



## HIV in Europe Newsletter

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### HepHIV 2014 Barcelona Conference: *HIV and Viral Hepatitis: Challenges of Timely Testing and Care*

It is still possible to [register](#) for the HepHIV 2014 Conference in Barcelona, 5-7 October 2014. Around 100 abstract submissions focusing on the left hand side of the treatment cascade have been received from HIV and viral hepatitis fields. The scientific programme is close to being finalised, with a tentative draft available [here](#).

#### Exhibition

In connection with the **HepHIV 2014 Conference**, it will be possible for interested parties to exhibit materials. The conference venue only leaves room for small stands (a maximum of two tables per exhibitor).

For commercial companies the price per table is EUR 10,000 for a manned stand.

Small amounts of materials for distribution (brochures, folders etc.) can be placed on tables set up for this purpose in the exhibit area.

To apply for exhibition space, please contact the conference secretariat at [rh-hephiv2014@regionh.dk](mailto:rh-hephiv2014@regionh.dk) at your earliest convenience and no later than September 15, 2014.

The **HepHIV 2014 Barcelona Conference** is organised jointly by the partners: HIV in Europe; The Correlation Network - Hepatitis C Initiative; the European Liver Patients Association (ELPA); the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL); the World Hepatitis Alliance; the Hepatitis B & C Public Policy Association (HEPBCCA); alongside ECDC and WHO Europe.

#### Evidence and practice of HIV counselling

This study is supporting the development and implementation of best practice service models that contribute to increasing the uptake and frequency of HIV testing, as well as making optimal use of opportunities to promote reductions in the risk of HIV infections.

An open sidemeeting for the Counselling project has been arranged at the **HepHIV 2014 Barcelona Conference** on 5th Oct 14.30.

#### Publications

**Lazarus JV, Lundgren JD, Casabona J et al.** How lessons learned from HIV can inform the global response to viral hepatitis [Roundtable Discussion], *BMC Infectious Diseases*, Oct 2014: In press.

Three members of the HIV in Europe Steering Committee have contributed to this Roundtable discussion over the summer, providing the foundation for one important theme to be developed at **HepHIV 2014 Barcelona**.



#### HIDES II

The last day of recruitment into the HIV Indicator Diseases across Europe Study II (HIDES II) was June 30th, 2014, with 9471 patients enrolled. The first official results should be ready by September. Preliminary findings, however, have been submitted to ECDC and WHO Europe, and also as an abstract to the **HepHIV 2014 Barcelona** conference.



**Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe (OptTEST)**

This three year EU Commission-

For more information regarding this and other sidemeetings please click [here](#).



### European HIV Testing Week 2014

21 to 28 November 2014 marks the date for European HIV testing week 2014. The [new website](#) was launched this month with updated Logos, Banner Ads and materials ready to download. The strapline remains '**Talk HIV. Test HIV.**' and this initiative provides an unprecedented opportunity for partners (civil society, healthcare organisations, healthcare professionals and policy makers) across Europe to unite for one week to help more people become aware of their HIV status. Currently, **518 participating partners** have signed up for testing week 2014. If you have not done so already, [sign up now!](#)

funded project officially started on 4th June 2014 and aims to help reduce the number of undiagnosed people with HIV infection in the European region and to promote timely treatment and care. There will be a kick-off meeting in Luxembourg on 2nd September for Project Leads and Advisory Board members, including representatives from the [EURO HIVEDAT](#) project, WHO Europe, CSF and ECDC.

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