

# School on Refugee and Migrant Health

*Managing the public health aspects of migration*



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## Programme

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**Knowledge Hub  
on Health and Migration**

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## A message from the WHO Regional Director for Europe

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It is an honour and a privilege as the Regional Director of the World Health Organization in Europe to welcome you to our second school on refugee and migrant health.

I think you are familiar with the population movements in this Region that have dominated the news since 2011. Although the number of people arriving has recently somewhat decreased, the number of deaths in the Mediterranean Sea remains still unacceptably high. Almost 20 000 refugees and migrants reached Italy since the beginning of this year. More than 1500 lost their lives during the hazardous journey. By any means, people continue to come, seeking a better life and a safer place to live.

It is important to emphasize that the issue of migration should not be seen as a "crisis". Rather it is a complex, long-term global dynamic concerning refugees, asylum seekers, migrants arriving for family reunification and student migrants as well as low- and high-skill labour migrants. Indeed, based on recent estimates from the International Labour Organization, almost 60 million labour migrants reside in the Region. More than 10% of all workers in the Region are migrants.

The national health systems of the transit and final destination countries need long-term policies and health system structural adaptations to address some of the key challenges refugees and migrants face, including financial, administrative, language and cultural barriers as well as lack of understanding of how health care is organized and delivered. It means customizing programmes for different situations; it means defining universal health coverage policies; it means developing specific competencies. Ultimately, it means promoting basic health rights for all.

I assure you that WHO is fully engaged in addressing the health needs and rights of these people. WHO is working closely with governments and civil society to ensure these communities can access the health services they need within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, the European health policy framework Health 2020 and the WHO Strategy and Action Plan for Refugee and Migrant Health.

Over the next few days, you will spend time with some of the world's top experts in this area. You will get a first-hand look at some of the health challenges these communities face and an understanding of best practices in addressing them. We hope it will reignite your enthusiasm to work alongside us to help people living in these communities. We firmly believe that health is one of the fundamental rights of every person and your presence here suggests you agree.

Thank you for coming to our school, for your commitment and for everything you will do with what you learn here this week to help refugees and migrants have better health and a better life for their families and themselves.

I wish you great success for the week ahead.

Thank you

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Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab  
WHO Regional Director for Europe

## Programme

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Monday, 24 September 2018

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08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:00	Welcome and opening Chair: <i>Santino Severoni</i> , Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe <i>Ruggero Razza</i> , Sicily Region Health Councillor <i>Fabrizio Micari</i> , Chancellor, University of Palermo <i>Piroska Östlin</i> , Director, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, WHO Regional Office for Europe
10:00–10:10	Video messages from the WHO Regional Director for Europe
10:10–10:45	<b>Keynote lecture. Setting the scene</b> More people are on the move now than ever before. There are many reasons why people migrate, such as globalization, conflict, poverty, climate change, urbanization, inequality and to improve job prospects. The keynote lecture will provide an overview on the global population movement dynamics, their myths and realities. <i>Uma Segal</i> , Professor of Social Work, University of Missouri–St. Louis
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:00	<b>Plenary session 1. Migration and health</b> The rapid increase in population movement has important public health implications requiring an adequate response from the health sector. While most migrants are in good health and their health problems are similar to those of the host populations, they are exposed to specific determinants of health in their country/place of origin, during transit and at their final destination. The session will provide an overview of the social determinants of migrant health and the actions of WHO and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to address them. Chair: <i>Piroska Östlin</i> , Director, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, WHO Regional Office for Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The social determinants of refugee and migrant health <i>Allan Krasnik</i>, President, Section for Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, European Public Health Association</li><li>• WHO and migration: a global perspective <i>Ranieri Guerra</i>, Assistant Director-General for Special Initiatives at WHO</li><li>• Healthy migrants in healthy communities <i>Poonam Dhavan</i>, Senior Migration Health Policy Advisor, IOM</li></ul>

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12:00–13:00

**Plenary session 2. Regional perspective.**

Large movement of refugees and migrants to the WHO European Region might pose significant challenges to the health systems of the recipient countries and required a scaling up of basic services to facilitate the appropriate response to the essential needs of the migrants and to fulfil their fundamental human rights. This session informs on major trends of refugee and migrant movement to Europe and the key strategies and actions implemented by WHO, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the European Union (EU) to address those challenges.

