

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Europe AIDS Conference  
**“Europe and HIV/AIDS: New Challenges, New Opportunities”**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vilnius, Lithuania  
**September 16-18, 2004**

**Programme**

**September 13-22, 2004**

**Exhibition of photograph installations** “Doors?!” (Life of a woman with HIV).  
Venue: Club Gallery “Intro”, Maironio St. 3, Vilnius. Opening: 17.00, 13<sup>th</sup>  
September.

**September 14-15, 2004**

**Pre-conference training workshop** “Baltic McMaster Regional HIV Training”  
(conducted by Canadian McMaster University, Kaunas Medical University,  
Lithuanian AIDS Centre). Venue: "E-guesthouse" , T. Sevcenkos St. 16, Vilnius.

**September 16-19, 2004**

**Training** of the girl group leaders’ participating in the project “*Girlpower in Lithuania*”.  
Facilitator: Mia Hanstrom, “Save the Children”, Finland. Organisers:  
Missing People Families Support Centre, Lithuanian AIDS Centre. Venue: Drop-In  
Centre at the Lithuanian AIDS Centre, Pasaku St. 1B.

**September 16-18, 2004**

Visits to the organisations active in the AIDS and drug use prevention field in Vilnius  
(please ask for schedule at the Registration Desk).

**September 15, 2004**

18.00-21.00 Registration

19.00-21.30 (**Saphire**) “**Uniting our voices and strengths in the fight against HIV & AIDS**”.  
Open meeting for NGOs and networks representing civil society.  
Organised by AIDS Action Europe, the Pan European NGO Partnership on HIV &  
AIDS. **Chair:** Ton Coenen, Director, Soa Aids Nederland (STI AIDS Netherlands),  
member of the AIDS Action Europe Steering Committee.

**September 16, 2004**

8.00-10.00 Registration

10.00 (**Saphire**) Opening. **Chair:** Saulius Caplinskas, Director, Lithuanian AIDS  
Centre.

- Juozas Olekas, Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania.
- Matti Rajala, SANCO, European Commission .
- Henning Mikkelsen, Europe Regional Coordinator, UNAIDS. “*After the Dublin Conference: How we can build a new partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in the European Union and its new neighbourhood?*”

10.30-11.30 (**Saphire**) Plenary “**EU health strategy and policy**”.

- Marianne Takki, DG SANCO, EC. *Public Health Strategy*.
  - Wilfried Kamphausen, DG SANCO, EC. *HIV/AIDS policy of the EU*.
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break (**Lobby Bar, Horizon Bar**).
- 12.00-13.00 (**Sapphire**) Plenary “**HIV/AIDS and related health policy aspects in Community programmes**”.
- Peter Ungar, DG REGIO, EC. *The European Regional Development Fund as partner in the provision of health infrastructures*.
  - Manuel Romaris, DG RTD, EC. *6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme – research opportunities for the region*”.
  - AIDCO (to be confirmed).
  - RELEX (to be confirmed).
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch (**Lobby Bar, Breakfast Hall, Restaurant Seasons**)
- 14.00-15.30 (**Sapphire**) Plenary “**Existing EU programmes and other funded research and/or support networks: policy on integrating new members**”. **Chairs:** Gille Brúcker, Director, Institut de Veille Sanitaire, France; Christine Katlama, Service of the Tropical and Infectious Diseases, France.
- Gille Brúcker, France. *EuroHIV Project*.
  - Christine Katlama, France. *EACS*.
  - Georg Bróring, The Netherlands. *AIDS and Mobility project*
  - Martine de Schutter, The Netherlands. *AIDS Action Europe*
  - Licia Brussa, The Netherlands. *TAMPEP project*
  - Grzegorz Stanczak, Poland. *SPREAD, CATCH, WATCH as an example of European collaboration study – principals and proposal for Central/Eastern Europe*.
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee break (**Lobby Bar, Horizon Bar**).
- 16.00-17.30 (**Sapphire**) Session “**Building partnership and sharing knowledge within and outside EU to address HIV/AIDS**”. Moderator: Cihan Sultanoglu, UNDP Resident Representative in Lithuania.
- Denis Kalmaldinov, Russia. *Partnerships: using advocacy in development of regional policy*.
  - Sergey Mysienko, Ukraine. *Cooperation between City Aids Center, Red cross and All Ukrainian Network of PLHWA*.
  - Mr. Tomczynski, Poland. *PLWA: cooperation with Government, international organisations*.
  - Andris Gailitis, Ilze Jekabsone, Latvia. *Development of outreach/counseling centers for IDU*.
  - Mamasobir Burchanov, Kyrgystan. *IDUs and cooperation with other sectors*
  - Raminta Stuikyte, Lithuania. *CEE – Harm reduction and analysis*.
  - Galina Kolyada, Andrey Kovylyayev, Ukraine. *Public private partnerships – media/communications in HIV/AIDS*.
  - Farther Dudko, Russian Orthodox church, Russia. *How the church is looking for its place in teh national response*.
  - Jacek Kitlinski, Aleksandra Duda, Poland. *EU/neighbouring countries cooperation: South Eastern Poland and Lviv Region, Ukraine*.
- 16.00-17.30 (**Coral**) Session “**Capacity building on HIV/AIDS interventions. The policy decision making process enforcement**”. Laima Bulotaite, Department of General Psychology at Phylosophy Faculty under Vilnius University; Andrey Kozlov, Russia; Ludmila Viksna, Latvian Infectology Centre.

