

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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PANEL 1 - SESSION ON THE INTEGRATION OF HIV, TB, AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION SERVICES

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RAMINTA STUIKYTE

Senior Advisor to UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia



Raminta Stuiyte is social justice and public health advocate who has worked for more than 20 years on HIV, TB and hepatitis, with a focus on interventions among key and underserved populations, sustainability and transition, human rights and structural barriers to advancing national responses and evidence-based programming. She served as the founding Executive Director of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network. Over the last decade, she conducted consultation, multi-country evaluations and advisory functions for Open Society Foundations, UNAIDS, UNDP, WHO, Frontline AIDS and others. Since 2013, Raminta has been supporting health diplomacy efforts for advancing political solutions to the national responses to HIV, TB, hepatitis and underserved populations in EECA as the Senior Advisor to the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS (2013-2017) and UNAIDS and WHO/Europe Advisor in the region (2018-ongoing). In November 2021, she is starting to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (starting from November 2021). She is a member of the Board of Directors of Harm Reduction International and the HIV combination prevention committee in European AIDS Treatment Group.

BAUYRZHAN BAISERKIN

Chairman of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Control Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Dr. Bauyrzhan Baiserkina is the Chairman of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Control Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He has authored over 50 scientific papers and three monographs on healthcare organization, and has been involved in epidemiological surveillance and infectious disease control. He helped to establish the scientific rationale for reforming the sanitary-epidemiological services within Kazakhstan's public health system. During his time as Head of the Kazakh Scientific Center of Dermatology and Infectious Diseases, he has been involved in HIV prevention, leading many studies while developing and implementing various guidelines, policies and standards. As Chairman of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Control Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Dr. Baiserkina exercises leadership and implements state policy, as well as orchestrates state control and supervision in the provision of medical services and the circulation of medicines and medical devices. Dr. Baiserkina was trained at the American Center for Infectious Disease Control (CDC, USA), Center for Socio-Economic Cooperation (JICA, Japan), London School of Economics and Business (London, England), and the Charite University Hospital (Berlin, Germany).

SPEAKERS

MAKA DANELIA

Manager of Global Fund Tuberculosis Project at National Center for Disease Control and Public Health Georgia



Maka Danelia has a dual background. She earned her MD and PhD from Tbilisi State Medical University and MSc in Health Systems Management from the University of Liverpool. Her career expands over several healthcare areas, including public and non-governmental sectors. Dr. Danelia worked her way up from the position of attending physician at a city hospital and currently works as the Global Fund Tuberculosis Program Manager at the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia. She has extensive experience participating in multilateral efforts related to communicable and non-communicable diseases, engaging primary healthcare providers

and was personally involved in the development of an innovative integrated screening model for Tuberculosis, HIV and Hepatitis C in Georgia.

LILIT GEVORGYAN

Doctor-Phthisiatrician, Department of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis, National Center of Pulmonology, Armenia



Dr. Lilit Gevorgyan is a phthisiologist, or tuberculosis specialist. Dr. Gevorgyan started studying medicine in 2008 at the Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU). In 2016, after completing an internship in phthisiology at the YSMU, she started working at the university's department of tuberculosis (TB), initially as an assistant and later as a lecturer. Since 2018, she has also been working at the National Center of Pulmonology of the Ministry of Health of Armenia as a TB doctor. Since 2020, she has worked at the outpatient subsection of the drug-resistant department of the National Center of Pulmonology. Since 2018, she has been an Assistant of Pulmonology and TB Consultant of the Ministry of Health in Armenia.

ANNA DERYABINA

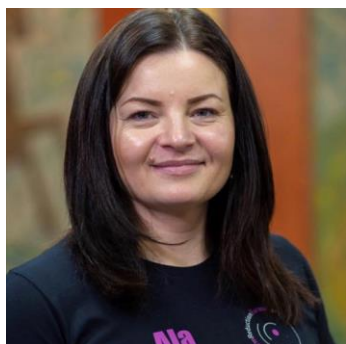
Regional Director Central Asia at ICAP at Columbia University



Anna Deryabina serves as the Regional Director for Central Asia at ICAP at Columbia University. In this position, she manages several projects, and works closely with Ministries of Health and local health care providers to improve HIV prevention and treatment programs as well as to strengthen strategic information systems in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Anna Deryabina is a medical doctor trained in internal medicine. She also holds a doctorate degree in Public Health, with an emphasis on health policy and management. Her areas of professional interest include HIV program implementation for key populations, monitoring and evaluation, quality improvement and health system strengthening.

