

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					
07:30–09:00	Registration Advanced Courses				
14:00–18:30	Registration Main Conference				
Time	Forum Hall	Forum Hall foyer	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 AB foyer	Small Theatre
08:20–14:30			IUSTI Europe Advanced Course		10:00–14:30 IUSTI World ExCo
15:00–16:30			15:30–16:30 WHO symposium – Drug-resistant gonorrhoea: Closing the gap between surveillance and action	Early Career Networking	
17:00–19:00	Opening Ceremony PL01: Politics and the right to sexual health				
19:00–20:30		Welcome Reception			

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Thursday 15 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall	Small Theatre
08:00–09:00	SY01: DoxyPEP – basic science	SY02A: Epidemiology and burden of HSV infections	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: The future of STI control: technical priorities for impact	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	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: Roche – Current Controversies in STI Diagnostics	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: MSD – HPV vaccination in adult females and males: Bridging evidence, public health, and individual patient perspectives	Lunch	
14:30–15:30	PL03: STI testing scale up/down				
15:30–15:45	Coffee + Tea Break				
15:45–16:45	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	16:30–19:30 WHO Workshop
17:00–18:00	ePoster sessions 1, 2, 3 (ePoster stations 1, 2, 3 within Exhibition & Poster Area)				
19:30–22:00	President’s Dinner (Invitation Only)				

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Friday 16 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall
08:00–09:00	SY08: BASHH Symposium: Multiplex testing: maximising benefit, minimising harm	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: 2D & 3D in vitro models and human challenge
09:00–09:15			IUSTI Czech Session I, II	
09:15–10:15	SY10: Congenital Syphilis	SY09B: Equity and Access in STI Prevention and Care: Addressing Disparities Across Key and Vulnerable Populations		WS06: Innovations in STI epidemiological modeling: improving estimates, understanding trends, and informing control
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	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: GARDP – New treatment options for gonorrhoea	13:15–14:15 Lunchtime Symposia (Abbott)	Lunch
14:30–15:30	PL05: When vaccines meet communities			
15:30–15:45	Coffee + Tea Break			
15:45–16:45	SY13: STIs in the Middle East and North Africa: revealing the epidemiology and exploring policy actions and implications	SY14: What’s new in vulvar dermatology?	FP06: Syphilis control in practice	WS08: Early Careers: AI in academic career progression
17:00–18:00			LB01: Late breakers	
17:00–18:00	ePoster Session 4, 5, 6 (ePoster stations 1, 2, 3 within exhibition and Poster Area)			
19:30–23:00	Networking Evening			

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Saturday 17 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall
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 and 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