- Frank de Wolf, HIV Monitoring Foundation, the Netherlands. *Monitoring of HIV in the Netherlands.*
- Andrey Kozlov, Russia. *The uncertainty in biosocial systems and the policy decision making in HIV/AIDS.*
- Aleksey Mazus, Moscow AIDS Centre, Russia. *Realisation of strategical approaches in fighting HIV infection in Moscow.*
- Sofia Modigh, Sweden. *Prevention work in the Internet – experience of drug use prevention.*
- Dale Guenter, Canada. *Policy and practice in prenatal HIV testing: what has determined success and failure in the Canadian experience?*
- Arletty Pinel, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria.

17.45-18.30 (**Coral**) Poster Session “**Best practices in Lithuania**”. **Chairs:** Vytautas Vaiciuvenas, Kaunas Medical University, Lithuania; Robertas Petkevicius, WHO/EURO, Head of Country Office in Lithuania.

18.30 and 18.45 Bus transportation to the city centre. Free time.

20.30 and 20.45 Bus transportation back to the Hotel.

21.00 **Get-together party (Sapphire).**

### September 17, 2004

9.00-10.30 (**Sapphire C**) Session “**Key elements in successful responses to HIV/AIDS**”. **Chairs:** Mukesh Chawla, World Bank;

- Mary Joy Pigozzi, Division for the Promotion of Quality Education , UNESCO.
- Mukesh Chawla. Sr. Human Development Economist, World Bank. *Economics of HIV/AIDS.*
- Anthony Lisle, UNICEF. *Programming for young people’s participation in responding to HIV/AIDS.*
- Steve Bullock, European Neighbourhood Team, DFID, UK. *UK’s HIV/AIDS strategy.*
- Michela Martini. HIV/AIDS and Mobility for the Mediterranean IOM Rome. *Mobility and vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.*

9.00-10.30 (**Sapphire AB**) Session “**Comprehensive approach to IDU**”. **Chairs:** Audrone Astrauskiene, Drug Control Department at the Government of Lithuania, Lithuania;

- Mauro Guarinieri, Chair of the European AIDS Treatment Group, Member of the International Harm Reduction Development Program Advisory Group. *Toward comprehensive approach to IDU. An HIV/AIDS treatment activist agenda.*
- Konstantin Lezhentsev. *Access to HIV treatment and care for drug users.*
- Kerstin Kall, Tomas Hallberg. Sweden. *Harm reduction – is it a successful strategy of combating HIV among intravenous drug addicts?*
- Torkel Moestrud, Department of Infectious Diseases, General Hospital Malmö, Sweden. *Physician and a drug user.*
- Darius Dirzys, Baltic American Clinic, Lithuania. *Complex support to the drug users as a key component in the HIV prevention in Lithuania.*

9.00-10.30 (**Coral**) Session “**Clinical management and research of HIV in Europe**”. **Chair:** Gudjon Magnusson, Director, Division of Technical Support, WHO Regional Office for Europe; Andrzej Horban, AIDS Diagnostics and Therapy Centre, Poland.

- Katlama Christine. Service of the Tropical and Infectious Diseases, France. *Current issues in HIV treatment/Management of HIV patients.*
- Lundgren Jens D. Director, Copenhagen HIV Programme, Coordinating Centre of EuroSIDA. *Eastern Europe as a player in clinical HIV research programmes.*
- Martin Donoghoe. Public Health Officer, STIs/HIV/AIDS, WHO Regional Office for Europe. *Access to anti-retroviral therapy in Europe: an overview.*
- Kees de Joncheere. Regional Adviser, Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals, WHO Regional Office for Europe. *Strategies for improving access and reducing prices of ARVs in Europe.*
- Donald de Korte, MSD HIV Access Programmes, South Africa Republic. “The involvement of the private sector in the response to HIV / AIDS”.