ALA IATCO

Deputy Director of the NGO Youth for the Right to Life & Union of Organizations Working in the Field of HIV Prevention and Harm Reduction in Moldova



Ala Latco has more than 20 years of experience in the implementation of HIV prevention and harm reduction programs in the Republic of Moldova. Since 2000, Ala has been leading the country's initiatives that are known in the country as successful practices in prevention work with injecting drug users. In 2004, she took an active part in the creation of the Harm Reduction Network in the country, now known as the Union of Organizations Working in the Field of HIV Prevention and Harm Reduction, as President of the Union. Throughout the years, Ala has been actively involved in the development of guidelines, instructions and standards related to the work of harm reduction programs in

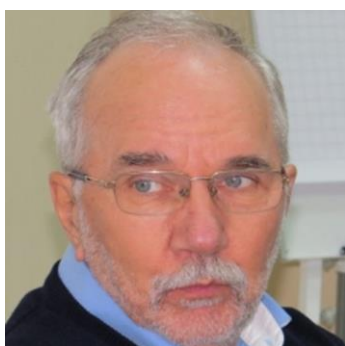
Moldova. The Union pays special attention to advocating for the quality, sustainability and long-term sustainability of harm reduction programs and increasing government support. Ala holds an MSc in Social Welfare and Population Protection and an MSc in Public Health Management. Along with her activities in the civil sector, Ala has academic experience working as a teacher at the Alecu Russo State University.

PANEL 2 - SESSION ON SURVEILLANCE FOCUSED ON DATA COLLECTION, VALIDATION, AND ANALYSIS

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SERGII DVORIAK

Senior Researcher at the Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy (UIPHP), Executive Director of the Eurasian Professional Association of Addiction Medicine (EPAAM), consultant for the WHO and UNODC



Professor Dvoriak has over 45 years of experience with Addiction Medicine and Psychiatry. After completing post-graduate training in Addiction Medicine and HIV prevention at the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, he worked with UNDP-Ukraine as an expert in public health where with colleagues created the first opioid substitution treatment (OST) program in the country. Later established the Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy (UIPHP) with colleagues, where currently serves as the Senior Scientist. In collaboration with several leading US investigators, he conducted several research projects funded by NIDA/NIH in Ukraine as well as in other countries in Eastern

Europe and Central Asia. The projects included community epidemiology, OST, integrated care for PWID, harm reduction and community outreach interventions, and implementation science in public health and within the criminal justice system. He also worked as a UNODC consultant in Central Asia for the last 10 years. Over the past 12 years, he worked with the Yale research team and with Alliance for Public Health of Ukraine to develop new models of OST delivery and integrated care for PWIDs in Ukraine. Also successfully worked in several countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including bio-behavioural studies in Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan and setting up methadone programs in Kyrgyzstan and Moldova. He also is the Professor of the Department of Social Relations and Social Work at the Academy of Labor, Social Relations and Tourism and the Executive Director of the Eurasian Professional Association of Addiction Medicine.

DAVID OTIASHVILI

Director of the Addiction Research Centre at Alternative Georgia; Associate Professor of Healthcare at the School of Natural Sciences and Medicine, Ilia State University, Georgia



David graduated from Tbilisi State Medical University in 1992 and received the training and qualifications to become a Psychiatrist. He spent ten years in clinical work treating patients with substance use disorders. Between 2003-2004 he conducted substance abuse research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA as a NIDA Hubert Humphrey Fellow. In 2014, he received a PhD in Health Psychology from Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. For the last decade his major focus has been on research and education programs in the fields of substance use and HIV. He served as a PI and Co-I for a number of international collaborative research projects, including RCTs and epidemiological studies. He has been actively involved in establishing a national drug monitoring mechanism in Georgia and serves as an expert for quality assurance on drug related data collection.

SPEAKERS

GIORGI KUCHUKHIDZE

Epidemiologist, WHO Regional Office for Europe



Dr. Giorgi Kuchukhidze is a medical doctor with postgraduate training in public health. He works as an epidemiologist in the TB, HIV and other Infectious Diseases Unit of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, coordinating disease surveillance, strategic information and response monitoring activities. Dr. Kuchukhidze is also responsible for the introduction and scale-up of digital health solutions to help fight against TB and HIV. He has been the primary author as well as co-author of several peer reviewed publications in the field of epidemiology.

