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What's New?

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST CLUB: CROI 2024

During the CROI 2024 conference, from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 March, EATG collaborated with AVAC and CROI's Community Liaison Subcommittee to organise the **annual Community Breakfast Club sessions**. The sessions occurred online, creating an informal and friendly space for researchers and community advocates to discuss new scientific research coming out of the CROI 2024 conference. The sessions were attended by **a total of 429 participants from 44 countries worldwide**, over the 3 days. In case you missed it, check out the daily recordings [here](#).

FIRST ROUND OF ECAB 2024: ISTANBUL

On 25 and 26 of April, **16 European Community Advisory Board (ECAB) Members** met in Istanbul with representatives from **ViiV Healthcare, Merck Sharp & Dohme and Gilead Sciences** to engage in discussions on topics of interest to the community, such as questions related to safety and implementation of new HIV treatments and prevention options. Thanks to all ECAB participants for their input and contribution to such a lively dialogue!

THE RETURN OF APEROSCIENCE, AN INFORMAL MEMBER DISCUSSION

On 2 May 2024, the Partners in Science Programme invited all EATG members to join for a virtual, informal discussion on **ongoing HIV research, PiS priorities and future plans**. Thank you to everyone who joined the discussion and cheers to AperoScience's return!

RECAP - IN CONVERSATION WITH THE RBDCOV COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

ReCAP a series of interviews with the members of the RBDCOV Community Advisory Panel and other key people to **explore community engagement** in EU projects and discuss common questions around vaccines development and clinical trials. Click on **the logo** to read all the articles published so far!



SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **Virology Education, European Meeting on HIV & Hepatitis**, 22-24 May 2024, Barcelona, Spain and hybrid
- **EASL Congress**, 05-08 June 2024, Milan, Italy
- **YING Conference 2024**, 14-15 June 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- **IAS**, 22-26 July 2024, Munich, Germany
- **HIV Glasgow**, 10-13 November 2024, Glasgow, Scotland

Meet the New PiS Member: Arda Karapinar

In January 2024, our Programme Committee welcomed new members. In this issue, we speak with **Arda Karapinar** to learn more about his perspective and contributions to Partners in Science.

Who is Arda Karapinar in a nutshell?

I have been working as an advocate and community writer in the field of HIV at local and international levels for almost 15 years, but before this I was an actor and active politician. I am currently the volunteer chairperson of the Red Ribbon Istanbul Association, a member of the World Patients Alliance Euro Steering Committee, a U-U Global Community Board Member, and, of course, an EATG Member.

Why did you decide to join the PiS Programme Committee and what expectations do you have for your participation in it?

I wanted to be part of the PiS Programme Committee because its strategic targets and commitment resonate strongly with my own. I think treatment should be the top priority for anyone advocating in the HIV field and in this context, it is vital to push for a constructive cooperation with everyone involved in research and development. It is a necessity, not a preference, to have communities leading and ensure that the needs of people living with HIV are understood and our communities are meaningfully involved. PiS carries out this vital work for the EATG and I want to be part of this process.



PiS WANTS YOU!

We are looking for **3 new Committee Members**. Click here to read the call and apply!
Deadline: May 19, 2024



WHAT'S NEXT?

- **PROMise Multistakeholder Meeting**: July 2nd, 2024 - Amsterdam
- **Attending PEOF Provocative Co-creation Meeting**: 21-23 May Baveno, Italy
- **Reminder!** Deadline for applications for community scholarships and abstracts for **HIV Glasgow 2024: 5 July**. [Apply here.](#)



EATG member since **2014**, Arda joined the **Partners in Science Programme Committee** in January 2024.