



Thursday, April 14

08:15 Registration

08:45 Welcome and Introduction, *Christoph Hatz, Swiss TPH*

09:00 Malaria Risk for Travelers, *Ron Behrens, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK*

10:00 New Vaccines and Applications, *Leo Visser, Leiden University College, The Netherlands*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Multi-Resistant Bacteria and Travel Medicine, *Esther Kuenzli, Canton Hospital Aarau, Switzerland*

12:30 The Future of E-Health in Travel Medicine, *Andrea Farnham, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, University of Zürich, Switzerland*

13:30 Lunch

15:00 Communication in Travel Medicine Consultations, *Lorraine Noble, University College London Medical School, Hampstead, UK*

16:00 Migration Medicine: A Continuing Challenge, *Francesco Castelli, University of Brescia and Brescia Spedali Civili General Hospital, Italy*

17:00 Outlook and Closing Remarks, *Jürg Utzinger, Swiss TPH*

17:15 Cocktail Reception

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Speaker Profiles

Welcome and Introduction, Christoph Hatz, Swiss TPH, Switzerland

Christoph Hatz is Head of the Medical Services and Diagnostic Department at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Chief Medical Officer and Professor of Tropical and Travel Medicine at the University of Basel. He is Professor of Epidemiology and Prevention of Communicable Diseases at the University of Zurich. His research focuses are: epidemiology of travel-associated health problems, studies regarding vaccination and preventive medication in the prevention of infectious diseases in Switzerland and internationally, epidemiology of infectious diseases in the Swiss population as well as globally travelling individuals, and heads projects in tropical countries.



Ron Behrens, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

Ron Behrens is currently the only NHS Consultant in Travel Medicine at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases' Travel Clinic, and Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is the Research Degree Director responsible for monitoring PhD and DrPH postgraduate research students, runs an annual short course in Travel Medicine, which is now in its 13th year, and established the first online multimedia e-learning course in travel medicine. He contributes to the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and four Masters courses, and provides in-service training to infectious diseases specialists registrars throughout England. Dr. Behrens has published more than 135 peer review publications covering a range of travel health issues, including the economics and effectiveness of vaccines, malaria prophylaxis and patterns of imported diseases. His research interests include malaria and its prevention, focusing on risk in travellers, especially those visiting friends and relatives. He has facilitated clinical trials of novel travel diarrhoea vaccines and investigated cellular immune responses following administration of rabies and influenza vaccines. Dr Behrens continues to contribute to health policy bodies including, the British Defence forces, NaTHNaC and WHO and TropNet.



Leo Visser, Leiden University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

Leo Visser is Professor of Travel Medicine at Leiden University Medical Centre with a specific interest in infectious diseases. He is involved in clinical care, research, teaching and training in infectious diseases with an emphasis on vaccine-preventable and tropical diseases, travel medicine and global health. Professor Visser is a member of the steering committee of TropNet, and president-elect of the International Society of Travel Medicine. His current research activities involve vaccination responses in immune-compromised hosts and the elderly, and immunogenicity and safety of intra-dermally administered vaccines.



Esther Kuenzli, Canton Hospital Aarau, University of Zurich and Swiss TPH, Switzerland

Esther Kuenzli studied medicine at the University of Basel and afterwards obtained a specialization in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. In 2011, she received her Master in Control of Infectious Diseases from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She currently works 50% clinically at the Kantonsspital Aarau and 50% on research at the University of Zurich and the Swiss TPH. Her research is mainly focused on the effect of international travel on the spread of multidrug resistant bacteria.



Andrea Farnham, University of Zürich, Switzerland

Andrea Farnham is a PhD candidate at the University of Zürich, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute. She received her MPH in Epidemiology from Columbia Mailman School of Public Health in New York City, and has completed several projects in infectious and vaccine-preventable disease epidemiology. She is currently working on a travel medicine project using a smartphone application to collect detailed data on health and environment during travel.



Lorraine Noble, University College London Medical School, UK

Lorraine Noble is Senior Lecturer for Clinical Communication at UCL Medical School in London, and is the elected UK National Representative for the European Association for Communication in Healthcare. With a background as a Chartered Clinical Psychologist, she has research interests in doctor-patient communication and clinical communication education. She has delivered invited talks at the Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine (CISTM), the Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM) and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Short Course in Travel Medicine. She has published on communication in the pre-travel consultation, travellers' health beliefs, non-adherence to preventative measures, vaccination anxiety, engaging travellers in decision-making, and an edited textbook 'Clinical Communication in Medicine'.



Francesco Castelli, University of Brescia and Brescia Spedali Civili General Hospital, Italy

Francesco Castelli is Professor of Infectious Disease and Director of the University Department of Infectious and Tropical Medicine at the Università Studi di Brescia. He is also Director of the Specialty School in Infectious and Tropical Diseases. At Present, he serves as the President of the Italian Society of Tropical Medicine and Global Health. He is site Director of the Brescia Geosentinel and holds the UNESCO Chair "Training and empowering human resources for health development in resource-limited countries". His major fields of scientific interest are tropical diseases, migration medicine, travel-related and imported infections and chronic viral infections, including viral hepatitis and HIV/AIDS in both industrialized and developing countries. With particular regard to HIV/AIDS, he has acted as principal investigator or co-investigator in many clinical trials. Prof. Castelli is also responsible for the ESTHER project to fight HIV/AIDS in Burkina Faso under the overall coordination of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità. He has published more than 240 papers in peer-reviewed journals and more than 100 chapters of books and manuals. His H-index is 35 (Scopus) or 40 (Web of Science). In 2013, Prof. Castelli was included in the list of Top Italian Scientists.



Closing Words: Jürg Utzinger, Director, Swiss TPH, Switzerland

Jürg Utzinger, Director of the Swiss TPH, is trained in environmental sciences (MSc) and epidemiology (PhD) with several years of postdoctoral research in demography and epidemiology at Princeton University. Before his appointment as Director of the Swiss TPH, Jürg headed the Ecosystem Health Sciences unit at the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Swiss TPH. The group pursues a wide variety of epidemiological research, including health impact assessment of large foot-print development projects in the tropics and risk profiling of parasitic diseases, and they have ongoing collaborative projects in Côte d'Ivoire, China and elsewhere in Africa and Asia. Together with colleagues in Côte d'Ivoire, Jürg established the first health and demographic surveillance system in the Taabo area, which serves as a platform for monitoring and surveillance of health and well-being of 40,000 mainly rural dwellers. Jürg is also Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Basel focusing on epidemiology, diagnosis and integrated control of neglected tropical diseases and malaria. He has extensively published in peer-reviewed literature, edited several special thematic journal issues and wrote numerous book chapters. He is founding deputy editor of PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases and acts on the editorial boards of Acta Tropica, Geospatial Health and Parasites & Vectors.

