

Training workshop on emerging infectious diseases – 2026 - Istanbul

Onsite courses

This workshop will be held in Istanbul in March 2026 and will last for two days. Through an exchange of experiences between clinicians, issues relating to the management of CCHF, dengue and West Nile infections will be addressed.

25th and 26th March: from 9 am to 5 pm

Venue: Double Tree by Hilton - Istanbul Topkapi

Sponsors and supports



Organizing/Scientific committee : Önder Ergonul, Nurcam Baycam, Octavio Arce, Marta Mora Rillo, Simon Bessis, Jean-Marc Chaplain.

Day 1	25 th March
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8.30 am welcoming participants

Introductory lecture and Workshop opening

9 am **Official opening, presentation of the programme and objectives**
 Koç University Onder Ergonul
 Sociedad Española de Enfermedades Infecciosas y Microbiología Clínica
 Société de pathologie infectieuse de langue française – Groupe Emergence – JM Chaplain and S Bessis
 Coordination du Risque Epidémique et Biologique - X Lescure

West Nile Virus Disease in Europe: Emerging Trends and Clinical Challenges

Chair: X Lescure and JM Chaplain

9.45 am **Epidemiology in Southern Europe: Current Landscape and Future Risks**
Francesco Vairo (Italy)

10.15 am **State of the art in case management – lessons from the field in Italy**
Emanuele Nicastrì (Italy)

11.15 am **From First Cases to Persistent Transmission: The West Nile Virus Journey in Spain**
José Miguel Cisneros (Esp)

11.45 am **Round Table: Sharing Clinical Experiences**
All previous speakers

12.45 pm	Lunch Break
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Dengue Virus: Emerging Challenges and Clinical Insights

Chair: J Membrillo de Novales and D Malvy

2 pm **Spain's Experience in Dengue Management: Clinical and Public Health Approaches**
Marta Diaz Menendez (Sp)

2.30 pm **State-of-the-Art Management: Current Strategies and Future Directions**
Francesca Norman (Sp)

3 pm **French Experience from the continent: management of indigenous cases in continental France**
Michel Carles (Fr) - Online presentation

3.30 pm **French Experience from the Overseas Territories: outbreak response from the field.**
Vincent Ronin (Fr)

4 pm **Epidemiology and Pathophysiology: Understanding the Dynamics of Dengue**
Alfonso Rodriguez Morales (Vz) – Online presentation

4.30 pm **Round Table: Sharing Clinical Experiences**
All previous speakers

5 pm **End of the day – Social event**

Day 2	26 th 2026
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Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever: Epidemiology, Clinical Management, and Control Strategies

Session 1: Understanding the Disease

Chair: *S Bessis (Fr) and M Mora (Sp)*

9 am	Epidemiology and Pathophysiology: State of the Art <i>Onder Ergonul (Tr)/ Anne Rimoin (US)</i>
9:30 am	Clinical Insights from Turkey: Lessons Learned from more than 20 years of experience <i>Nurcan Baykam (Tr)</i>
10 am	Hyalomma Ticks and CCHF: Predicting Disease Expansion Through Vector Ecology – Spanish and Turkish experiences <i>Francisco Ruiz-Fons (Sp) and Ayşen Gargılı</i>
10:30 am	Discussion
11 am	Break

Session 2: Three pillars of CCHF treatment.

Chair: *J Membrillo de Novales (Sp) and N Baykam (Tr)*

11:30 am	Antivirals. Current Evidence and Scientific Literature <i>Önder Ergönül (TR)</i>
11:50 am	Anti-inflammatories. consensus from Turkey <i>Handan Alay (TR)</i>
12:10 pm	Optimizing Supportive Care: Lessons from Other Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers <i>Simon Bessis (Fr) / Denis Malvy (Fr)</i>
12:40 pm	Discussion: Specific Treatment Strategies – Promise or Illusion?
13:30	Lunch

Session 3: Infection Control and Diagnostic Challenges

Chair: *Şiran Keske (Tr) and JM Chaplain (Fr)*

14:30 pm	Turkey's Experience: Protective Measures and Infection Control <i>Esmâ Eryılmaz (Tr)</i>
15 pm	Spain's Experience: High level Isolation Units model <i>Octavio Arce (Sp)</i>
15:30	Discussion

Chair: *D Malvy (Fr) and Aysel Çelikbaş (Tr)*

15:45	Turkish Organisation for Diagnostic Management <i>Mert Kuşkucu (Tr)</i>
16:10	From Suspicion to Specific Care: Spain's National Pathway for CCHF Management <i>Javier Membrillo de Novales (Sp)</i>
16:30	Diagnosing CCHF: Why a Challenge? <i>Delphine Pannetier (Fr)</i>

17:00 Closing session – Why moving forward all together?

Turkish, Spanish and French learned societies representatives