



The 15th European AIDS Conference closes its doors with an invitation to Milan in 2017

- The last day of the Conference focussed on the universal access to care in Europe, with a special interest on the situation in Eastern Europe.
- During the Closing remarks, the co-chairs of the Conference, Prof. Battegay and Prof. Gatell, thanked the delegates for their engagement and participation, which made this 15th edition a success.
- The 16th European AIDS Conference will be held in October 2017 in Milan, Italy.

Barcelona; October 24, 2015. The European AIDS Conference has closed its 15th edition with a successful increase of participation of delegates, which shows that interest in HIV research is still important. Prof. Battegay, co-chair of the Conference, expressed his gratitude to all participants pointing out that, "There has been intellectual stimulation, sharing of knowledge and collaboration, which will allow us all to work better in our daily practice".

"This edition has been a success in terms of participation: High attendance, abstracts and poster presentations of high scientific quality" added Prof. Gatell, co-chair of the Conference.

During the Closing, Prof. Antonella d'Arminio Monforte, co-chair of the 16th European AIDS Conference said "We will try our best to have an excellent conference in 2017, as good as this edition. We will try to have as many scholarships as possible to guarantee the participation of delegates from all around Europe".

The last day of the Conference focused on the epidemiologic situation in Eastern Europe and the efforts made by researchers, physicians including community members to cover the gap in the access to treatment and prevention tools. "It would be very important and purposeful for the whole community of people living with HIV in Europe if the EACS could make sure that HIV doctors reach out more to general practitioners and tell them more about the advances in HIV therapy", added Mr. Tamás Bereczky from the European AIDS Treatment Group.

Reaching migrant population without access to health care is crucial to achieve the 90-90-90 target set by UNAIDS. "If you migrate from a wealthy country, then you may have access to better health care services than several local people; however, if you come from a low or middle income country, then you will have difficulties to access health care", stated Dr. Julia Del Amo from the Instituto de Investigación Carlos III.

The next European AIDS Conference will be held in Milan, Italy, 25-28 October 2017.

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About the 15th European AIDS Conference

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Since the first European AIDS Conference held in 1987 in Brussels, the Conference has become a must for clinicians and researchers, communities and people living with HIV / AIDS. Through scientific excellence, the Conference promotes the participation and engagement of young researchers in clinical research. The Conference aims at presenting and critically discussing new knowledge as a fundamental part of good clinical practice and health care, whether to deal with HIV transmission, Hepatitis C and other co-infections, as well as co-morbidities. The European AIDS Conference is held every two years, this being its 15th edition.

About the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)

www.eacsociety.org

The European AIDS Clinical Society was founded with the aim of bringing together health professionals that are working in the HIV/AIDS field in Europe. Since its beginning, the EACS has ensured compliance with the highest ethical standards, care and treatment of people living with HIV, as well as scientific excellence, in order to respond to the pandemic. The organisation of the European AIDS Conference is one of the most important activities of the EACS.

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