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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Dear colleagues,
Dear participants,

We are delighted to welcome you to the second TOGAS conference in Porto, aimed to exchange view-points on gastric cancer screening implementation in Europe.

Gastric cancer remains a tough challenge, claiming lives and inflicting immeasurable suffering on individuals and families worldwide.

We anticipate that the meeting will deliver the best global experience in the field, while collecting important feedback from Member State representatives on their willingness and readiness to implement gastric cancer prevention within their healthcare priorities. Therefore, your participation and active feedback is of critical importance.

The TOGAS project is expected to develop a guide for implementation of gastric cancer prevention in Europe. This includes running pilot studies, collecting feedback from the target groups and decision-makers, as well as analysing cost-effectiveness of gastric cancer prevention under various conditions.

Recent recommendations by the Council of the European Union have suggested that gastric cancer screening programs should be considered in countries or regions within countries with high gastric cancer incidence and death rates. Of note, in countries with low gastric cancer incidence, this is still a critical issue in particular population groups, including in immigrants.

We anticipate that the conference will unveil answers to the potential questions, decrease the potential level of uncertainty, and facilitate gastric cancer prevention across Europe. To achieve this, your participation is essential!

In the pages that follow, we will map a course towards a future where gastric cancer is not only treatable but preventable. Each contribution, each insight, and each decision made in the course of this project brings us one step closer to that vision.

Let us rise to the challenge before us and begin this meeting with a shared sense of purpose and determination, knowing that our collective efforts can save lives!



Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia
Scientific Manager

WELCOME

08.00 - 08.10

WELCOMING

José Carlos Machado, Porto, Portugal & Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

08.10 - 09.50

SESSION 1 - STATE OF PLAY

Chair: Constanza Camargo, Rockville, MD, USA

08.10 - 08.25

01.01. The burden of gastric cancer – globally and in Europe

Jin Young Park, Lyon, France

08.25 - 08.40

01.02. Optimizing Early Detection: The Core Principles of Effective Population-Based Screening

Arunah Chandran (IARC), Lyon, France

08.40 - 08.55

01.03. General overview of gastric cancer screening and prevention

Jyh-Ming Liou, Taipei, Taiwan

08.55 - 09.10

01.04. *Helicobacter pylori* infection – the benefits and risks of population-based eradication

Jan Bornschein, Oxford, United Kingdom | Riga, Latvia

09.10 - 09.25

01.05 What are the differences (*H.pylori* and gastric cancer) between the East and the West

Yoshio Yamaoka, Yufu, Japan

09.25 - 09.40

01.06. Is gastric cancer prevention cost-effective?

Iris Lansdorp – Vogelaar, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

09.40 - 09.50

Panel Discussion

09.50 - 10.20

Coffee Break

10.20 - 11.45

SESSION 2 - GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Chair: Markus Gerhard, Munich, Germany

10.20 - 10.35

02.01. Gastric cancer screening and prevention in Japan

Hidekazu Suzuki, Isehara, Japan

10.35 - 10.50

02.02. Gastric cancer screening and prevention in South Korea

Hwoon-Yong Jung, Seoul, South Korea

10.50 - 11.05

02.03 *Helicobacter pylori* eradication and gastric cancer prevention in a high-risk area of China

Wen Qing Li, Beijing, China

11.05 - 11.20

02.04. What is ongoing in Latin America?

Arnoldo Riquelme, Santiago, Chile

11.20 - 11.35

02.05 The U.S. NCI Think Tank on Advancing Gastric Cancer Prevention: Results and Recommendations

Constanza Camargo, Rockville, MD, USA

11.35 - 11.45

Panel discussion

11.45 - 12.45

Lunch Break

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PROGRAMME

12.45 - 14.10

SESSION 3 - THE PROGRESS OF GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION IN EUROPE

Chair: Jochen Weight, Magdeburg, Germany

12.45 - 13.00

03.01. Screening recommendations of the European Commission (Beating Cancer Plan, SAPEA report, EC Recommendation)

Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

13.00 - 13.15

03.02. Experience from the EUROHELICAN project – H pylori test and treat study in Slovenia and TOGAS project – study in 6 EU countries

Bojan Tepeš, Ljubljana, Slovenia

13.15 - 13.30

03.03. Other ongoing gastric prevention activities in Europe (GISTAR, TOGAS, EUCanScreen)

Danute Ražuka-Ebela, Riga, Latvia

13.30 - 13.45

03.04. The achievements of PRAISE-U consortium to facilitate prostate cancer screening in Europe

Hendrik Van Poppel, Leuven, Belgium

13.45 - 14.00

03.05. The achievements of SOLACE consortium to facilitate lung cancer screening in Europe

Torsten Blum, Berlin, Germany

14.00- 14.10

Panel Discussion

14.10 - 15.10

SESSION 4 - STAKEHOLDERS FEEDBACK

Chair: Colm O'Morain, Dublin, Ireland

14.10 - 14.25

04.01. EU Member States' willingness, needs and readiness re. gastric cancer screening (preliminary survey results) Thomas More
Janet Takens | Thomas More, Brussels, Belgium

14.25 - 14.40

04.02. Feedback from the screening target population
Zorana Maravic | DiCE, Brussels, Belgium

14.40 - 14.55

Feedback from the medical professionals
Līga Krauze, Riga, Latvia

14.55 - 15.10

Panel Discussion

15.10 - 15.40

Coffee Break

15.40 - 16.55

SESSION 5 - LARGE SCALE DATA TO SUPPORT GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION

Chair: Tamara Matysiak-Budnik, Nantes, France

15.40 - 15.55

05.01. Personalized data in cancer screening
Aapeli Nevala, Helsinki, Finland

15.55 - 16.10

05.02. The European Cancer Information System (ECIS)
Joanna Bartnicka, Varese, Italy

15.40 - 16.55

SESSION 5 - LARGE SCALE DATA TO SUPPORT GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION

cont.

16.10 - 16.25

05.03. Developing Performance Indicators for Gastric Cancer Screening: Experience from adapting CanScreen-ECIS indicators for Prostate Cancer Screening

Arunah Chandran

16.25 - 16.35

05.04. Data harmonization: TOGAS. CARECOL, EUCanScreen

Inese Poļaka, Riga, Latvia

16.35 - 16.55

Panel Discussion

16.55 - 17.30

SESSION 6 - ROUND TABLE ON COUNTRY RELATED ISSUES, FEEDBACK, DISCUSSION

Chair: Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

16.55 - 17.25

Country representatives

17.25 - 17.30

Final remarks

Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

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