

Brussels Friday, 6 February 2009

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ON TICKS AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES

What strategy for Lyme borreliosis and Tick-borne encephalitis?

Venue :
Pavillon des conférences
UCL Public Health School
Clos Chapelle-aux-Champs 19
1200 Brussels

Global warming is from now on a reality, and its consequences on our daily activities are increasingly tangible. But what impact does it have on ticks and tick-borne diseases? This hot topic is the subject of an international conference in Brussels, on February 6, 2009. A panel of European experts will update our valuable scientific knowledge on a situation, which proves to be in some ways worrying, in particular, the increase of Lyme borreliosis cases and Tick-borne encephalitis. This new, challenging situation requires our steady vigilance.

Physicians, pharmacists, pathologists, veterinary surgeons, zoologists, wildlife biologists, ecologists, meteorologists, PhD students, all of you are invited to join us in a unique opportunity to engage in a forum of exchange and discussion with experts.

As promoters and persons in charge of the conference, we look forward to your participation and, on behalf of the organising committee, welcome you warmly.

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Programme

09:00 - 09:10 **Welcome**

Prof. William D'Hoore,
Porte parole de l'Ecole doctorale thématique
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Chairmen : Prof. M. Kunze (Vienna), Prof. G. Van Impe (UCL Louvain-la-Neuve)

09:10 - 09:40 **Climate, ticks and tick-borne diseases**

Mr. Paul Heyman, Brussels

09:40 - 10:10 **Political and environmental changes behind the upsurge of tick-borne diseases**

Prof. Sarah Randolph, Oxford

10:10 - 10:40 **Ticks, climate change and TBE epidemiology - facts and hypothesis**

Prof. Jochen Süss, Jena, Germany

10:40 - 11:10 **Coffee break + exhibitions visit**

Chairmen : Prof. M. Kunze (Vienna), Prof. F. Van Gompel (Antwerpen)

11:10 - 11:40 **TBE - Diagnostics and Clinical Course of Disease**

Dr. Pamela Rendi-Wagner, Vienna

11:40 - 12:10 **TBE - from acute encephalitis to longterm outcome**

Prim. Dr. Ulf Baumhacker, St.Pölten, Austria

12:10 - 12:40 **Ups and downs with TBE in Switzerland**

Prof. Robert Steffen, Zurich

12:40 - 14:00 **Lunch + exhibitions visit**

Chairmen : Prof. P. Goubau (Brussels), Prof. G. Stanek (Vienna)

14:00 - 14:30 **Spatial distribution of TBE and Lyme borreliosis : landscape and beyond**

Mrs. Catherine Linard and Dr. Sophie Vanwambeke,
UCL Louvain-la-Neuve

14:30 - 15:00 **Lyme borreliosis in 2009**

Prof. Gerold Stanek, Vienna

15:00 - 15:30 **Neurological presentations in Lyme borreliosis (Neuroborreliosis) : diagnosis, treatment and prognosis**

Dr. Klaus-Peter Wandinger, Lübeck, Germany

15:30 - 16:00 **What's new in the field of laboratory diagnosis of Lyme borreliosis**

Dr. Hubert Ammer, Munich, Germany

16:00 -16:30 **Coffee break + exhibitions visit**

Chairmen : Prof. P. Goubau (Brussels), Prof. A. Robert (Brussels)

16:30 - 17:00 **How to protect the tourist: preventive measures for Lyme borreliosis and vaccine against tick-borne encephalitis**

Dr. Victor Luyasu, Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve

17:00 - 17:30 **A Lyme borreliosis vaccine for Europe and beyond**

Dr. Brian Crowe, Orth an der Donau, Austria

17:30 - 17:40 **Conclusions, general discussion and perspectives**

Prof. Georges Van Impe, UCL Louvain-la-Neuve

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GENERAL INFORMATION

We would like you to forward this information to your colleagues and friends or your own national societies.

Registration:

Please complete the enclosed registration form and send it by fax or by post to the secretary. A formal letter of confirmation will be sent to the participant after receipt of both the registration form and the payment. Deadline : 15 January 2009.

Participation fees : 150 euro

Students: 0 euro.

Students need to provide proof of university attendance with a copy of their Student card joined to the registration form.

Payment instructions

All payment must be made in Euro and free of bank charge and/or other charge. We only accept bank transfers:

Account No. 000 0197576 84 (Clinique St-Pierre, Ottignies Belgium)

The following message must be indicated: Rily 44500037

Payment from overseas :

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The conference registration includes:

Admission to the sessions of the scientific programme, the certificate of accreditation, book of abstracts

Lunch on February 6, 2009, coffee breaks

Conference counter :

Friday, 6 February 2009 : from 8:00

Exhibitions:

1. Accompanying the conference, an industrial exhibition will be held in the adjacent foyer.

2. A special exhibition of art paintings in relation to climate, environment and ticks will be presented by the painter and engraver artist, Anne van Opberg (avano@skynet.be or visit the following site: www.nobel.be). These works will be sold in aid of Lyme borreliosis and tick-borne encephalitis research conducted by the RILY Group.

Accreditation certificate INAMI/RIZIV : will be provided to the participants.

Accreditation certificate PhD Students : will be provided to the students.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - Deadline : 15 january 2009

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