Chair: *Richard Alderslade*, Senior Advisor to WHO Regional Office for Europe

- Forced displacement to Europe and public health  
*Manuela Moy*, Head of UNHCR Office in Catania
- WHO European Region policy approaches to refugee and migrant health  
*Santino Severoni*, Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- European Union actions on migrant health  
*Isabel de la Mata*, Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis Management, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection

13:00–14:00

Lunch break

14:00–15:30

**Plenary session 3. Legal frameworks and rights**

Any migrant health intervention must ensure effective protection, respect and fulfilment of the human rights of all refugees, and migrants, regardless of their migration status, across all stages of the migration cycle. While the universal right to health as a basic human right, regardless of a person's administrative status, has been ratified by the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, laws and practices deviate from these obligations in some countries. This session describes the key challenges in addressing the health rights of people on the move.

Chair: *Nils Fietje*, Research Officer, Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- The legal framework and the migrant health needs and rights  
*Fanny Dufvenmark*, Migration Law Expert, International Migration Law Unit, IOM
- The health professional as a human right defender  
*Apostolos Veizis*, Director of Medical Operational Support Unit, Médecins Sans Frontières Greece
- Irregular migration and health rights  
*Alyna C. Smith*, Advocacy Officer, Health, Legal Strategies and Women, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

## Monday, 24 September 2018 (continued)

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15:30–16:00

Coffee break

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16:00–17:00

### **The Italian experience**

Owing to its geographical position, Italy represents one of the main points of entry into Europe for migrants from Africa and the Middle East. Many groups of migrants have arrived at the coastlines of Sicily and the island of Lampedusa since the 1990s. Consequently, the Italian national and regional health authorities have developed significant experience in dealing with migrant health matters, particularly on the health interventions implemented during search and rescue (SAR) and first reception operations. The session focuses on presenting the key aspects of the Italian response to major influxes of refugees and migrants during the reception phase and immediately after.

Chair: *Santino Severoni*, Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Presentations:

*Claudio Pulvirenti*, Director, Maritime, Aviation and Border Health Office for Sicily

*Gianfranco Costanzo*, Health Director, National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty, Italy

*Walter Ricciardi*, President National Institute of Health, Italy

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19:00–22:00

Welcome reception

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09:00–11:00

**Plenary session 4. The epidemiology of refugee and migrant health**

Disparities in health determinants often exist between a migrant population's place of origin and its destination. The effects of those disparities can be observed at the individual and population levels. This session provides an overview on the epidemiological relationships for a selected group of diseases resulting from health disparities bridged by migration and describes the growing role of migration and population mobility in global disease epidemiology.

Chair: *Giuseppe Annunziata*, Senior Migrant Health Advisor, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- Communicable diseases  
*Kevin Pottie*, Centre for Global Health Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa
- Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)  
*Slim Slama*, Regional Advisor, WHO Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean
- Mental health  
*Guglielmo Schininà*, Head, Mental Health, Psychosocial Response and Intercultural. Communication Section, IOM  
*Fahmy Hanna*, Technical Officer, WHO headquarters, Research, Action on Mental & Brain Disorders
- Occupational health  
*Tim Tregenza*, Network Manager, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

11:00–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–13:00

**Plenary session 5. Health services for refugees and migrants**

The utilization of health services by refugees and migrants is often compromised by a lack of familiarity with enrolment processes and entry points, financial and administrative barriers to receiving care, and discouraging or discriminatory treatment by staff. When migrants do access health services, they may find it difficult to communicate symptoms or understand treatment instructions because of language barriers, a situation frequently complicated by different cultural constructs of illness causation and management, or unfamiliarity with the existing health system. This session will provide an overview on how migrant-sensitive health services, including immunization services, should look and how migration could be an opportunity for integrating migrant and refugee doctors and nurses within the national health system of the hosting countries.

