

Programme

Migrant Health, Antimicrobial Resistance, HIV, Hepatitis and Access to Care in Europe

Focus on the Mediterranean Area

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Overview

Migrants, refugees and other socially marginalised populations in Europe continue to face a disproportionate burden of infectious diseases, delayed diagnosis, fragmented continuity of care, and unequal access to prevention and treatment services. These inequalities are particularly evident in the fields of HIV, tuberculosis, neglected and parasitic diseases, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and are often reinforced by legal, linguistic, social and structural barriers to healthcare access.

Within the Mediterranean area, where migration routes, informal settlements, agricultural labour settings and fragmented healthcare pathways frequently intersect, these challenges are especially visible. At the same time, this context offers important opportunities to strengthen collaboration among clinical centres, academic institutions, public health bodies and community-based organisations.

This two-day scientific meeting aims to provide a multidisciplinary forum to discuss current evidence, practical responses and future collaborative strategies in migrant health across Europe, with particular attention to the Mediterranean region. The meeting will also mark the official launch of the ADMIRE Project (Antibiotic Access and Use in Migrant and Refugee Populations in Europe), a multicountry initiative designed to assess healthcare access, antibiotic use and stewardship-related practices among migrant populations through a harmonised, WHO-aligned framework.

Through keynote lectures, thematic scientific sessions and an interactive project workshop, the meeting will review current evidence on HIV, tuberculosis, AMR and other infectious diseases among migrant populations; discuss barriers to diagnosis, treatment, retention in care and equitable healthcare access; introduce the ADMIRE tool, its methodological framework and implementation strategy; and strengthen collaboration among European clinical, academic and public health centres for future multicountry research and policy-relevant action.

The meeting is expected to consolidate a European network of centres working in migrant health, promote harmonised approaches to data collection and public health action, and support more equitable access to healthcare for migrant and refugee populations across Europe.

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Programme

Day 1 – Thursday, 10 December 2026

Opening Session – Setting the Scene

Chair: Francesco Di Gennaro, Italy; Caroline Ronnberg, Sweden

08:30 - 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:15 Institutional remarks

Speaker: Annalisa Saracino, Delegate Rector University of Bari Italy

Speaker: Dean Faculty of Medicine and Surgery

Speaker: Director of DIMEPREJ Department

09:15 - 09:35 Migrant Health in Europe: current challenges and opportunities

Speaker: Santino Severoni, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland

09:35 - 09:50 Lived perspective on migration and health

Speaker: Hervé, migrant activist

09:50 - 10:00 Discussion on the topics covered

Scientific Session I – HIV and Hepatitis in Migrant Populations

Chair: Annalisa Saracino, Italy and Ricardo Massmann, Slovakia

10:00 - 10:20 Current epidemiological scenario and HIV post-migration acquisition

Speaker: Botond Lakatos, Hungary

10:20 - 10:40 New therapeutic approaches for hard-to-reach populations and the role of PrEP

Speaker: Alessandra Vergori, Italy

10:40 - 11:00 : HBV, HCV and HDV in vulnerable populations: screening, diagnostic catch-up and integrated care pathways

Speaker: Ana Requena, Spain

11:11-20: Discussion on the topics covered

11:20 - 11:40 Coffee break

Scientific Session II – Tuberculosis in Europe in the Era of Climate Change

Chair: Guido Giacomo, Italy and Giuseppina De Iaco, Italy

11:40 - 12:00 Epidemiological trends in Europe and new therapeutic options

Speaker: Tamara Ursini, Italy

12:00 - 12:20 Update on evidence for screening strategies and new diagnostic tools

Speaker: Christian Morberg Wejse, Denmark

12:20 - 12:40 Discussion on the topics covered

Scientific Session III ADMIRE Project Kick-Off Session

Chair: Francesco Di Gennaro, Italy and Muhammad Asaduzzaman, Norway

12:40 - 13:00 The ADMIRE Project(Access and Antibiotic Use Among Migrant Populations in Europe): rationale, European vision and expected outputs

Speaker: Giacomo Guido, Italy

13:00 - 13:30 Round table: country perspectives and community engagement

Speaker: Michal Canetti, Israel; Kubra Aykaç, Turkey; Sofia Jordao, Portugal; Giacomo Guido, Italy, Jara Llenas, Spain

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

Scientific Session IV – Antimicrobial Resistance and Antibiotic Use among Migrants and Homeless Populations

Chair: Pooja Jha Lancet Regional Health Europe and Annalisa Saracino, Italy

14:30 - 14:50 Burden and risk factors of antimicrobial resistance in migrants

Speaker: Francesco Di Gennaro, Italy

14:50 - 15:10 Homelessness, AMR and clinical outcomes

Speaker: Ferenc Balazs Farkas, Hungary

15:10 - 15:30 Discussion on the topics covered

15:30 - 15:50 Coffee break

Scientific Session V – Parasitological and Neglected Diseases among Migrants in Europe