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break (**Lobby Bar, Horizon Bar**)

10.30-11.00 (**Malachite A**) Coffee/Round table discussion with scientists interested in behavioural and social science research options through the National Institutes of Health (USA). **Moderator:** Paul Gaist, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of AIDS Research, Office of Director, NIH, USA. (**Language: English, no simultaneous translation will be available**)

11.00-12.30 (**Sapphire C**) Session “**Organising prevention and care for marginal population – MSMs, SW**”. **Chairs:** Evita Leskovsek. Institute of Public Health, Slovenia.

- Marzena Kulis, Health Operations Officer, World Bank. *Presentation of report: Truck drivers and casual sex. An inquiry into the potential spread of HIV/AIDS in the Baltic region.*
- Evita Leskovsek, Institute of Public Health of Slovenia. *Public health aspect of immigration and human trafficking in East Europe.*
- Oleg Yeriomin, NGO “Vstrecha”. *6 years of successful work on preventive maintenance of HIV/AIDS and STI among MSMs in Belarus.*
- Jakob Haff, STOP AIDS Denmark, Denmark.

11.00-12.30 (**Sapphire AB**) Session “**Organising prevention and care for marginal population - prisoners**”. **Chairs:** R. Kugys, Prison Department, Lithuania; Ilona Burduja, Moldovan Ministry of Justice; Edoardo Spacca, Cranstoun Drug Services. UK.

- Ilona Burduja, Moldovan Ministry of Justice, NGO Health Reforms in Prisons. *System-wide syringe exchange programme in Moldovan prisons.*
- Edoardo Spacca, European Network of Drug Service in Prisons, Cranstoun Drug Services, UK. *Policies, strategies and interventions with drug users in European prisons.*
- Christer Karlsson, KRIS, Sweden.
- Julijana Rakickiene, Lithuania. *Problems of people with HIV in Lithuanian prisons and possible solutions.*
- Edita Gruodyte, Lithuanian Law University, Lithuania. *Drug using delinquents and HIV: new challenges, new opportunities.*

11.00-12.30 (**Coral**) Session “**Ongoing clinical research programmes in Eastern Europe – an update on EuroSIDA, ESPRIT and SMART**” **Chair:** Jens D.

Lundgren, Director, Copenhagen HIV Programme, Coordinating Centre of EuroSIDA.

- Podlekareva Daria. Copenhagen HIV Programme, Hvidovre University Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark. *HIV-patients across Europe: regional differences in patient characteristics.*
- Ole Kirk, Co-ordinating Centre for EuroSIDA. *Response to HAART in Eastern Europe.*
- Podlekareva Daria. Copenhagen HIV Programme, Hvidovre University Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark. *Baseline characteristics of patients enrolled in the SMART study.*
- Jens D. Lundgren, Director of Copenhagen HIV Programme, Coordinating Centre of EuroSIDA, Hvidovre University Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark. *Comparison of HIV-1 infected patients from Poland and other countries enrolled in the ESPRIT study.*

12.30-13.30 Lunch, poster presentations (**Lobby Bar, Breakfast Hall, Restaurant Seasons**)

13.30-15.30 (**Sapphire AB**) Session “**HIV/AIDS in the world of work**” . **Chairs:** Sabine Beckmann, Senior Technical Specialist, ILO Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work, Switzerland; Anna Marzec-Boguslawska, Director, National AIDS Centre, Poland.

- Franklyn Lisk, Director, ILO/AIDS, Switzerland. *Introduction to the ILO/AIDS programme on HIV/AIDS in the workplace, the ILO Code of Practice; combating stigma and discrimination and provision of social benefits in the workplace .*
- Sabine Beckmann, Senior technical specialist, ILO/AIDS, Switzerland. *Comments and discussion.*
- Anna Marzec Boguslawska, Director, National AIDS Centre, Poland. *Challenges for HIV/AIDS, treatment and prevention in Poland.*
- Uwe Oppermann-Brandenburg, Volkswagen, Germany. *Development of Workplace programmes and policies in Eastern Europe: lessons learnt.*
- Aldona Baublyte, Trade Union of Health Workers, Lithuania. *HIV/AIDS and health sector workers- A trade union perspective.*
- Elisabeth Girrbach, GTZ, Germany. *GTZ and its Workplace policy on HIV/AIDS: Lessons learnt from introducing workplace policies in organisations.*
- Svetlana Misikhina, ILO/AIDS Moscow, Russia. *The Socio-economic model on HIV/AIDS in Russia.*
- Yuri Privalov, Ukraine. *HIV/AIDS and the workplace in the context of social-economical development.*