Chair: *Davide Mosca*, former Director of Migration Health, IOM

- Migrant-sensitive health services  
*Richard Alderslade*, Senior Advisor, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Immunization services for refugees and migrants  
*Francesco Vitale*, Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Palermo, Italy
- Costs of exclusion/benefits of inclusion  
*Franco Sassi*, Director, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Innovation, Imperial College London
- Empowering refugees and migrants  
*Syrian refugee doctor and nurse*

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13:00–14:30

Lunch break

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14:30–17:00

**Afternoon workshops.** Afternoon workshops are interactive learning experiences that explore one or more specific aspects of a topic. Workshops are 2½ hours long and may include one or more interactive teaching and learning strategies, such as hands-on skills activities, case discussion/group discussion, question and answer with faculty, and simulation exercises. These components can be combined as necessary within each workshop to support the identified learning objectives.

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#### **Workshop 1. NCDs and migrant health**

Session objective: to provide participants with elements of analysis to identify challenges and effective interventions for responding to the needs of refugees and migrants with NCDs.

Session learning outcome: at the end of the workshop participants will be able to

- understand key risks factors related to the management of NCDs in migrant populations; and
- be familiar with the minimum standards for addressing the needs of refugees and migrants with NCDs.

Facilitator: *Slim Slama*, Regional Advisor, WHO Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean

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#### **Workshop 2. Migrants and tuberculosis**

Session objective: to ensure participants are familiar with

- tuberculosis (TB) burden and its drivers, and role migration plays in these;
- challenges and opportunities in diagnosis, treatment and follow-up; and
- main elements of cross-border TB control and care.

Session learning outcomes:

- to define the integration of TB care and prevention in multisectoral cooperation in migrant health care provision; and
- to develop a joint plan of action for establishing cross-border collaboration.

Facilitators: *Andrei Dadu*, Technical Officer, Joint Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe; *Domink Zenner*, Tuberculosis Regional Advisor, IOM

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### **Workshop 3. Mental health among refugees and migrants**

Session objective: to understand the main principles that should be considered when delivering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to refugees and migrants

- in an emergency fashion (at shores and borders, transit and on the move) and in the integration phase; and
- to exchange experiences and best practices on the topic.

Session learning outcomes:

- to learn the specific characteristics and considerations when delivering MHPSS during the arrival stage (either by sea or land); and
- to understand and discuss the key principles related to access and provision of mental health care to refugees and migrants.

Facilitators: *Guglielmo Schininà*, Head, Mental Health, Psychosocial Response and Intercultural Communication Section, IOM; *Fahmy Hanna*, Technical Officer, WHO headquarters, Research, Action on Mental & Brain Disorders

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### **Workshop 4. Intercultural competence and diversity sensitivity**

Session objective: to develop

- understanding of intercultural competence and diversity sensitivity; and
- demonstrate how this can be effectively applied within migrant health care.

Session learning outcomes:

- to understand the concepts of intercultural competence and diversity sensitivity;
- to recognize the ways that a whole-organization approach can facilitate intercultural competence and diversity sensitivity;
- to understand the mechanisms and resources required for health professionals to deliver effective interculturally competent and diversity-sensitive health care; and
- to understand the role and value of community participation in interculturally competent and diversity-sensitive health care, with insight into methods and tools available to help to enable this.

Facilitator: *Felicity Thomas*, Co-director, WHO Collaborating Centre on Culture and Health, University of Exeter

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## Field trip to Trapani From arrival to integration

**Purpose:** to attend a search and rescue simulation exercise; visit an unaccompanied migrant children centre; visit a hotspot for migrants.

### Description

Italy has served as one of the main point of entry to Europe for refugees and migrants. The EU has established a series of "hot spots" on its outer borders for the purpose of registration, photo-identification and fingerprinting of disembarked migrants within 48 hours (72 hours maximum) of arrival, as well as return operations. Italy and Greece are the first two Members States where this hotspot approach is currently being implemented. Four ports have been identified as hotspots in Sicily: Pozzallo, Trapani, Lampedusa and Messina.

The presence of unaccompanied minors has become a common pattern in present migration flows. In six years (from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2016), 85 937 minor migrants arrived in Italy, of which 62 672 (72.9%) were unaccompanied. Despite a sharp decrease in new migrant arrivals to Italy, unaccompanied minors still represent a hot topic of the migratory flow.

The field trip will expose the course participants to a simulation exercise including SAR operations and triage procedures. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to visit a hotspot and a protected centre for unaccompanied minors.

### Programme

<b>07:30</b>	Departure from the meeting venue, Palermo
<b>09:00</b>	Arrival at the Trapani harbor
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	Briefing by Port Authority officers
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	Search and rescue and medivac simulation exercise: from warning to triage to international prophylaxis measures
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	Transfer from the harbour to the Multifunctional Migrant Centre in Trapani
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	Lunch at the Multifunctional Migrant Center in Trapani
<b>14:30-15:00</b>	Briefing about the concept of "hot spot" and the function of the centers for unaccompanied migrant minors
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	Group A transfer to Trapani hot spot* Group B Transfer to unaccompanied minor migrant center
<b>15:30-17:30</b>	Overview of services and tour of facilities Moderated discussion
<b>17:30</b>	Departure to Palermo

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09:00–10:30

**Plenary session 6. Cities, gender, culture**

A disproportionately large number of refugees and migrants live for lengthy periods in cities, and many ultimately settle there. Therefore, municipal authorities, including the health, education and social sectors, civil services and nongovernmental organizations are key actors for ensuring that the health needs and rights of these people are met.

Having an informed, intersectoral approach to migrant health that takes into consideration gender and cultural diversities is crucial for improving the health of migrants and host communities, reducing segregation and marginalization, enabling peaceful integration and promoting human rights.

The session examines the relationships between migrant health and cities, gender and culture.

Chair: *Maria Cristina Profili*, WHO Representative to Jordan

- Migrant and refugee health in urban contexts  
*Davide Mosca*, former Director of Migration Health, IOM
- The health impacts of gender inequalities during the migration process  
*Åsa Nihlen*, Technical Officer, Gender and Rights, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Culture and co-production in migrant health programmes  
TBC

10:30–11:00

Coffee break

11:00–13:00

**Plenary session 7. Country experiences**

Based on recent estimates, the total population of migrants in Libya is between 700 000 and 1 million people. Up to 90% of the people crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe depart from Libya. Meanwhile, Greece represents a gateway into the EU for thousands of migrants, and pressures are accordingly high at its borders, especially the border with Turkey. Germany is estimated to have taken in 1.5 million refugees and migrants between 2014 and 2016. The session will explore how migration and health challenges have been addressed in different countries and will present the WHO toolkit for assessing health systems capacity to manage large influxes of refugees and migrants and the findings of 12 country assessments conducted in the WHO European Region.

Chair: *Santino Severoni*, Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- Greece  
*Ioannis Baskozos*, Secretary General for Public Health
- Jordan  
*Maria Cristina Profili*, WHO Representative to Jordan
- Germany  
*Alexandra Lang*, Robert Koch Institute

- The WHO tool for assessing health system capacity  
*Palmira Immordino*, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Promoting intercountry collaboration  
*Giuseppe Annunziata*, Senior Migrant Health Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe

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13:00–14:30

Lunch break

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14:30–17:00

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**Workshop 5. Migrant child health needs and rights**

Session objective: to provide an overview of the latest research, evidence and epidemiology of refugee and migrant children.

Session learning outcome: to understand the specific health challenges faced by refugee and migrant children and the clinical aspects of providing care.

Facilitator: *Anders Hjern*, Centre for Health Equity Studies, Stockholm University

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**Workshop 6. Building health system capacities for human rights protection and promotion: the case of human trafficking**

Session objective: to discuss the role of the health professional as a front-line human rights defender and the health system as a vehicle for the protection and promotion of human rights through the example of human trafficking.

