

EECA INTERACT 2023 Virtual

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BIOGRAPHIES

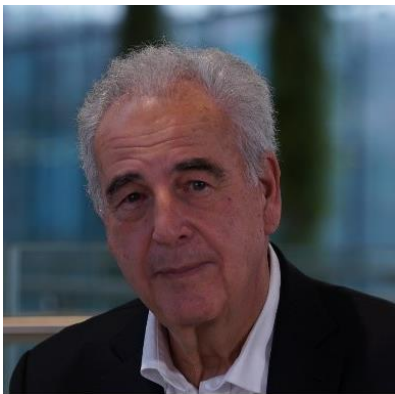
Panel 1.

Session on Impact of the war on Ukraine and beyond Ukraine across the EECA region.

Chairs

Michel Kazatchkine,

Senior Fellow, Global Health Center, Graduate Institute



Michel Kazatchkine has over 30 years 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 or coauthored over 500 publications. Professor Kazatchkine has played key roles in various organizations, 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, Professor Kazatchkine was elected Executive Director of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a position in which he served until March 2012. Between 2012 and 2017, Professor Kazatchkine served as the UN Secretary

General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. 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 Senior Fellow with the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, and a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy. He holds honorary degrees from Imperial College London, the ULB, the UCL and the University of Geneva.

Maksut Kulzhanov,

Asfendiyarov Kazakh National Medical University



Prof Kulzhanov graduated from the Karaganda Medical Institute, General Medicine specialty, in 1972. Doctor of medical science, topic of his thesis is "Rationale for the Healthcare Reformation Problems during the Transition Period" (1993), became Professor in 2004, became Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, USA, 2004. Since 2014 till now he serves as Chair of the Board of the Republican Medical Chamber. 1986 through 2015 worked as chief specialist at the National Center for Expertise of Medicines and Medical Devices; General Director at the Republican Center for Healthcare Development; Rector of Kazakhstan School of Public Health; Deputy Minister of Healthcare, Deputy Director at Scientific Research Institute of Hygiene, Head of the Department of Planning and Prognosis of Healthcare; scientific researcher. - UNAIDS board member in 2015-2017; - WHO Executive

Committee member from 2001 to 2004 and from 2014 to 2018; Member of Strategy, Investment and Impact Committee of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 2011-2013; - Global Fund to fight AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria Board Member in 2010-2012 - Commission for Health Research and Development Board Member in 2001-2008; International Central Asian Journal of Health Research Co-Editor in 2000-2011 - Delivers lectures and conducts expert activities in the educational and medical establishments of Kazakhstan.

Speakers

Timur Abdullaev

Board Member of TB People Global, Human Rights and Sustainability of the National HIV and TB responses in EECA at UNDP, Uzbekistan



Timur Abdullaev is a human rights lawyer and a TB/HIV community activist from Uzbekistan. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of AFEW International, Board member of TBpeople, the global network of people affected by TB, and Advisor to the Vice Chair of the Stop TB Partnership. Also, Timur works as a human rights and public health consultant with a wide range of international development agencies and NGOs.

Olga Gvozdetska

Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine



Olga Gvozdetska is the Acting Deputy Director General of the Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. She has about 20 years of experience in public health, both private and state. Olga has broad experience in managing and coordinating health and social programs and projects; collaborating with NGOs, government representatives, and the scientific community; organizing international cooperation activities and developing methods for its implementation; and establishing contacts with foreign agencies, associations, institutions, and country offices in Ukraine. As an Acting Deputy Director General, she ensures the proper functioning of structural units of UPHC such as the Department of Viral Hepatitis and Opioid Dependence, Department for Coordination of HIV Diagnosis and Treatment Programs, Department of Coordination of TB Diagnosis and Treatment Programs,

Department of Pharmaceutical Management and Inventory Management, Scientific Research Department, Department of Project Management and International Cooperation.

