



**HPV** Prevention  
and Control Board

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## Online Technical Meeting

# Reinforcing HPV Vaccination and Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment

**15-16 April 2021**

**ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

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# Mission, Goal & Objectives

## **1. Mission:**

Generate, multiply and disseminate relevant information on HPV to a broad array of stakeholders.

## **2. Goal:**

Contribute to the control of HPV infection and to the prevention and screening of HPV related cancers.

## **3. Objectives:**

Providing evidence-based guidance on key technical and strategic issues.

Monitoring the progress of HPV control programs at the country and regional levels.



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- Act in their personal capacity, and not as representatives of their institutions
- Are often affiliated with stake holding partners
- This provides open and honest discussions
- Advisors and speakers at HPV Prevention & Control Board meetings are not paid
- No formal organisation with president, vice-president etc : minimal bureaucratic structure
- Observers of several national and international organisations.



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## Advisors:

- Dr. Marc Arbyn, Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium
- Prof. dr. Paolo Bonanni, University of Florence, Italy
- Dr. Xavier Bosch, Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO), Spain
- Dr. Kate Cuschieri, Scottish HPV Reference Laboratory, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- Dr. Silvia de Sanjosé, Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO), Spain
- Prof. dr. Eduardo Franco, McGill University, Canada
- Prof. Suzanne Garland, Australia
- Prof. Dr. Anna Giuliano, Moffitt Cancer Center, USA
- Dr. Mark Kane, Consultant, USA
- Dr. Sharon Hanley, Hokkaido University, Japan



# A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts

## Advisors:

- Prof. dr. Mira Kojouharova, National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (NCIPD), Bulgaria
- Prof. dr. Susanne Krüger Kjaer, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr. Heidi Larson, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Prof. dr. Pier Luigi Lopalco, University of Pisa, Italy
- Prof. dr. Nubia Muñoz, Em. Prof of the National Cancer Institute of Colombia
- Prof. dr. Mario Poljak, Institute of Microbiology and Immunology, clinical Microbiology, Slovenia
- Prof. Dr. Margaret Stanley, University of

Cambridge, UK

- Prof. Dr. Pierre Van Damme, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Dr. Alex Vorsters, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Dr. Narendra Arora, India

## Observers:

- Dr. Iacobo Baussano, IACR
- Dr. Nedret Emiroglu, WHO Euro
- Mr. Tarik Derrough, ECDC
- Dr. Liudmila Mosina, WHO Euro
- Dr. Lauri Markowitz, CDC, USA



# Supported by a permanent & dynamic Scientific Secretariat:

- Personnel involved\*:
  - Brenda Janssens, Xenia Mikulla
  - Greet Hendrickx
  - Sara Valckx
  - Dur-e-Nayab Waheed
  - Alex Vorsters
- Executive Secretary: Pierre Van Damme



- Located within the facilities of the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp

\*: Total involvement of 2.0 FTE, all member have other tasks at the department.



# Secretariat implements:

➤ Preparation and organisation of meetings

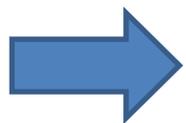
➤ Publications

➤ Media activities

➤ Website: [www.hpvboard.org](http://www.hpvboard.org)

➤ Participation in third party meetings

➤ All financial issues are done by the rules of the University of Antwerp



Permanent intensive communication between HPV board members and secretariat



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# HPV Prevention and Control Board



The HPV Prevention and Control Board was created in December 2015 with the aim to share relevant information on HPV with a broad array of stakeholders.

[www.uantwerpen.be/en/projects/hpv-prevention-and-control-board/meetings/](https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/projects/hpv-prevention-and-control-board/meetings/)



# HPV Prevention and Control Board Kick-Off meeting 1-2 December 2015



**Barriers in HPV Vaccination & cervical screening programmes.  
27-28 June 2016 Meeting Antwerp:**



**Country meeting: 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Denmark: lessons learnt and the way forward'  
17-18 November 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark**



**Technical meeting: Symposium: Building Trust, Managing Risk:  
Vaccine Confidence and Human Papillomavirus Vaccination,  
7-8 June 2017, London, UK**



# Country meeting: 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Ireland and the UK: lessons learnt and the way forward'

30<sup>th</sup> November – 1 December 2017, Dublin, Ireland.



As the meeting was held in Dublin, we had the honour to have Mr Simon Harris, Minister of Health of Ireland, open the meeting. In his [speech](#), he reiterated his full support to the HPV vaccination programme in Ireland and emphasized the role of qualified medical professionals



**Technical meeting: Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers: the role of HCW in the HPV vaccination and screening program implementation',  
15 - 16 May 2018, Bucharest, Romania**



**Country meeting: 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Colombia: lessons learnt and the way forward'  
15-16 November 2018, Bogotá, Colombia**



**HPV Vaccination of Adults: Impact, Opportunities and Challenges.  
14-15 November 2019, Antwerp, Belgium**

**Challenges in the HPV Screening Landscape, Triage of Screening  
Positive Samples, and Screening in the Era of Vaccination.  
27-28 August 2020, Antwerp, Belgium**

**Impact of COVID-19 on Cervical Cancer Screening, Treatment and  
Vaccination.  
12-13 November 2020, Antwerp, Belgium**



# The role of HCP in HPV vaccination and screening programme implementation - Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Romania, 15 & 16 May 2018

## Short Videos



Benefits and Safety of HPV Vaccination  
- Dr. Xavier Bosch



USA - Helping healthcare providers  
improve HPV communication - Dr. Noel  
Brewer



# HPV Vaccination of Adults : Impact, Opportunities and Challenges. 14 & 15 Nov 2019

## Videos



Potential Benefits of HPV Vaccine in sexually active women: delivering the promise - John Schiller



Towards cervical cancer elimination: the context of HPV Vaccination - Paul Bloem



# Publications in scientific journals

## Papillomavirus Research:

Manuscript on ‘Overcoming barriers in HPV vaccination and screening programs’

## Vaccine:

HPV Immunization programs: Ensuring their sustainability and resilience.

## Papilloma Virus Research:

The Role of healthcare providers in HPV Vaccination Programs- A meeting report



Papillomavirus Research

Volume 4, December 2017, Pages 45-53

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### Overcoming barriers in HPV vaccination and screening programs

Alex Vorsters <sup>a</sup> ✉, Marc Arbyn <sup>b</sup>, Marc Baay <sup>c</sup>, Xavier Bosch <sup>d</sup>, Silvia de Sanjosé <sup>d, e</sup>, Sharon Hanley <sup>f</sup>, Emilie Karafillakis <sup>g</sup>, Pier Luigi Lopalco <sup>h</sup>, Kevin G. Pollock <sup>i</sup>, Joanne Yarwood <sup>j</sup>, Pierre Van Damme <sup>a</sup>

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Commentary

HPV immunization programs: Ensuring their sustainability and resilience

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Papillomavirus Research

Volume 8, December 2019, 100183



The role of healthcare providers in HPV vaccination programs – A meeting report



# Publications in scientific journals

## BMC Proceedings:

Prevention and control of HPV infection and HPV-related cancers in Colombia.

Vorsters et al. *BMC Proceedings* 2020, **14**(Suppl 9):8  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12919-020-00192-2>

BMC Proceedings

MEETING REPORT

Open Access

## Prevention and control of HPV infection and HPV-related cancers in Colombia- a meeting report



Alex Vorsters<sup>1\*</sup>, Francesc Xavier Bosch<sup>2,3</sup>, Paolo Bonanni<sup>4</sup>, Eduardo L. Franco<sup>5</sup>, Marc Baay<sup>6</sup>, Clarissa Simas<sup>7</sup>, Dur-e-Nayab Waheed<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Castro<sup>8</sup>, Raul Murillo<sup>9</sup>, Lina Trujillo<sup>10</sup>, Carolina Wiesner<sup>10</sup> and Nubia Muñoz<sup>10</sup>

From Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Colombia: Lessons learnt and the way forward Bogota, Colombia. 15-16 November 2018

## Acta Dermatovenerologica

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human papillomavirus-based testing services to support cervical cancer screening

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Alpina, Pannonica et Adriatica

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## Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human papillomavirus-based testing services to support cervical cancer screening

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## BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

### PRE-MEETING DRAFT

Meeting participants invited to provide input/comments

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# ***Meeting objectives (1):***

- **Increasing access to HPV vaccination**
  - Discuss experiences and opportunities to sustain/reinforce/implement HPV vaccination in different regions across the world, in general and during the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Discuss innovations that may help to achieve access targets such as, improved vaccination schedules, single dose, training and communication of Health Care Workers, etc.
  - Review successful country examples with increased access to vaccination and high vaccination coverage.
  - Discuss need for future research and trials.
  - Discuss lessons learnt from Covid-19 and how these opportunities can be leveraged to increase access to vaccination.



## ***Meeting objectives (2):***

- **Increasing access to cervical cancer screening and treatment**
  - Discuss experiences and opportunities to sustain/reinforce/implement screening and treatment programs across different regions in the world, in general and during the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Discuss innovations that may help to achieve access targets such as, self-sampling, availability of HPV tests, point of care screening technology, artificial intelligence-based screening, digitally reaching out to women, etc.
  - Review successful country examples with increased access to screening and treatment.
  - Discuss need for future research and trials.
  - Discuss lessons learnt from Covid-19 and how to leverage these opportunities to increase access to cervical cancer screening and treatment.

