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What's New?

A PRODUCTIVE SEPTEMBER: ECAB & F2F PiS PROGRAMME COMMITTEE MEETING

September was a productive month for the Partners in Science programme, with the programme committee meetings on the **13th and 16th of September in Brussels** to talk strategy, priorities and planning. The programme committee members also took part in a fascinating **training** from our member **Siegfried Schwarze on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine**. Over the **14th and 15th of September**, EATG's **European Community Advisory Board (ECAB)** met with ViiV Healthcare, Gilead Sciences and Janssen to discuss their pipelines for HIV research and development and to bring forward topics of interest to the community, such as questions related to safety and implementation of new HIV treatments. In addition, after reestablishing links with our USA colleagues, this ECAB meeting saw the participation of an **ATAC/DDC Member**. ECAB members meet regularly, on average twice a year, with key stakeholders to ensure the HIV community is represented and listened to in the research and development process. The next ECAB meeting will be in **April 2024**.

BELONG: THE DOCUMENTARY ON THE SITGES MEETINGS

As part of the **Belong project**, some key people of the Sitges Meetings, **Alessandra Cerioli, Brian West, Luís Mendão, Diego García, Tracy Swan, Giorgio Barbareschi, Filip Josephson, Jürgen Rockstroh** and **Daniel De Schryver** were invited to Sitges (Spain) in October to recount their stories from the series of meetings that took place from 2007 up to 2017 and to envision current and future inclusion of people living with HIV and affected communities in non-HIV clinical trials. Their stories and perspectives will be part of **EATG's documentary on the Sitges Meetings**, that will be released early 2024.

STEPS 9 WORKSHOP ON CURE AT EACS

At EACS 2023 in Warsaw, Poland, PiS hosted its **annual STEPS meeting** on **October 18th**, dedicated to the memory of our **sorely missed member Giulio Maria Corbelli**, a pivotal activist in HIV Cure community efforts. This was the 9th meeting of the series and focused on HIV cure strategies, therapeutic vaccines and innovative approaches for a long-term remission of HIV infection. Speakers included PiS Chair **Brian West** and EATG Member **Grzegorz Jezierski**, along with international researchers **Katie Henslie, Henrieke Prins** and **Mario Otrowski**. Around **50 people** attended the session, including researchers, healthcare professionals, industry representatives and community members.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- **PROMise:** attending the EMA EU ACT UP multistakeholder meeting on 23 November.
- **Belong:** Launch of the Case Study Document & Documentary on Sitges Meetings.
- **Protocol Review** for Gilead.
- **RBDCOV:** Psychosocial Study

RBDCOV: NEWS FROM THE CAP!

The second face-to-face RBDCOV Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting took place in **Barcelona on the 29th of September**. The CAP met with the principal partners to discuss considerations around participant needs in the trials. Click on **the logo** or scan the **QR Code** to find out more.



SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **CROI 2024:** 3 - 6 March 2024, Denver, Colorado.
- **IWHOD:** 21-23 March 2024, Vilamoura, Portugal.
- **IAS:** 22-26 July 2024, Munich, Germany.
- **HIV Glasgow:** 10-13 November 2024, Glasgow, Scotland.

Meet the PiS Member: Sean Hosein

Who is Sean Hosein in a nutshell?

I am a co-founder of *catie.ca* and its science and medicine editor. Currently, I am studying for an MSc in infectious diseases. I have been a member of EATG since around 2001 and have had the privilege of being mentored by many people, including Alain, Siegi, Maxime, Memory, Katy, David, Wim, Filippo, Giorgio and doctors from Germany, France, Netherlands and Sweden. I felt lucky to be asked to join the EATG!

What is that you like most about PiS and what is from your perspective one of the main achievements of the programme?

We get to review and discuss interesting topics in science, medicine and health. So, if you have an interest in science and health, consider applying to join PiS! The work is sometimes hard but always interesting, and you get to meet smart people with ideas for a better future. The EATG staff are very helpful to us and help make PiS reach its aims. I love that PiS challenges the pharmaceutical industry and helps keep the EATG at the forefront of drug development for HIV treatment and cure. We are also involved with many exciting projects as we seek to find ways to help people living with HIV have good quality of life and thrive in their later years.



EATG member since **2001**, Sean is currently a member of the **Partners in Science Programme Committee**.