalia Fleming Hospital, Greece
IDEP-003	**Clinical Impact of Basal Core Promoter Mutations (A1762T/G1764A) in Genotype a Chronic Hepatitis B Reactivation** **Siham Mahgoub,** Howard University, USA
IDEP-004	**Veillonella Atypica Bacteremia** **Karolina Viquez Beita,** Indiana University, USA
Day 1 Concludes followed by Certificate Distribution	

Keynote Speakers

Cees Th. Smit Sibinga,

University of Groningen, Netherlands



Cees Th. Smit Sibinga is a University of Groningen graduate (1965), clinical haematologist (1971), PhD University of Groningen (1972) and specialist of Transfusion Medicine (1975); FRCP Transfusion Medicine Edinburgh 1992, FRCPath Transfusion Medicine London 1995. He is special professor of International Development of Transfusion Medicine at the University Medical Centre Groningen and University of Groningen. He has been involved in the development of Transfusion Medicine and quality systems and management for economically restricted (poor economics) countries since 1980 through his work with the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Federation of Haemophilia (WFH) and the International Consortium for Blood Safety (ICBS). He is the former Medical Director and founder of the Dutch Regional Blood Bank in Groningen (1976, northern part of the Netherlands), IQM Consulting for International Development of Quality Management in Transfusion Medicine (2001), the Dutch Sanquin Consulting Services and the Academic Institute for International Development of Transfusion Medicine in Groningen (2001) and the AABB Consulting Services Division, Bethesda, MD, USA (2002), all non-for-profit. For 28 years he has served as the Managing Director of Sanquin Division Blood Bank Noord Nederland in Groningen, the Netherlands (1976-2004). Since 1993 his Blood Bank did incorporate the WHO Collaborating Centre for Blood Transfusion and the WFH International Hemophilia Training Centre (cryoprecipitate) in Groningen. In 2001 the Blood Bank became the first Collaborating Centre of the International Consortium for Blood Safety (ICBS). When he left in 2004, these functions were no longer continued.

Yaeko Mitsumori,

Osaka University, Japan



Yaeko Mitsumori is currently a guest professor of the Center for Education and Exchange at Osaka University and has been teaching innovation-related subjects at Osaka University. She obtained her PhD (Eng.) from Tohoku University's Department of Management Science and Technology (MOST) and Mater of Public Administration (MPA) from Kennedy School of Harvard University. Before joining Osaka University, she taught in Tsukuba University's Graduate School of Business (all-English MBA program at Tsukuba University). She also teaches at Tsukuba University's Graduate School Medicine and Toyo University as an adjunct professor. She is a member of IEEE, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Portland International Center for Management of Engineering and Technology (PICMET), Japan Society for Research Policy and Innovation Management, Japan MOT Society, the Japan Association for Management Systems and the Japan Society for Production Management Before she started her teaching career at a university, she serviced as a Coordinator for International Research Cooperation at the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP), Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture and Science and Technology (MEXT), Coordinator for Research Collaboration at RIKEN and Coordinator for Academy-Industry-Government Collaboration at Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech).

Oral Speakers

Nikolet Pavlova,

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria



Nikolet Pavlova is the newest Laboratory of Synthetic Biology and Bioinformatics member in the Faculty of Biology. She is a graduate specialist in molecular biology at the Faculty of Biology of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". She obtained a master's degree in Genetics and Genomics and a doctoral degree in Genetics - Bioinformatics from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" under the scientific supervision of Prof. Robert Penchovsky. Her works in applied bioinformatics, analyzing the composition of bacterial riboswitches and other RNAs as targets for creating new antibacterial agents.

Dalton Luiz Rivabem Junior,

Hospital do Rocio, Brazil



Dalton Luiz Rivabem Junior is an intensivist physician with 27 years of experience. He currently serves as Head of the ICU and the Department of Internal Medicine at Hospital do Rocio, one of the largest hospitals in Brazil. He previously taught at Universidade Positivo, contributing to the education of future healthcare professionals. In 2017, he coordinated a remarkable case that gained international recognition: the intrauterine maintenance of life for 123 days in a brain-dead pregnant patient, which resulted in the birth of twins. This remains the longest reported case worldwide of intrauterine life support under such circumstances. His main research interests include Critical Care Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine.