TETYANA SALYUK

Research and Evaluation Manager, the Alliance for Public Health in Ukraine



Tetyana Salyuk is a public health and M&E expert with 16 years of work dedicated to data collection activities to generate evidence to inform the National AIDS Strategy. In Ukraine, Tatyana is well known as PI of IBBS studies and some other epidemiological and triangulation studies since 2005. At the international level, Tetyana is engaged in technical assistance and quality assurance of IBBS as well as program monitoring and evaluation in the EECA region and outside. Her background in sociology and public health forms the unique set of skills allowing her to generate program solutions tailored to the local context. During the last 15 years, she is constantly contributing to scientific knowledge by publishing the results of her research in peer-review journals and sharing the knowledge at conferences.

DARIA PODLEKAREVA

Medical Doctor at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark



Daria Podlekareva is a Medical Doctor from the Belarussian Medical University in Minsk and a PhD from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. She is now a consultant in infectious diseases at the University Hospital in Copenhagen. She is a dedicated researcher and since 2004 has been affiliated with the Copenhagen Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections. Between 2016 – 2020 she was a vice-chair of the European Working Group on TB/HIV collaborative activities and she is currently coordinating the EACS Guidelines writing group on opportunistic infections. She dedicated many years of her research to study HIV infection and tuberculosis in countries of

Eastern Europe. She is a co-founder of a TB:HIV study, a large cohort study of more than 1500 coinfecting persons from Eastern and Western Europe and Latin America.

NIKOLAY LUNCHENKOV

LGBTQI+ Health Consultant at ECOM (Eurasian Coalition on Male Health)



Nikolay Lunchenkov is an infectious diseases doctor and LGBTQI+ health consultant. Since he graduated in 2016 from Sechenov University (Moscow), he has worked as a medical doctor and community manager in Global Health leading organizations for several years. Between 2020-2021 he conducted a study about substance use among gay men in Russia as a part of Chemsex Project initiated by Terrence Higgins Trust in the UK. He currently serves as an LGBTQI+ Health coordinator in Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity. He supervises PrEP projects in EECA and provides technical assistance in the region. Besides, he is

responsible for conducting different studies to understand better sexual disparities among the LGBTQI+ community and its connections to health. At the same time, he is completing a master's degree in Health Science at the Technical University of Munich in Germany.

PANEL 3 - SESSION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SERVICES

CO-CHAIRS

INDIRA AITMAGAMBETOVA

Executive Director of the HIV and Tuberculosis Program, Center for Disease Control



She serves as the Associate Director for the HIV/AIDS and TB Program for Kazakhstan. In this position, she manages several projects and works closely with the Kazakh Scientific Center for Dermatology and Infectious Diseases of the Ministry of Health and local health care providers to improve the quality of HIV prevention and treatment programs as well as to strengthen strategic information systems in Kazakhstan. Indira Aitmagambetova is a medical doctor trained in internal medicine. Her areas of professional interest include HIV program implementation for key populations, monitoring and evaluation, quality improvement and health system strengthening.

VERONICA CRETU

Consultant in Open Government & Data for Development, NGO Positive Initiative (Moldova)



Veronica Cretu brings more than 20 years of experience in open government, digital governance, civil society development, stakeholder engagement, public administration reform and policy planning. She acted as Director of Strategy and Partnerships with the Global Data Barometer during July 2020 - July 2021. During 2016-2018, Veronica acted as national coordinator of the Governance Reforms Scorecard Initiative with the World Bank in Moldova, and during 2019-2020, she supported the development of the HIV/AIDS Scorecard for UNAIDS in Moldova. During 2007-2008, Veronica coordinated a national scale initiative on HIV/AIDS prevention in Moldova, supported by GIZ. During 2010-

2012, she coordinated another national scale initiative related to the implementation of a curriculum on "Decisions for a Healthy Life Style" in all vocational schools and colleges across Moldova, with HIV/AIDS being one of the core components of the curriculum.

SPEAKERS

NICOLE SEGUY

HIV, STI and Viral Hepatitis Unit Lead, WHO Regional Office for Europe



Dr Nicole Seguy is a medical doctor with expertise in public health and epidemiology. She has been working for WHO since 2005, focusing on HIV and other communicable diseases while being stationed in Cambodia, China, and India. She was trained in medicine in Paris, and has a Master's degree in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as well as a degree in epidemiology from the US CDC. She has also practiced clinical care in France, Africa, and Asia. Since April 2019, Dr Seguy has been the HIV, STI and viral hepatitis Team Lead at the WHO Regional office for Europe, supporting countries in the region in the elimination of HIV and hepatitis by 2030. Dr Seguy

has more than 20 years of public health experience in the prevention and treatment of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis and other communicable diseases as well as the use of strategic information in public health.

