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# NAVIGATING THE NEW LANDSCAPE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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## ABSTRACT

Aside from the well-known pandemic event, infectious diseases are experiencing a remarkable era of advancements in both basic and clinical research. As a result, therapies are gradually becoming more refined, allowing clinicians to successfully confront severe and, once, inexorably lethal pathologies. In particular, a relentless battle is being lead against fungi and both Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria, which respond to each advancement by developing different and highly sophisticated systems of resistance to antibiotic treatment. Meanwhile, viro-suppressive progress in HIV infection is continuous and provides patients with significant improvements in quality of life, thanks to long-acting medications.

The congress we propose shines a spotlight on various topics, featuring two distinctive characteristics: a) the participation of true international opinion leaders, including prominent figures from all around the world; in most cases, the international speaker will complement the Italian opinion leader, creating a sort of comparison between local and foreign realities; b) the atypical and innovative format of the event gives significantly more time to the speaker to inquire into truly complex topics, reducing the often excessive number of speakers and allowing, through a roundtable format, for an interactive discussion involving regional infectious disease specialists. This dynamic approach includes ample time dedicated to thorough exploration. Topics to be covered “in depth” will include: new therapeutic possibilities for MDR Gram-positive and Gram-negative infections, the clinical challenges of Enterococcus diseases, pseudomembranous colitis, diagnostics for invasive fungal infections, and therapeutic novelties in this area.

Following this, a clinical focus will address specific pathological conditions such as periprosthetic infections (a significant concern for orthopedic surgeons), bacterial meningitis, and endocarditis—all of which represent true challenges for the expertise of infectious disease specialists. In conclusion, the main props of the congress should be: a) extended time for the speaker to provide in-depth insight; b) ample opportunities for discussion and debate; c) selection of hot topics; d) comparison of national and international speakers.

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## 28 Febbraio

- 08:45 Opening of the secretariat and participant registration
- 09:00 **Mauro Sapienza, Giuseppe Giammanco, Michele Gulizia**  
Greetings and welcome from Hospital Garibaldi
- 09:15 Start of first day's activities, introduction, and course objectives

### MDRs

- 09:30 **Sohua Kanj** - New weapons against multiresistant Gram negatives.  
How and when?
- 09:50 **Hakan Erdem** - Management of Gram+ MDR diseases:  
a mixture of ancient and new
- 10:10 **Matteo Bassetti** - How and when should we manage Acinetobacter  
infections? State of the art
- 10:30 **Marco Falcone** - Metallo beta lactamase Enterobacterales: natural history  
and clinical outcome
- 10:50 ROUNDTABLE  
**Carmelo Iacobello, Arturo Montineri, Rosa Manuele**

### C: DIFFICILE

- 11:20 **Elena Reigadas** - Management of C. difficile recurrences
- 11:40 ROUNDTABLE **Antonio Cascio, Federica Cosentino, Mazzola Giovanni**





## LECTURE

- 12:30 **Ala Sharara** - Traveler's diarrhoea
- 13:00 Three questions to the lecturer: **Antonio Cascio, Giuseppe Liberti, Giovanni Mazzola**
- 13:30 **LUNCH TIME**

## FUNGAL DISEASES

- 14:45 **Alessandra Mularoni** - Clinical features of Invasive Fungal Disease in special populations.
- 15:05 **Martin Hoenigl** - Management of invasive mycoses in neutropenic and non neutropenic patients.
- 15:25 ROUNDTABLE **Laura Trovato, Pietro Colletti, Manuela Ceccarelli**

## HIV INFECTION

- 16:00 **Patrick Mallon** - HIV therapy: the state of the art.
- 16:20 **Giuseppe Nunnari** - Non-suppressible viraemia during HIV-1 therapy: a challenge for clinicians.
- 16:40 **Cristina Mussini** - Recommendations for use of long acting injectable antiretrovirals: a review
- 17:00 ROUNDTABLE  
**Benedetto M. Celesia, Giovanni Mazzola, Emmanuele Venanzi Rullo**
- 17:30 First day closing remarks



## 1 Marzo

- 08:45 Opening of the secretariat and participant registration
- 09:15 Start of second day's activities
- 09:30 **Annelies Wilder-Smith** - New vaccines development: from dengue to...
- 09:50 **Paolo Meo** - My own experience on dengue vaccination
- 10:10 Discussion  
**Antonio Albanese, Maria Antonietta Di Rosolini, Giovanni F. Pellicanò**

### SPECIFIC CHALLENGES IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- 10:40 **Dieterich Van de Beek** - Management of bacterial meningitis.
- 11:00 **Carlo Tascini** - My secret recipe to manage Enterococcal bacteremia.
- 11:30 **Marianna Meschiari** - Is It Possible to Eradicate MDR bacteria from hospital? How? Is it worthy?
- 11:50 **Andrea Marino** - The role of long-acting antibiotics in the clinical practice
- 12:10 **Stefania Stefani** - "Fast track microbiology: how far from the future?"
- 12:30 **Giusy Tiseo** - When MRSA is the cause of Community Acquired Pneumonia
- 12:50 ROUNDTABLE  
**Pietro Colletti, Chiara Iaria, Fabrizio Pulvirenti**
- 13:30 **Which is today the take home message?**

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