BRRN Gunaratne,

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka



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Kristian Chrz,

General University Hospital in Prague, Czech Republic



Kristian A. Chrz, M.D. is a specialist in general surgery and trauma surgery. He works at the Surgical Department of the General University Hospital in Prague. He serves as Head of Surgical and Trauma Assessment Services and as Head of Surgical Education at the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University. His professional focus includes general and trauma surgery, surgical education and academic activities. His areas of interest include the implementation of 3D printing technologies in surgery and traumatology.

Maria Jose Tintel Astigarraga,

Pathvet- Veterinary Specialty Center, Paraguay



Maria Jose Tintel Astigarraga, Graduated from the National University of Asunción (UNA). Complementary training in the Department of Pathophysiology at the University of the Center of the Province of Buenos Aires (UNICEN). Training in the Veterinary Pathology service at the Paulista State University (UNESP). Postgraduate in Oncohematology in small animals at the Center for Veterinary Medical Specialties (CEMV). Member of the Argentine Society of Veterinary Oncology (SAOV). Postgraduate Professor in Veterinary Cytology for Veterinarians on the web. Specialist in Veterinary Anatomohistopathological Diagnosis at the National University of the Northeast (UNNE). PhD candidate in Health Sciences, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz). Founder of the Center for Veterinary Pathology of Paraguay (PATHVET), responsible for the Department of Pathology. PRONII-CONACYT researcher. Research Line; Vector-Transmitted Diseases (VTE) with several relevant publications and presentations. Author of the books Ehrlichiosis; an Emerging Zoonosis (2017) and Feline Leishmaniasis: often forgotten, other times unknown (2022).

Anirudh Mukherjee,

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raebareli, India



Anirudh Mukherjee is a physician trained in Internal Medicine at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh, India, with specialized training in Geriatric Medicine. Following his training in Internal Medicine, he pursued a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and has since developed a focused clinical and academic interest in Infectious Diseases and Geriatric Medicine. His areas of particular interest include palliative care in older adults and the management of infectious diseases in the elderly, with an emphasis on comprehensive, compassionate and patient-centered care. Currently, he is working at an apex healthcare institute in India and an Institute of National Importance, providing a robust clinical and academic platform to further his work in Geriatric Medicine, Infectious Diseases and palliative care.



Xiaopeng He,

Xianyang Central Hospital, China

He Xiaopeng has strong expertise in respiratory intervention and the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis and tuberculous pleuritis. He is passionate about improving the health and well-being of such patients. Through the application of medical thoracoscopy in the management of tuberculous pleuritis, he has improved the diagnostic rate for these patients. This minimally invasive procedure allows for early and effective treatment, reducing the complications associated with this condition



Yi Li,

Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, China

Yi Li, MD, is an Associate Chief Physician at Qilu Hospital of Shandong University. Her clinical and research interests include cognitive disorders, gait disorders and sleep disorders. She is actively involved in professional organisations, serving as Vice Chair of the Sleep Medicine Committee of the Shandong Medical Doctor Association and Vice Chair of the Dementia & Cognitive Disorders Committee of the Shandong Geriatrics Society. She is also a member of several national professional groups in neurology, cognitive disorders, vascular cognitive impairment and neurobiochemistry.