JUSTYNA KOWALSKA

Senior Consultant, Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw



Dr Justyna Kowalska is a Professor of Medicine at the Department of Adults' Infectious Diseases, Medical University of Warsaw and Senior Consultant in Infectious Diseases at the HIV Out-Patient Clinic at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark on the long-term effects and toxicity of HIV treatment. During a period of over twenty years working in the field of HIV, she carried out numerous scientific projects and contributed to international research activities. Her main research is understanding the impact of HIV infection on both individual and public health. She is a member of EACS Governing Board, WAVE Scientific Committee

and the President of Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe Network Group.

IGOR GORDON

Program Team Lead at the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRA)

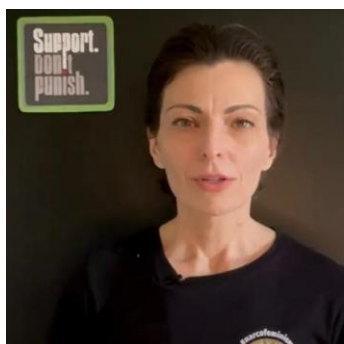


Igor has over 14 years of experience in managing PLHIV, HIV services and harm reduction organizations at the national and international level. Key focus areas of Igor's expertise include key populations, civil society and community engagement, as well as capacity building, and organizational and project management. Igor is responsible for the development and effective implementation of programs according to the strategic objectives of EHRA. He also plays an active role in the mobilization of harm reduction advocates, together with communities of people who use drugs, to ensure the sustainability and efficiency of harm reduction services and to advocate for non-punitive drug policies

in the CEECA region based on public health approaches and the protection of human rights. Igor has a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Social Work and a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Business Management.

OLA BELYAEVA

Eurasian Network of People who Use Drugs, Program Coordinator



Ola Belyaeva is a drug policy reform activist and narcofeminist from Ukraine with two decades of experience in advocacy, services and community mobilising. For 21 years of her working experience, she has gone from organizing harm reduction programs in the city of Dnipro, Ukraine; mobilizing the community of substitution therapy patients in Ukraine to improve access and quality of service; and is currently the Program Coordinator of the Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs and a member of the Board of the International Organization for Harm Reduction.

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CATHERINE HANKINS

Senior Fellow, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development



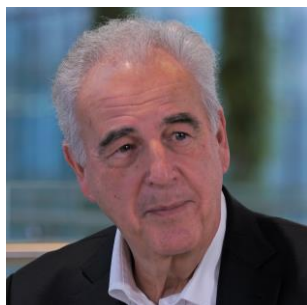
A community medicine specialist, Professor Hankins was principal investigator of The Canadian Women's HIV Study, studies involving prisoners and people who inject drugs, and population-based epidemiological studies before joining the UN. Chief Scientific Adviser to UNAIDS in Geneva for a decade, Cate led the scientific knowledge translation team focused on ensuring ethical and participatory HIV prevention trial conduct, convening mathematical modelling teams, and supporting country implementation of proven biomedical HIV prevention modalities. She developed Good Participatory Practice Guidelines for trials of Emerging Pathogens

for the World Health Organization. She chairs the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership Scientific Advisory Committee and the US National Institutes of Health HIV Prevention Trials Network Scientific Advisory Group. Honorary Professor at the London

School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, she is a trustee of the HIV Research Trust and International AIDS Society Industry Liaison Forum member. Keenly interested in scientific capacity development and advancing women in global health and science, she was Scientific Chair of six annual African INTEREST conferences on HIV treatment, pathogenesis, and prevention research (2015 Harare, 2016 Yaoundé, 2017 Lilongwe, 2018 Kigali, 2019 Accra, 2020 Windhoek) and Co-Chair of EECA INTERACT 2019. She was named to the Order of Canada in 2013.

MICHEL KAZATCHKINE

Former Executive Director, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Michel Kazatchkine has over 30 years of experience in the fight against AIDS as a leading physician, researcher, administrator, advocate, policy-maker, and diplomat. He attended medical school in Paris and has completed postdoctoral fellowships at St. Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He is Professor of Immunology at Université René Descartes in Paris and has authored over 500 publications. Professor Kazatchkine has played key roles in various organisations, serving as director of the national Agency for Research on AIDS in France (1998-2005), and as French ambassador on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases (2005-2007). In 2007, he was elected Executive Director of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a position in which he served until March 2012. Since 2018, he is the Special Advisor to the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Global Health Centre, and a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy.