

World and European Congress of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections

14–17 October 2026, Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic

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Programme at a Glance

Wednesday 14 October 2026				
Registration open 09:00–17:00				
08:00–17:00	08:00–14:30 IUSTI Europe Advanced Course			
		10:00–14:30 IUSTI World ExCo (including lunch break)		
	WHO symposium	15:00–16:00 IUSTI-E Guidelines Meeting	Satellite symposia tbc	15:00–16:30 Early Career Networking
17:00–19:00	Opening Ceremony PL01: Politics and the right to sexual health			
19:30–21:00	Welcome Reception			

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Thursday 15 October 2026

	Forum Hall	South Hall A	South Hall B	Terrace
08:00–09:00	SY01: DoxyPEP – basic science	SY02A: HSV epidemiology & burden	FP01: Changing infection landscapes among sexual and gender minorities	WS01: Build, Test, Optimize: A skills-based Program Science workshop
09:15–10:15	SY03: WHO – Future of STIs in changing global landscape	SY02B: HSV therapeutics & control	FP02: Syphilis: from pathogenesis to diagnosis	WS02: BMJ STI journal – Beyond classical STIs (enteric/hepatitis A&C)
10:15–10:45	Coffee + Tea Break			
10:45–11:45	PL02: Rethinking limits of STI control			
12:00–13:00	SY04: Future of Syphilis	SY05: ECDC – Trends in bacterial STI across Europe	FP03: PrEP	WS03: Decolonizing Global Health: Implications for Sexual and Reproductive Health and STI Research and Programs
13:00–14:15	Lunch / Lunchtime Industry Symposia (MSD)			
14:15–15:15	PL03: STI testing scale up/down			
15:30–16:30	SY06: Impact of “big events” on STI health services	SY07: Therapeutic challenges: Mycoplasma genitalium	FP04: DoxyPEP	WS04: Community Engagement as a Driver of Policy Change and Quality Clinical Care
16:35–18:05	Industry Symposium tbc	Poster Session 1		
19:30–23:00	President’s Dinner (Invitation Only)			

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Friday 16 October 2026

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08:00–09:00	SY08: BASHH Symposium: When more is not better: inappropriate multiplex STI testing, unintended harms, and what should happen next?	SY09A: From Innovation to Impact: Ensuring equity in the scale-up of new HIV and STI prevention tools	FP05: AMR, bacterial STIs and vaginal microbiota	WS05: 3D in vitro models / human challenge models
09:15–10:15	SY10: Congenital Syphilis	SY09B: Equity and Access in STI Prevention and Care: Addressing Disparities Across Key and Vulnerable Populations	Czech Local Symposium	WS06: STI modelling (HIV, STI screening, global trends)
10:15–10:45	COFFEE + TEA BREAK			
10:45–11:45	PL04: Beyond the binary			
12:00–13:00	SY11: Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship	SY12: EADV-IUSTI Europe Symposium: Spotlight on Suppuration in the GenitoAnal Region		WS07: Bridging Policy and Practice: Advancing the Global Agenda for MTCT Elimination of HIV, Syphilis and HBV
13:00–14:30	Lunch / Lunchtime Symposia (Abott, GARDP)			
14:30–15:30	PL05: When vaccines meet communities			
15:45–16:45	SY13: STIs in the Middle East and North Africa: revealing the epidemiology and exploring policy actions and implications	SY14: Genital vulvar dermatology	FP06: Syphilis control in practice	WS08: Early Careers: AI in academic career progression
17:00–18:00	LB01: Late breakers	Poster Session 2		
19:30–23:00	Networking Evening			

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Saturday 17 October 2026				
	Forum Hall	South Hall A	South Hall B	Terrace
08:00–09:00		FP07: Building equitable sexual health services	LB02: Late Breakers	WS09: BASHH Workshop: Collaboration and co-design in advocacy and political engagement
09:15–10:15	PL06: Health resilience and STI control			
10:30–11:30	SY15: DoxyPEP and the Future of STI Prevention	SY16: Vaginal microbiome/vaginosis	FP08: Rethinking STI testing: policy changes, viability and overtreatment	WS10: ILDS – Migrant Health Working Group
11:30–12:00	Coffee + Tea Break			
12:00–13:00	PL07: Next generation STI Care (Youth/AI)			
13:00–14:00	Closing Ceremony & Awards			

PLENARY	SYMPOSIUM	FREE PAPERS	INDUSTRY	NETWORKING	WORKSHOP
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