Justyna Kowalska

MD, PhD, Senior Consultant, Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw; Professor of Medicine, Department of Adults' Infectious Diseases, Medical University of Warsaw



Prof. Justyna Kowalska is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Adults Infectious Diseases, Medical University of Warsaw and Senior Consultant in Infectious Diseases at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw, Poland. She completed her PhD at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark on long-term effects and toxicity of HIV treatment. During 25 years of her work in the field of Infectious Diseases, Professor Kowalska has carried out numerous scientific projects and contributed to many international research activities. She is the President of the Euroguidelines in Central and Eastern Europe Network Group and a member of EACS Governing Board, EuroSIDA Scientific Committee, Respond Scientific and Steering Committee. Her collaboration includes working with WHO, UNICEF and ECDC on multiple projects in Central and Eastern Europe. Her main research interests include understanding the

impact of infectious diseases on both individual and public health with a special focus on women and marginalised populations.

Panel 2

Session on Prevention in the EECA region and PrEP

Chairs

Anda Kīvīte-Urtāne,

Riga Stradins University, Department of Public Health and Epidemiology

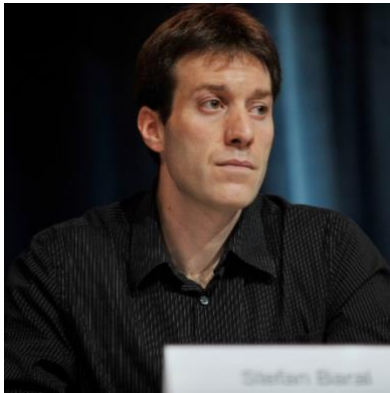


Anda Kivite-Urtane holds doctoral degree in medicine (subdiscipline - public health and epidemiology). Currently she is working as Director at the Public Health Institute and as Associate Professor at the Department of Public Health and Epidemiology at Riga Stradins University in Latvia. She is the national expert in health sciences at Latvian Council of Science. Anda is the member of Coordinating Commission for Limiting the Spread of HIV Infection, Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections at the Ministry of Health of Latvia. Anda is also the national drug related infectious diseases expert at Reitox national focal point of European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. Her research interests mainly cover bio-behavioral research on HIV, hepatitis, STIs and also SARS-CoV-2 infection among different target groups – people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, female sex workers, Roma people

and general population as well as the mathematical modeling of HIV and COVID-19 infections. She has been leading or participating in around 40 national and international research projects. Anda is author or co-author of around 40 peer-reviewed articles. She has worked at World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe as an external consultant on HIV prevention among key and vulnerable populations and as a technical assistant on the immunization and prevention of vertical transmission of hepatitis B in Europe.

Stefan Baral,

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Stefan Baral is a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Stefan completed his certification in Community Medicine as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and Family medicine with the Canadian Council of Family Physicians. Stefan co-directs CFAR Implementation Science core, Mid-Atlantic CFAR Consortium (MACC+) Implementation Science Consultation Hub, and the Implementation Science concentration of the DrPH at Johns Hopkins and has worked to increase coherence in the methods and metrics of HIV-related implementation research. Through his role as the Director of the Key Populations Program, Stefan has led HIV epidemiology and implementation research focused on characterizing the epidemiology of HIV and effective HIV prevention, treatment, and care approaches for gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgender women, and female sex workers across Western and Central, and Southern Africa.

Speakers and participants

Stela Bivol,

the Unit Lead (Joint Infectious Diseases) at WHO Regional Office for Europe



Dr Bivol is the Unit Lead (Joint Infectious Diseases) at WHO Regional Office for Europe. She is a public health professional with over 20 years of experience in international development and innovative communicable diseases programs across Europe and Central Asia and at the global level.

Andrii Bogoslavets,



Project Manager of PrEP project in ALLIANCE.GLOBAL

Andrii works in ALLIANCE.GLOBAL, Public Organization where he implements national project of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) from 2021. Andrii also implement related to PrEP projects of information campaigns (www.GETTEST.com.ua about HIV prevention (GETTEST) and www.PrEP.com.ua about PrEP) among MSM Key population.

Veaceslav Mulear

LGBTQI+ health” program coordinator at GENDERDOC-M



As an LGBTQI+ health program coordinator and HIV activist in Moldova, Veaceslav Mulear has played a key role in promoting and implementing community PrEP (among LGBTQI+) initiatives in the country.

