



INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Regional Director's Report, Europe
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The International Society for STD Research, in conjunction with the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH), will be holding this meeting in London, 28 June – 1 July 2009. This will be a meeting of a very high scientific quality and IUSTI-Europe is encouraging all of its members to attend it. It is planned to hold business meetings of the IUSTI-Europe Board, and the Guidelines Editorial Board in conjunction with this meeting, provisionally on Sunday 28 June 2009.

World IUSTI/IUSTI-Europe meeting, Georgia 2010

This will be a joint meeting between the World IUSTI and IUSTI-Europe. It is planned to take place in September 2010 in the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi. The Congress President will be Dr Josephe Kobakhidze who is also the Georgian national representative on the Board of IUSTI-Europe. The joint co-chairs of the International Scientific Committee have been appointed – Drs Charlotte Gaydos (World IUSTI) and Simon Barton (Treasurer, IUSTI-Europe). Dr Airi Poder (Chair of IUSTI-Europe) has also accepted the key position of acting as the person in charge of liaison between the Georgian local organisers and the Officers of IUSTI-Europe and World IUSTI. Her experience of organising meetings, living and working in a former Soviet Union country, and her ability to speak fluent Russian, mean that she is perfectly suited to fulfil this crucial function.

It should be pointed out that this will be first IUSTI meeting to be held in a former Soviet Union country, and it will therefore be a historic event.

IUSTI-Europe, Latvia 2011

This meeting will take place in the capital of Latvia, Riga, 8–10 September 2011.

The Congress President will be Prof Andris Rubins, the Latvian national representative on the Board of IUSTI-Europe. The Chair of the International Scientific Committee will be Dr Willem van der Meijden, national representative of the Netherlands on the IUSTI-Europe Board.

European STD Guidelines

This project continues actively under the supervision of an Editorial Board consisting of 12 members from various European countries, including representation from the EDF, the ECDC, the UEMS and the WHO European Office. It is chaired by Dr Keith Radcliffe, Regional Director of IUSTI-Europe. Teleconferences are held every three months between members of the Editorial Board, and an actual meeting of the Board will take place in Milan in September 2008, kindly supported by the ECDC.

The current focus is on a rolling programme of updating the original guidelines published in 2001. Under active revision at the current time are the guidelines on: syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia, HIV testing, urethritis, tropical genito-ulcerative diseases and genital herpes.

Legal status of IUSTI-Europe

Following the successful registration of World IUSTI as a charity governed by English law, it became a pressing need for the European Regional Branch to establish a legal status of its own. The intention is to establish it as a non-profit association in Estonia, and work is ongoing to secure this aim.