Montosh Kumar Mondal,

Bangladesh Medical University [BMU], Bangladesh

Montosh Kumar Mondal, has born in Bangladesh is working as a Professor of Anesthesia, Analgesia and Intensive Care Medicine of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He has obtained his MBBS degree from Mymensingh Medical College under Dhaka University and Diploma in Anesthesiology from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in 2001. He has obtained Fellowship Degree in Anesthesiology for three year from Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2005. He has also obtained one year Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine from Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India. under World Federation of Society of Anesthesiology (WFSA). He has 25 years experience in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine. Prof. Montosh is the Vice president of Society of Intensivist Bangladesh and was a member of Society of Anesthesiology of Bangladesh. He is a examiner of Diploma ,MCPS, FCPS in Anesthesiology and MD in Critical Care Medicine. He is the Head of Intensive Care Unit division. He has 30 national and International publications. His enjoys life with wife who is a Gynecologist and two sons.

Poster Presenter



Luis Colon Bererios,

Universidad Central del Caribe, Puerto Rico

Luis A. Colón Berríos, MD, is a PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident Physician at Hospital Regional Ramón Ruiz Arnau in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, affiliated with Universidad Central del Caribe. He completed a rigorous rotating internship at Bayamón Medical Center, where he also gained experience in clinical documentation review and utilization management. He has a strong academic interest in Infectious Diseases and Endocrinology, with particular focus on opportunistic infections in immunocompromised patients and endocrine-metabolic complications of systemic illness. His medical approach emphasizes preventive medicine, early risk identification and evidence-based management to improve long-term patient outcomes. He currently trains in a public tertiary care hospital that serves an underserved and socioeconomically vulnerable population, providing broad exposure to complex and advanced-stage pathologies that enrich his clinical experience and academic development.

E-Poster Presentations



Siham Mahgoub,

Howard University, USA

Siham Mahgoub completed her training at Beth Israel Medical Center and New York Medical College, New York. She is the Medical Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Management and Research. She was the Principal Investigator for the Novavax Vaccine trial, the COVID-19 Variant Immunologic Landscape Trial (COVAIL Trial), Howard University Principal Investigator for the convalescent plasma to treat COVID 19. She was also the co-Investigator for the Howard University Genetic Study. She is currently an Associate Professor at Howard University College of Medicine and the Acting Chief for the Infectious Diseases Division in the department of Medicine



Eftychia Charatsi,

Amalia Fleming Hospital, Greece

Eftychia Charatsi is an internal medicine consultant, currently working as the head of an Internal Medicine department in Amalia Fleming Hospital. Our department includes a general medicine and an IVDU ward, where intravenous drug users are hospitalized to get treatment for medical conditions like infections. Neuropsychiatric evaluation, social service assessment and rehabilitation opportunities are available. This multi-disciplinary approach is unique and offers the patient specialized holistic care. She has completed her medical studies and internship in Athens (Greece) and Rouen (France). She has also followed a 6-month training in diabetes at Imperial College of London. Post-graduate studies including Master of Science and PhD were obtained from the Medical Faculty of Kapodistrian University of Athens. She speaks fluently English, French and German.

Karolina Viquez Beita,

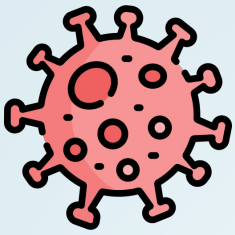
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Karolina Viquez Beita is a board-certified Internal Medicine physician and a faculty member at Indiana University. With a deep passion for research and medical literature, she believes that research, case reports and conferences offer exciting opportunities to both learn and share knowledge with colleagues globally. Additionally, she takes great pleasure in mentoring students and medical residents.

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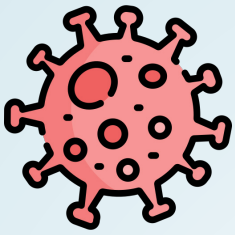
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10.40 - 11.20 **Keynote Presentation**	**Cysts of The Yaws: Structure, Inflammation and Bacterial Colonization as Promotors of Pathogenesis** **Peter Stoemmer,** Pathology Augsburg Hermanstr, Germany
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11.40 - 12.20 **Keynote Presentation**	**Therapeutic Outcomes of Marecipe AV, An Herbal Therapy on Neuroinflammatory Associated with Viral Infections** **Jiangnan Feng,** Tongrun Tang TCM Clinic, China
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Sessions: Infectious Diseases | Emerging Infectious Diseases | Pediatric Infectious Diseases | Corona Virus & SARS-CoV-2 | Tuberculosis | Clinical Infectious Diseases | Epidemiology