Veaceslav's work in this area has been instrumental in raising awareness about the benefits of PrEP among the LGBTQI+ community in Moldova and advocating for increased access to this life-saving medication. He has been a vocal advocate for the inclusion of PrEP in national HIV prevention strategies and medical protocols, and has worked closely with healthcare providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that PrEP is available and accessible to those who need it most.

Through his efforts, Veaceslav has helped to break down barriers to PrEP access, such as cost and stigma, and has worked to create a more supportive and inclusive environment for individuals seeking to protect themselves from HIV. His work in promoting community PrEP in Moldova has been critical in advancing HIV prevention efforts and improving the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQI+ community in the country.

With a deep commitment to advancing LGBTQI+ health rights, Veaceslav Mulear has been a vocal advocate for inclusivity and equality in healthcare, striving to create a more supportive and affirming environment for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Panel 3

Session on (In)visible community: HIV and health disparities among MSM and Trans* people in EECA.

Chairs

Catherine Hankins,

Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, Department of Global Health, University of Amsterdam



Professor Catherine Hankins is a community medicine specialist focused on COVID-19, novel biomedical HIV prevention, implementation science, and participatory research conduct. She keenly supports scientific capacity development and advancing women in global health and science. She is AIGHD co-Principal Investigator for two trials of long-acting technologies (CAPRISA 012 combination monoclonal antibodies [South Africa, Zambia] and CAPRISA 018 - sustained-release tenofovir alafenamide subdermal implant [South Africa]). From 2015-2021, she was Scientific & Organising Committee Chair for six annual INTEREST conferences in Africa on HIV treatment, pathogenesis, and prevention research in resourcelimited settings. She is the Scientific Co-Chair of the EECA INTERACT Workshop (Almaty 2019; virtual 2021, Riga 2022). From 2002-2012, she was Chief Scientific Adviser to UNAIDS in Geneva leading

the scientific knowledge translation team focused on ensuring ethical and participatory biomedical HIV prevention trial conduct, convening mathematical modelling teams, and supporting country implementation of proven biomedical HIV prevention modalities. In 2016 she led development of Good Participatory Practice (GPP) Guidelines for trials of Emerging Pathogens for WHO's R&D Blueprint. From 2017 to 2020 she chaired the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership 2 Scientific Advisory Committee. Since April

2020, she co-chairs Canada's COVID-19 Immunity Task Force, which catalyses, funds, and harmonizes research on SARS-CoV-2 immunity for decision-makers, generating critical insights on levels, trends, nature, and duration of immunity arising from SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination.

Vera ILYENKOVA,

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)



Vera Ilyenkova is a Regional Adviser on Key populations and Communities Engagement in UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and has more than 15 years of experience with the UN. Vera holds an Honors Diploma in Medicine from Belarusian State Medical University specializing in epidemiology, communicable diseases and public health and postgraduate diploma on communicable diseases. She studied communicable disease control and health services management at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and has a master's degree in public health from the University of Essex. Through her role as Professional officer on communicable diseases at the WHO country office and UNAIDS Country Director in Belarus Vera has led an implementation of latest testing and treatment HIV guidelines and advocated for multidisciplinary support for people living with HIV and

removing restrictive laws and policies.

One of her main tasks as a Regional Adviser in UNAIDS is to strengthen and engage communities and civil society organizations in EECA and support their work related to human rights, promoting policy reform for enabling environments for key populations including drug policy reform, ending HIV criminalization, reform of punitive policies toward sex workers and LGBTQ people, SRHR, women's rights, access to justice and other.

Speakers

Nadira Masiumova,

Human Rights Coordinator at Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM)



Nadira Masiumova is a Human Rights Coordinator at ECOM - Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity. She is responsible for monitoring human rights violations based on HIV status, sexual orientation, and gender identity in Eastern Europe and Central Asian region and advocating for removing barriers. ECOM produces community-based monitoring of the Legal Environment in the EECA region.