Session learning outcomes:

- to learn more on the scope of human trafficking in the WHO European Region, the legal and policy instruments in place for combating trafficking, and the potential role of the health system in protecting and promoting the human rights of victims of trafficking; and
- to gain specific insight into the daily work of a front-line health professional providing outreach health services to victims of trafficking through an innovative model of care, discussing dilemmas, potentials and future perspectives.

Facilitator: *Åsa Nihlen*, Technical Officer, Gender and Human Rights, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Workshop contributors: *Jette Velsø Mæng*, Danish Centre against Human Trafficking; *Cetin Dikmen*, Migration and Health, WHO Country Office, Turkey

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### **Workshop 7. Migrant health information management**

Session objective: to develop a better understanding of the requirements of migrant health information systems both in emergency situations and after resettlement.

Session learning outcomes:

- to understand the key components of migrant health information systems, both in emergency situations and after resettlement;
- to understand definitional and methodological approaches and challenges, including with regard to denominator and comparator groups; and
- to exchange experience in designing and implementing migrant health information systems.

Facilitators: *Kolitha Wickramage*, Global Migration Health and Epidemiology Coordinator, IOM; *Soorej Puthooppambil*, Migration and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe

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### **Workshop 8. Communicating with purpose on health and migration**

Session objective: to offer insight into the importance of solid communications for generating change, and to help attendees to invest in strategic communications planning on the topic of health and migration in their own spheres of influence.

Session learning outcomes:

- why planned, integrated communications efforts matter, and to whom;
- how to develop a communications framework to help advance core organizational objectives;
- what a proper communications goal is composed of, how to define it and what messaging to build around it;
- who should be on the receiving end of communications efforts; and
- where to deliver communications efforts to ensure they get into the hearts and minds of the right people, at the right time, with the right effect.

Facilitator: *Christy Feig*, Consultant, former Director of Communication, WHO headquarters

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09:00–10:30

**Plenary session 8. Investing in workforce competence**

Migrant-sensitive service programmes have no chance of success if the clinical, service delivery and administrative staff of health care systems do not understand the unique health and social needs of migrants and have the knowledge and skills to deal with them. Specific training, both during undergraduate health professional education and in post degree continuing education, is emerging as a critical component of clinical training to ensure that migrant needs are adequately met. This session defines the critical competences needed and informs about existing education opportunities in migration and health.

Chair: *Ivan Zivanov*, Migration and Health programme, WHO Country Office, Serbia

- Mapping training materials on migration and health in the European Region  
*Daniel Lopez Acuña*, Andalusian School of Public Health (by remote)
- The transition training for Syrian refugee health professionals in Turkey  
*Pavel Ursu*, WHO Representative and Head of Country Office, Turkey
- Tasks, programmes and achievements of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Migration Health Training and Research at University of Pécs Medical School  
*István Szilárd*, Co-chair of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Migration Health Training and Research, University of Pécs, Hungary

10:30–11:00

Coffee break

11:00–12:30

**Plenary session 9. Research opportunities, policy challenges**

Developing a better understanding of how to respond to the complex interactions between migration, mobility, displacement and health is of crucial importance, as is the capacity to utilize research findings for influencing refugee and migrant health policies. Promoting informed refugee and migrant health policies requires multisectoral approaches and intercountry dialogues. This session will present trends in migrant health research, innovative policies implemented in various countries and how diplomacy comes into play to find cross-border, collective solutions.

Chair: *Soorej Puthooppambal*, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- For a global research agenda on migration, mobility and health  
*Johanna Hanefeld*, Researcher on Migration, Mobility and Health Group, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- Policy innovation in refugee integration  
*Peter Scholten*, Professor of Public Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
- Migrant health diplomacy  
*Michaela Told*, Executive Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- Research in the global south  
*Kolitha Wickramage*, Global Migration Health and Epidemiology Coordinator, IOM

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12.:30–13:30

Lunch break

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13:30–15:00

**Final panel discussion. Winds of change over turbulent seas: the future of refugee and migrant health in Europe** (streamed live)

Refugees and migrants are an expanding global population of growing social, economic, demographic and political importance. As their numbers increase, Europe's capacity for provision of health care is arguably getting stretched.

