

Workshop 1**Technical Training Workshop
WHONET - Software for AMR Surveillance****Venue: Computer Laboratory (4th floor)****Course Facilitators: Dr. Jens Thomsen, Dr. Arun Kumar Jha**

TIME	ACTIVITY
02:00 pm - 02:45 pm	WHONET – Concept & purpose WHONET – Resources WHONET – Download & Installation WHONET – Lab configuration & manual data entry (demo) WHONET – Data analysis 1: %RIS
02:45 pm - 03:30 pm	Cumulative antibiograms (CA): Basics & Pitfalls (PPT) WHONET – How to generate a Cumulative Antibиogram
03:30 pm - 03:45 pm	Coffee & Tea Break
03:45 pm - 04:30 pm	WHONET – Data analysis 2: Scatterplot analysis, resistance profiles, isolates alerts, cluster detection, macros
04:30 pm - 05:20 pm	Introduction to BacLink – Tool for AMR data conversion Extracting a VITEK-2 file (PPT) and converting it to WHONET (DEMO)"
05:20 pm - 05:40 pm	Q & A / Course Evaluation
05:40 pm	END OF DAY 1



Scientific Agenda

DAY 2, Saturday
4 November 2023

Auditorium

07:30 am - 08:00 am	Registration	
08:00 am - 08:10 am	Welcome address	Prof. Godfred A. Menezes

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
Session 1: Antimicrobial Stewardship; Ventilator associated pneumonia		
Moderators: Prof. Godfred A. Menezes, Dr. Riyaz Hussain		
08:10 am - 08:30 am	Antibacterial stewardship The Oman perspective	Dr. Faryal Ali Khamis 
08:30 am - 08:50 am	Maximizing the impact of antimicrobial stewardship in the digital age	Dr. Zahir Babiker 
08:50 am - 09:10 am	VAP (ventilator associated pneumonia) preventive strategy	Dr. Ashraf M. Elhoufi 
09:10 am - 09:30 am	Q & A, Panel discussion	
09:30 am - 10:00 am	Coffee & Tea Break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking	

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Prof. Abiola Senok

10:00 am - 10:05 am	National Anthem	
10:05 am - 10:15 am	Emirates Society of Clinical Microbiology (ESCM)	Dr. Jens Thomsen
10:15 am - 10:25 am	Emirates Medical Association (EMA)	Dr. Mouza Al Sharhan
10:25 am - 10:30 am	Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU)	Dr. Laila Alsuwaidi
10:30 am - 10:35 am	Introducing American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and its activities	Dr. Ahmed Shibli

Opening ceremony presentations

Moderator: Prof. Dean Everett

10:35 am - 11:00 am	AMR surveillance in UAE: Patterns and trends	Dr. Jens Thomsen 
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Auditorium

11:00 am - 11:30 am Keynote lecture: Is epidemic preparedness the answer? If so, what is the question?

Prof. Martin Antonio



11:30 am - 11:40 am Q & A, Panel discussion

11:40 am - 12:10 pm Symposium 1 (NON-CME)



Be AWARE about AMR

Dr. Hamdi Snoussi

12:10 pm - 01:10 pm Lunch break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking

01:10 pm - 02:10 pm Symposium 2 (NON-CME)



From diagnosis to decision:
Enhancing antimicrobial
stewardship

Dr. Ali Omrani



Moderator: Prof. Abiola Senok

Dr. Manaf Al Qahtani



Parallel Session

Lecture Hall 4

Workshop 2

01:10 pm - 02:40 pm Workshop 2: (NON-CME)

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Clinical Microbiology reporting- challenges
and solutions

Dr. Kavita Diddi
Prof. Sumit Rai



Moderator: Prof. Godfred A. Menezes

Dr. Simantini Jog
Dr. Anjan Mukharjee



Auditorium

Session 2: One Health; Climate change and environmental AMR

Moderators: Dr. Arun Kumar Jha, Prof. Ashfaque Hossain

02:10 pm - 02:30 pm One Health for All



Dr. Elmoubashar Abd Farag



02:30 pm - 02:50 pm	Association between particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution and clinical antibiotic resistance: A global analysis.	Dr. Zhenchao Zhou 
02:50 pm - 03:10 pm	The role of microbiology in achieving UN sustainable development goals.	Dr. Rana Nabulsi 
03:10 pm - 03:40 pm	Keynote lecture: Climate change and AMR: Challenges and opportunities	Dr. Sabiha Essack 
03:40 pm - 04:00 pm Q & A, Panel discussion		
04:00 pm - 04:20 pm Coffee & Tea Break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking		