12.20 - 12.45 **Oral Presentation**	**Audit on Presenting Symptoms of Dengue Fever and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever in Paediatric Patients at A Tertiary Care Hospital** **BRRN Gunaratne,** Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
12.45 - 13.10 **Oral Presentation**	**ABO Blood Group and Outcomes in Patients with COVID-19 Admitted in The Intensive Care Unit(ICU): A Retrospective Study in A Tertiary-Level Hospital in Bangladesh** **Mohammad Rabiul Halim,** Asgar Ali Hospital, Bangladesh
Lunch 13:10 - 14:00 @ Simmer Restaurant	



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14.00 - 14.25 **Oral Presentation**	**Accessing The Composite Reference Standard in Female Genital Tuberculosis** **Sona Dharmendra,** All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), India
14.25 - 14.50 **Oral Presentation**	**In The Zone of Silence: A Case of Hearing Loss Due to Herpes Zoster** **Alexandra Soares,** UCSP Alcains, ULS Castelo Branco, Portugal
Video Presentations (14.50 - 15.30)	
IDVP - 01	**A Critical Assessment of Dengue Fever in Cambodia, Singapore and Thailand: Examining The Role of Social Determinants in Determining Effectiveness and Sustainability of Vector Control Programmes** **Holly Broughton,** The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
IDVP - 02	**A Broader Narrative on Respiratory Diseases. A Citizens and Patients Perspective towards the Development of an EU Respiratory Health Plan** **Mariano Votta,** Responsible EU Affairs at Cittadinanzattiva, Italy
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Keynote Speakers

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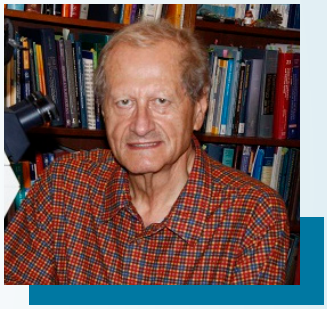
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Peter Stoemmer,

Pathology Augsburg Hermanstr, Germany



Peter Stoemmer is a distinguished Pathologist based in Bavaria, Germany. He received his medical education and training from the Institute of Pathology, University of Erlangen–Nuremberg, under the mentorship of renowned experts including Prof. Dr. V. Becker, Yale Prof. Dr. J. Rosai and Prof. A. B. West. His academic and professional journey includes serving as a Lecturer in Pathology at the University of Erlangen–Nuremberg and holding the position of Prosector of Pathology at Erlangen. He also served with distinction at the Institute of Pathology, Air Force Munich (Luftwaffe Bundeswehr) with the rank of Oberfeldarzt (Senior Medical Officer). He is the Founder and CEO of Pathology Laboratories, located on Hermanstrasse in Augsburg. He officially retired in 2024. Post-retirement, he continues to share his expertise as a Lecturer at the Academy for Clinicobiological Analysis. His interests include traveling, photography, theater, opera and particularly enjoys the opera, Carmen.

Jiangnan Feng,

Tongrun Tang TCM Clinic, China



Jiangnan Feng conducted research on antibody-based biologics, recombinant therapeutics, recombinant vaccines, RNAi-based products and cell therapy agents at the Wuhan Institute of Biological Products under the former Ministry of Health of China after graduating from medical school. Over the past fifteen years, his work has centered on identifying antiviral, antibacterial and anticancer active compounds from peptides and natural medicinal plants. Several of the resulting candidate drugs have shown exceptionally potent efficacy and are expected to fundamentally reshape treatment strategies for cancer, viral infectious diseases and lipid metabolism disorders.