Future health challenges related to migration may be more effectively addressed through collaborative undertakings that reaffirm European values and solidarity, and that demonstrate the commitment to human rights – including the right to health.

This session will look at ways of promoting the health of refugees and migrants in the context of limited resources, growing political and social polarization around migration, widening disparities and new global developments, such as creation of new frameworks, including the global compacts and WHO global action plan, which aspire to provide a comprehensive mechanism to address current and future migration trends.

Panellists:

*Allan Krasnik*, President, Section for Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, European Public Health Association

*Santino Severoni*, Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

*Michaela Told*, Executive Director, Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Moderator: *Christy Feig*, former Director of Communication, WHO headquarters

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**Closing remarks**

*Santino Severoni*, Coordinator, Migration and Health programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

*Maria Letizia Di Liberti*, Director General, Epidemiological Observatory, Sicilia Region

**Presentation of completion awards**

**Evaluation**

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## List of speakers

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### A



**Daniel Lopez Acuña** is a medical doctor specialized in public health, currently Adjunct Professor of the Andalusian School of Public Health in Granada Spain. He worked over a period of 30 years at WHO where he was Director of Health Action in Crises and Advisor to the Director General for the WHO Reform. While at WHO, he was responsible for the Global Migrant Health dossier and he organized the first global consultation on Migrants' Health in Madrid in 2010. More recently, he was the coordinator of the EU-funded SH-CAPAC project for improving the health response to the recent migratory influx in Europe.

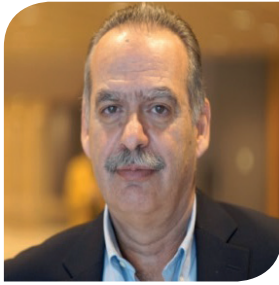


**Richard Alderslade** has been Teaching Fellow in Public Health at St George's Hospital, University of London, since 2013 and continues to act as an Adviser to the WHO Regional Office for Europe, including the Migration and Health programme. He teaches public and global health subjects at Durham and Nottingham Universities in the United Kingdom, and at New York University in the United States of America. He has worked for 35 years in public health, national and local health administration, research and higher education in the United Kingdom, and for 10 years in humanitarian and development international health.



**Giuseppe (Pino) Annunziata** is a Senior Adviser for the Migration and Health programme at the WHO Regional Office for Europe. He has worked in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, and has more than 20 years of service at WHO at the country, regional and global levels. He is an expert on migration, health and international humanitarian crises. A former Director of the WHO Rapid Response and Operations at headquarters, he has been Chief of Knowledge and Information Management at the WHO Centre for Health Risk Reduction in Tunis. In his free time, he is a voluntary clinician providing primary health care to seasonal migrant workers in Italy.



**B**

**Ioannis Baskozos** is an endocrinologist by training and served as Vice-President and Chairman of the Hellenic Endocrine Society, the scientific and professional association of Greek endocrinologists. He served as First Vice-President of the Panhellenic Medical Association. He has been the Secretary General for Public Health in the Ministry of Health since 2015. He is coordinator of the Committee for Health Coverage of Refugees, Migrants and Vulnerable Groups, head of the Committee for the National Action Plan of Migration and Health, responsible for the development of international cooperation of the Ministry of Health and for the cooperation with WHO and other international organizations. He is also a member of the Twenty-fourth Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

**C**

**Gianfranco Costanzo** is Health Director at the Italian National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (INMP), which provides health assistance to refugees and disadvantaged Italian people. Main tasks are development and promotion of policies against inequalities in health. Dr Costanzo directed the Complex Unit of INMP for international relations, relations with the regions and project cycle management, which includes the Unit of Epidemiology and the Unit of Global Health and Health Cooperation. He worked in the Italian Ministry of Health, as Italian expert at the Enlargement Group of the EU Council of Ministers and as responsible person for the Secretariat of the Worldwide Italian Hospitals' Alliance, a huge health cooperation programme managed by the Ministry of health and comprising 74 Italian and worldwide hospitals. In the late 1990s, he worked in Luxembourg at the European Commission DGV as Italian detached expert on public health, in charge of community projects on health promotion/prevention.

