Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and the International Organizing committee, I am pleased to announce that the Fourteenth International Symposium on Human Chlamydial Infections will be held at Woudschoten in Zeist, The Netherlands, July 1st – 6th, 2018.

This Symposium will cover all the roles chlamydiae play in human and (zoonotic) animal infections. Researchers, clinicians, policymakers, specialists, and students in the fields of sexually transmitted infections, reproductive health, infectious disease, trachoma, public health, microbiology, epidemiology, veterinary medicine, and behavioural science will be able to share their ideas and experiences at this meeting. The Symposium will cover translational research in the field of clinical practice and research in chlamydial biology, laboratory detection, public health epidemiology, and sexual behaviour, and more basic research in the areas of cell biology, molecular biology, bacterial and host genetics, and genomics and immunology.

The programme will feature invited internationally esteemed reviewers and will ensure a state-of-art, and cutting-edge Symposium. As in all previous ISHCI meetings participation in the Symposium is dependent on the acceptance of a submitted 4 page abstract (mini-article).

Woudschoten is located in the green heart of the Netherlands in the woods. In 1932, the Dutch Christian Student Association (NCSV) started using the stylish main building of the Woudschoten estate as a conference centre. The NCSV was an organisation that provided students looking for more depth to their studies with conferences and summer camps on relevant topics. Currently, it is an internationally recognized and state of the art Congress Center.

Some important dates:

- The website will be online from the 1st of July 2017, exactly 1 year ahead of the meeting. You will all receive an e-mail to pre-register for further updates of the ISHCI 2018
- Abstract deadline will be January 15th, 2018
- Abstract notification will be on February 15th, 2018
- Registration will take place between February 15th and April 1st, 2018 incl. early registration.

We are looking forward to a unique meeting in an environment which will enhance interaction and collaborations between participants and we hope to see you in The Netherlands in July 2018.

Prof. Servaas Morré, PhD Chair
Prof. Henry de Vries, MD, PhD Co-Chair
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