Chair: Caroline Ronnberg, Sweden; Alfonso J. Rodriguez-Morales, Venezuela, Roberta Iatta, Italy

15:50 - 16:10 Emerging parasitological issues in Europe

Speaker: Federico Gobbi Negrar

16:10 - 16:30 Chagas disease in Latin American migrants

Speaker: Irene Losada, Spain

16:30 - 16:50 Investigation and management of eosinophilia in migrants

Speaker: Peter Chiodini, United Kingdom

16:50 - 17:10 Discussion on the topics covered

17:10: closing remarks

Day 2 – Friday, 11 December 2026

09.00 - 09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:15 Institutional remarks

Decolonizing Global Health: Partnerships, Equity and Community Engagemen

Chair: Renato Laforgia, CUAMM , Ferenc Balazs Farkas Hungary , Edmondo Puca, Albania

09:30- 09:50: Decolonization Global Health

Speaker: Francesco Di Gennaro// Muhammad Asaduzzaman

09:50- 10:10 Community engagement for infectious disease prevention, screening, and adherence

Speaker: Marcella Schiavone, Italy

10:10-10:30: Operational research with vulnerable population

Speaker: Luigi Pisani, Italy

10.30-11:00 Rounde Table: The best strategy in Antimicrobial resistance, HIV and TB in migrant and homeless population

Speaker: Ferenc Balazs Farkas, Michal Canetti, Israel; Kubra Aykaç, Turkey; Sofia Jordao, Portugal

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee break

11:20-14:00 Interactive clinical case

Chair: Mariacristina Poliseo, Italy and Luisana Frallonardo, Italy

1. When broad-spectrum is not always better: a ESBL / carbapenem-sparing approach in a vulnerable patient

2. OXA-48 / previous hospitalization abroad A bloodstream infection after a fragmented care pathway: navigating resistance and stewardship

3. MRSA / Gram-positive infections A complicated skin and soft tissue infection in a displaced patient: beyond the first antibiotic choice

4. Long-acting antibiotic and antifungal in vulnerable populations: clinical cases between stewardship, adherence and continuity of care

5. CARE-LA Study: Clinical-Social Assessment for Retention Risk and Eligibility for Long-Acting Therapy

6. When tuberculosis is only part of the story: diagnosis and care in a socially vulnerable patient

13.40-14.00: Discussion

Field Visit – Community-Based Migrant Health Activities until 16:00

Field visit to community-based migrant health activities in agricultural settlements in the Bari area

This visit will provide participants with direct exposure to outreach models, social vulnerability, access to care, and community engagement among migrant populations living in informal or semi-formal settings.

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Acronimo	Significato in inglese	Significato in italiano
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DIMEPREJ	Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine and ...	Dipartimento dell'Università degli Studi di Bari <i>(la denominazione completa andrebbe verificata)</i>
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WHO	World Health Organization	Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità
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HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	Virus dell'immunodeficienza umana
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PrEP	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis	Profilassi pre-esposizione
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HBV	Hepatitis B Virus	Virus dell'epatite B
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HCV	Hepatitis C Virus	Virus dell'epatite C
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HDV	Hepatitis D Virus	Virus dell'epatite D
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ADMIRE	Access and Antibiotic Use Among Migrant Populations in Europe	Accesso e uso degli antibiotici tra le popolazioni migranti in Europa
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AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance	Resistenza antimicrobica
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TB	Tuberculosis	Tubercolosi
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ESBL	Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase	Beta-lattamasi a spettro esteso
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OXA-48	Oxacillinase-48	Carbapenemasi di tipo OXA-48
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MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> resistente alla meticillina
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CARE-LA	Clinical-Social Assessment for Retention Risk and Eligibility for Long-Acting Therapy	Valutazione clinico-sociale del rischio di perdita al follow-up e dell'eleggibilità alla terapia long-acting
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ESCMID	European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	Società Europea di Microbiologia Clinica e Malattie Infettive
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ESGITM	ESCMID Study Group for Infections in Travellers and Migrants	Gruppo di studio ESCMID sulle infezioni nei viaggiatori e migranti
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SIMIT	Società Italiana di Malattie Infettive e Tropicali	Italian Society of Infectious and Tropical Diseases
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SISM	Segretariato Italiano Studenti di Medicina	Italian Secretariat of Medical Students
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SIMET	Società Italiana di Medicina Tropicale e Salute Globale	Italian Society of Tropical Medicine and Global Health
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CUAMM	Collegio Universitario Aspiranti Medici Missionari	ONG italiana <i>Doctors with Africa CUAMM</i>
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