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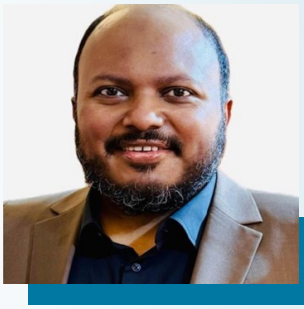
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Mohammad Rabiul Halim,



Asgar Ali Hospital, Bangladesh

Mohammad Rabiul Halim is a consultant Critical Care Medicine from Asgar Ali Medical College & Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was graduated (MBBS) from "Ibrahim Medical College & BIRDEM General Hospital" under Dhaka University. He has completed his 5 years post graduate course, MD (Critical Care Medicine) under Bangladesh Medical University (BMU). Over the 17 years of clinical carrier he Played different role of Critical Care Medicine in various reputed Medical Colleges and Tertiary level Multidisciplinary Hospitals in Bangladesh. He is regularly conducting research works in the field of Critical Care Medicine and at least twenty-two of his research works published in reputed journals. He has actively participated as a speaker and faculty in various national and International workshops, CME and conferences and also successfully organized six International conferences on Critical Care Medicine named 'CRITICON, Bangladesh' as a part of BSCCM. At present, he is holding the post of Cultural Secretary & executive committee member of Bangladesh Society of Critical Care Medicine (BSCCM).

Sona Dharmendra,



All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), India

Sona Dharmendra have over 17 years of expertise in Obstetrics and Gynecology, with a special interest in female genital tuberculosis (FGTB) and epigenetics. She conducted extensive research on the molecular aspects of FGTB and my PhD work identified novel genes linked to gynecological disorders, including tubercular endometritis, with an AUC score of 75% supporting their diagnostic relevance. Her research includes studies on CRS (Composite Reference Standard) and multiple diagnostic modalities such as GeneXpert, TB-LAMP and Urine LAM. She had also contributed significantly to stem cell therapy research in Asherman syndrome associated with FGTB, publishing in both indexed and non-indexed journals. In addition, she have hands-on experience in Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), including Nanopore and Ion Torrent platforms, along with related bioinformatics analysis.

Alexandra Soares,

UCSP Alcains, ULS Castelo Branco, Portugal



Alexandra Maria Santos Soares was born on March 17, 1990 in Souto da Casa, Portugal. She graduated in Medicine from the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Beira Interior in 2018 with an Integrated Masters on the theme "Tuberculosis at Centro Hospitalar Cova da Beira and its relationship with immunosuppression". She is currently working as a specialist in General and Family Medicine in UCSP Alcains – ULS Castelo Branco (Castelo Branco, Portugal) since 1st January 2026.

Video Presenters

Holly Broughton,

The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom



Holly Broughton is a fourth-year medical student with a Bachelor of Medical Sciences with Honours in global health policy and a keen interest in infectious disease medicine. Her recent dissertation explores the complex interplay between social factors and the effectiveness and sustainability of government-led dengue fever vector control programmes in Southeast Asia. Through an extensive literature review and policy analysis, Holly identified critical gaps in current strategies and advocates for an integrated approach which addresses social inequalities alongside infrastructural development. Her research contributes valuable insight into the shortcomings of existing dengue fever vector control programmes and emphasises the need for sustainable public health interventions to reduce the burden of dengue fever in vulnerable communities.

Mariano Votta,

Responsible EU Affairs at Cittadinanzattiva, Italy



Mariano Votta is responsible for EU Affairs at the Italian NGO Cittadinanzattiva and Director of its EU branch “Active Citizenship Network”. Passionate about health & consumer issues, Mariano has 25 years of experience in advocacy, stakeholder engagement, communication, European Public Affairs & EU funded-projects. Mariano holds a Degree in Political Science and two post-graduate master's degrees in European Public Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility. He is also a journalist with more than 50 publications in international peer-reviewed journals. He led the political initiative to launch in 2015 at the EU Parliament the Interest Group "EU Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare," – now at its third mandate - endorsed by more than 100 organisations across Europe and dozens of Members of the European Parliament. In 2016 Mariano won the Efhre International University Excellence Awards on patients’ rights.

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