**D**

**Andrei Dadu** is a medical doctor with postgraduate training in epidemiology who acted as an international servant at missions of the United States Agency for International Development and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with PATH during 1999–2007. He has been involved in the implementation of a number of field projects on TB, HIV and viral hepatitis in the countries of central Asia and eastern Europe, strengthening their capacities in the area of epidemiological surveillance and response monitoring. Since July 2007, Dr Dadu has been a member of WHO's staff and is the focal point for such TB technical areas as surveillance and response monitoring, social determinants, and research and development. He is also primary TB focal point and coordinates WHO's technical support in Balkans.



**Poonam Dhavan** is the Senior Migration Health Policy Advisor at the IOM headquarters in Geneva. She is responsible for advising partners and Members States on actionable migration health policies that are aligned with leading global health strategies as well as migration management principles and priorities. Previously (2010–2017), she was the Migration Health Programme Coordinator at IOM headquarters leading the work on health promotion and assistance for migrants, and the Senior Public Health and Research Specialist at IOM Manila. Before joining IOM, she worked on NCD prevention at the WHO headquarters (2002–2006), at the Public Health Foundation of India (2006–2007) and the University of Texas Health Science Center (2007–2010). Dr Dhavan is trained as a medical doctor, epidemiologist and global health specialist, in India and the United States.



**Cetin Dogan Dikmen** is a National Professional Officer in the Migration and Health programme based in WHO Country Office in Turkey to support the Ministry of Health in addressing migration health challenges. He holds a business administration degree. He served in the Ministry of Health in the Directorate General of Foreign Affairs and EU. He served as WHO and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development technical focal point and represented the Ministry of Health on various occasions.



**Maria Letizia Di Liberti** is Director General of the Sicilian Region Health and Epidemiology Department. She has an economics degree from the University of Palermo, Sicily. Previously she was Director of the Regional Social Policies Department, including migration policies and related European projects (FAMI), in accordance with the Interior Ministry. More recently, Maria Letizia has also worked as regional coordinator of public health emergency and urgency units. In 2017, she was appointed General Director of Messina Public Hospital.



**Fanny Dufvenmark** works as a Migration Law Expert in the International Migration Law Unit at the IOM in Geneva. She has an LLB in Law and International Relations and a LLM in International Criminal Law from the University of Sussex. Prior to joining IOM in 2011, Fanny worked with law firms in Sweden as well as with various civil society organizations. Her area of focus is the international legal framework surrounding migration, in particular human rights law, refugee law and transnational criminal law. Furthermore, she has developed the framework for rights-based approach to programming for IOM.

## F



**Christy Feig** worked as a journalist for nearly two decades, including 15 years covering health and medical news for CNN and served as a media spokesperson for international organizations for nearly 10 years, including six years as Director of Communications for WHO. Today she has her own company specializing in communicating about public health globally because she strongly believes good communications is an essential part of a public health response. She holds a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and is Principal at Christy Feig & Associates.

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**Ranieri Guerra** is the Assistant Director-General for Strategic Initiatives at the World Health Organization. A physician from Italy, he has more than 30 years of public health experience. Since 2014, he has served as Director General for Preventive Health and Chief Medical Officer of the Italian Ministry of Health. Additional roles include serving as Scientific Attaché for the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre and Director of the Office of External Relations at the President's Cabinet at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, and Medical Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

## H

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## K



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## L



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## M



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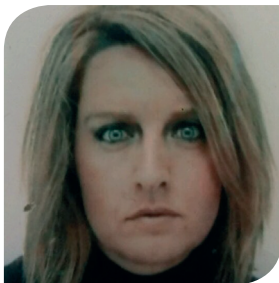
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## N



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## O



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## P



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## R



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## S

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## U



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## U



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## W



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## Z



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