The history of vaccines confirms that vaccines have been the medical intervention with the greatest beneficial impact on human health and longevity. [S. Plotkin, Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2014; 111: 12283-7]

The 2016 WHO Aging and Life Course Program, as a mean to promote “health aging”, which new definition is “the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age”. In this context, life course integrated care includes firstly health promotion and targeted preventive measures. Too often, at the side of diet, physical exercises and smoking abstinence, the importance of life course vaccinations is forgotten by stakeholders, healthcare professionals, media and indeed the public. The understanding that vaccinations represent one of the most powerful public health measure preventing disease, disability and mortality has to be another time stressed. Irrefutable scientific arguments need to be disclosed to the widest possible political, professional and lay public audiences. Concerted effort should be made to increase awareness and education around the role of prevention, including immunization, to favor a “Healthy Aging”. How to better implement existing European vaccine recommendations? How to remove the vaccine fears? How to increase the vaccine coverage at any stage of life and specifically at the old age? We would like answering all these questions and mobilizing all the partners, getting the strong support and cooperation of the stakeholders and key opinion leaders to convince all the audiences of the outstanding benefits of a vaccination life course approach.

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Changing the vaccine paradigm: Stressing the importance of adult immunization

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

OPENING CEREMONY
15.30 Remarks from EC, EICA, EUGMS, WHO
16.00 The updated WHO definition of “Healthy Aging”
16.30 Integrating life course vaccination into the new WHO concept of “Healthy Aging”

Coffee break

ADULT IMMUNIZATION CHALLENGES
17.30 Adult vaccination in Europe
18.00 Public health impact of adult vaccine-preventable diseases on performances, disability, mortality and health care costs in Europe
18.30 Profiling vaccines for an immunosenescent and multimorbid population
19.00 General discussion

Dinner in San Servolo

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

IMPACT OF ADULT VACCINES ON RESPIRATORY DISEASES - 1
08.30 Etiology of respiratory tract infections in adults in Europe: current knowledge and knowledge gaps
09.00 European flu vaccine regulations and their impacts in community-dwelling adults
09.30 Vaccination of health care professionals and protection of hospitalized adults and nursing home residents

Coffee break

IMPACT OF ADULT VACCINES ON RESPIRATORY DISEASES - 2
10.30 Evolving epidemiology of Pneumococcal disease in Europe
11.00 Updated vaccine strategy against Pneumococcal disease
11.30 Broad potential benefits of a comprehensive approach of adult immunization against flu and pneumococcal disease
12.00 General discussion

Lunch in San Servolo

THE PERMANENT VALUE OF VACCINES IN ADULTS
13.30 Continuous threats for older Europeans: Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus
14.00 Herpes zoster vaccine: a preventable pain vaccine
14.30 Hepatitis: an unrecognized pathology in old adults
15.00 The gastroenteritis burden in adult community: prospects for vaccines

Coffee break

VACCINES IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC CLINICAL CONDITIONS
16.00 Impact of nutrition on adult vaccination efficacy
16.30 Direct and indirect benefits of vaccines in patients with chronic conditions: diabetes, cardiac & pulmonary diseases
17.00 Vaccines, antibiotic resistance and nosocomial infections
17.30 Comprehensive geriatric assessment in infectious diseases
18.30 General discussion

Dinner in Venice

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

TOWARDS A GLOBAL ADULT VACCINE POLICY
08.30 Wrap up of the first part of this stakeholders symposium
09.00 Eight multidisciplinary group discussions:
   - Analyze of the adult vaccine hindrances and propositions to establish a successful global vaccine policy
   - Non-Governmental Organizations
   - European Community members
   - Nurses Association
   - Pharmacists Association
   - Patients Associations
   - Medical Scientific Societies
   - Vaccine industry
   - Medias / medical journalists

Coffee break

HOW PROMOTING ADULT IMMUNIZATION IN EUROPE
10.30 Reports of the groups’ discussion – General discussion
11.00 Establishing a successful global vaccine policy
11.30 Reports of the groups’ discussion – General discussion
12.00 “One heath” vaccine prospects
12.30 Conclusion: Proposed priority actions
13.00 Farewell lunch