Session 3: Best abstract competition - Oral presentations

Moderator: Prof. Dean Everett, Dr. Farah Al-Marzoog

04:20 pm - 04:35 pm	Oral Presentation: Comparison of QPCR and metagenomic sequencing methods for quantifying antibiotic resistance genes in wastewater	Ahmed Yousef 
04:35 pm - 04:50 pm	Oral Presentation: Impact of titanium based dental implants on oral microbiome	Priyadharshini Sekar 
04:50 pm - 05:05 pm	Oral Presentation: Enhancing patient care through molecular fungal diagnostics: two clinical cases in the UAE	Akela Ghazawi 
05:05 pm - 05:20 pm	Oral Presentation: Bioactivity of derived RM12 peptide from Channa striatus transcriptome	Stefi Raju 
05:20 pm - 05:35 pm	Oral Presentation: A novel approach to combat multi-drug resistance by design and evaluation of novel compounds targeting hyphae formation in Candida albicans	Rania Hamdy Hussein 

05:35 pm - 05:50 pm Oral Presentation: Exploring the prevalence of human papillomavirus (HPV) genotypes in Pap smear samples of women in northern region of United Arab Emirates (UAE): HPV direct flow chip system-based pilot study

 Nazeerullah Rahamathullah

05:50 pm - 05:55 pm Closing remarks for Day 2

Dr. Anju Nabi

05:55 pm END OF DAY 2

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**DAY 3, Sunday
5 November 2023**

Auditorium

07:30 am - 08:00 am Badge activation

Prof. Dean Everett

08:00 am - 08:10 am Opening comments

TIME

ACTIVITY

SPEAKER

Session 4: Healthcare associated infections; Mycobacteria; Advances in diagnostics

Moderators: Dr. Anju Nabi, Dr. Ahmed Shibli

08:10 am - 08:30 am Where are we in HAI surveillance in UAE?

 Dr. Najiba Abdulrazzaq

08:30 am - 08:50 am Tuberculosis in surgical biopsies and the dilemma of definite diagnosis

 Prof. Suhail Al-Salam

08:50 am - 09:10 am Infection control in special units (Dialysis & Endoscopy)

 Dr. Anjan Mukherjee

09:10 am - 09:30 am Artificial intelligence in clinical microbiology

 Dr. Mohammad Yaqub

09:30 am - 09:50 am Q & A, Panel discussion

09:50 am - 10:10 am Coffee & Tea Break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking

Session 5: Antimicrobial Resistance, New Antimicrobials**Moderators: Dr. Nihar Dash, Dr. Kavita Diddi****10:10 am - 10:30 am Clinical implications of MIC****Prof. Sumit Rai****10:30 am - 10:50 pm Novel antibiotics and combinations: do we have new weapons to fight superbugs?****Dr. Farah Al-Marzooq****10:50 am - 11:20 am Keynote Lecture: Can we teach old dog's new tricks? The potential roles of beta-lactamase inhibitors****Dr. Timothy A. Collyns****11:20 am - 11:40 pm Q & A, Panel discussion****Session 6: Respiratory pathogens; Emerging and re-emerging viral infections****Moderators: Dr. Anju Nabi, Prof. Gulfaraz Khan****11:40 pm - 12:00 pm Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic****Prof. Basel Al-Ramadi****12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Applying genomic surveillance to streptococcus pneumoniae: Lessons from serotype 1 in Africa****Dr. Madikay Senghore****12:20 pm - 12:30 pm Q & A, Panel discussion****12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking****Session 7: Human microbiome****Moderators: Dr. Rania Nassar, Prof. Carole Ayoub Moubareck****01:30 pm - 01:50 pm Human microbiome - Clinical implications****Dr. Mahmood Almashadani****01:50 pm - 02:10 pm Gene-microbiota interactions in complex diseases****Prof. Saleh Ibrahim**

02:10 pm - 02:30 pm	The association of oral microbiome dysbiosis with oral infections in the UAE population: Does tobacco exposure play a role	 Dr. Sausan Al-Kawas
02:30 pm - 02:50 pm	Microbiome based therapeutic tools	 Prof. M. Azzam Kayasseh
02:50 pm - 03:10 pm	Q & A, Panel discuss	
03:10 pm - 03:30 pm	Coffee & Tea Break / Exhibition visit / Poster viewing / Networking	

Session 8: Mycology

Moderators: Dr. Hafiz Ahmad, Dr. Sanjim Chadha

03:30 pm - 03:50 pm	Antifungal stewardship in the ICUs of UAE	 Dr. Nehad N. Al Shirawi
03:50 pm - 04:10 pm	The fungal pandemic: Where we are in the fight	 Dr. Fatima AlDaheri
04:10 pm - 04:30 pm	Invasive fungal infections and interesting cases of rare fungi	 Dr. Aqeel Saleem
04:30 pm - 04:50 pm	Q & A, Panel discussion	

Closing Ceremony

04:50 pm - 05:10 pm	'Oral' and 'Poster' presentation competition: Winner announcement	Prof. Carole Ayoub Moubareck Prof. Godfred A. Menezes
05:10 pm - 05:20 pm	Closing ceremony	ESCM Board & Committee Members
05:20 pm	END OF THE CONFERENCE	