13.30-14.00 (**Malachite A**) Mia Hanström, Save the Children Sweden Kumlinge, Åland, Finland. **Project presentation** “*Girl group - a method to strengthen girls and an important piece in the prevention work, the project “Girlpower in Lithuania”*” (language: **English, no simultaneous translation will be available**)

14.00-15.30 (**Sapphire C**) Joint Session “**Fighting stigma and discrimination as key approach in HIV/AIDS prevention and care/involvement and participation of people living with HIV/AIDS**”/ “**Media analysis and working with media**”. **Chairs:** Georg Bröring, NIGZ/AIDS & Mobility Europe, The Netherlands; Monica Ciupagea, IHRD; Dainius Radzevicius, Chairman of the Lithuanian Journalist Association.

- Monica Ciupagea, IHRD. *Efforts to work with the media.*
- L. Meškauskaitė, Lithuania. *Privacy protection in mass media.*
- Fredrik Michelet, Accredited as Military Representative to OSMTH Delegation to UN Geneva, Norway. “Project of virtual international multidisciplinary academy”.
- Silvia Petretti, Positively Women, UK.
- Andrew Harvey, UKC – The voice of people living with HIV and AIDS in UK. *Tackling stigma and discrimination in the workplace – the role of the workplace representative.*

13.30-14.30 (**Coral**) Session “**Methodological issues and practice in second generation HIV surveillance**”. **Chairs:** Irena Klavs, Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Prof. Tatiana Smolskaya, North-Western District AIDS Centre of Russian Ministry of Public Health.

- Irena Klavs. Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia. *Second generation HIV surveillance in a low HIV epidemic country, Slovenia.*
- Laura Papantoniou, National AIDS Programme, Ministry of Health, Cyprus. *Study of the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour regarding AIDS, sex and STD among the adult population of the Limassol town and in rural areas, Cyprus 2000-2001.*
- Andrzej Horban, AIDS diagnosis and Therapy Center, Poland. *Genotyping in CEE as an example of cooperation between East and West European Countries.*
- Tatiana Smolskaya. North-Western District AIDS Centre of Russian Ministry of Public Health, Russia. *HIV/STI and behavioural survey among the street-based female sex-workers in Saint-Petersburg, RF, 2003.*

14.30-15.30 (**Coral**) Round table discussion *Epidemiological surveillance of HIV/AIDS: experience and perspectives.* **Moderator:** Giedrius Likatavicius, Institut de Veille Sanitaire, France; Irena Klavs, Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

15.30-16.00 Coffee break (**Lobby Bar, Horizon Bar**)

16.00-17.00 (**Sapphire AB**) Closing

- Gediminas Cerniauskas, Vice Minister of Health of Lithuania. *Short presentation of the adopted Declaration.*
- Rapporteurs. *Summary of work results by track\*.*

17.30-20.00 Chico, Peace Ambassador of UNESCO, and the Gipsy Kings (**Horizon Bar, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor**)

### September 18, 2004

10.00-13.00 (**Sapphire**) **Open meeting to discuss common issues to be addressed through the EU programmes for internal and cross-border co-operation.**

### **\*Conference Tracks**

**Track 1:**

## **Media, public opinion and policy**

1. EU health strategy and policy.
2. Existing EU programmes and other funded research and/or support networks: policy on integrating new members.
3. Capacity building on HIV/AIDS interventions.
4. Fighting stigma and discrimination as key approach in HIV/AIDS prevention and care / the involvement and participation of people living with HIV/AIDS.
5. Media analysis and working with media

### **Track 2:**

#### **Focus Prevention**

1. HIV/AIDS and related health policy aspects in Community programmes.
2. Building partnership and sharing knowledge within and outside EU to address HIV/AIDS.
3. Key elements in successful responses to HIV/AIDS .
4. Organising prevention and care for marginal population – MSM, SW.
5. HIV/AIDS in the world of work.

### **Track 3:**

#### **IDU**

1. Comprehensive approach to IDU.
2. Organising prevention and care for marginal population – prisoners.

### **Track 4:**

#### **Epidemiology and Clinical management**

1. Clinical management and research of HIV in Europe.
2. Ongoing clinical research programmes in Eastern Europe – an update on EuroSIDA, ESPRIT and SMART.
3. Methodological issues and practice in second generation surveillance.