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Towards gastric cancer  
screening implementation  
in the European Union

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Rua Tenente Valadim, 231/ 325 | Porto, Portugal

**TOGAS**

Dear colleagues,  
Dear participants,

We are delighted to welcome you to the second TOGAS conference in Porto, aimed to exchange view-points on gastric cancer screening implementation in Europe.

Gastric cancer remains a tough challenge, claiming lives and inflicting immeasurable suffering on individuals and families worldwide.

We anticipate that the meeting will deliver the best global experience in the field, while collecting important feedback from Member State representatives on their willingness and readiness to implement gastric cancer prevention within their healthcare priorities. Therefore, your participation and active feedback is of critical importance.

The TOGAS project is expected to develop a guide for implementation of gastric cancer prevention in Europe. This includes running pilot studies, collecting feedback from the target groups and decision-makers, as well as analysing cost-effectiveness of gastric cancer prevention under various conditions.

Recent recommendations by the Council of the European Union have suggested that gastric cancer screening programs should be considered in countries or regions within countries with high gastric cancer incidence and death rates. Of note, in countries with low gastric cancer incidence, this is still a critical issue in particular population groups, including in immigrants.

We anticipate that the conference will unveil answers to the potential questions, decrease the potential level of uncertainty, and facilitate gastric cancer prevention across Europe. To achieve this, your participation is essential!

In the pages that follow, we will map a course towards a future where gastric cancer is not only treatable but preventable. Each contribution, each insight, and each decision made in the course of this project brings us one step closer to that vision.

Let us rise to the challenge before us and begin this meeting with a shared sense of purpose and determination, knowing that our collective efforts can save lives!



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Scientific Manager

WELCOME

08.00 - 08.10

## WELCOMING

José Carlos Machado, Porto, Portugal & Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

08.10 - 09.50

## SESSION 1 - STATE OF THE PLAY

Chair: Constanza Camargo, Rockville, MD, USA

### 08.10 - 08.25

01.01. The burden of gastric cancer – globally and in Europe

Jin Young Park, Lyon, France

### 08.25 - 08.40

01.02. General principles of population-based screening

Arunah Chandran (IARC), Lyon, France

### 08.40 - 08.55

01.03. General overview of gastric cancer screening and prevention

Jyh-Ming Liou, Taipei, Taiwan

### 08.55 - 09.10

01.04. *Helicobacter pylori* infection – the benefits and risks of population-based eradication

Jan Bornschein, Oxford, United Kingdom | Riga, Latvia

### 09.10 - 09.25

01.05 What are the differences (*H.pylori* and gastric cancer) between the East and the West

Yoshio Yamaoka, Yufu, Japan

### 09.25 - 09.40

01.06. Is gastric cancer prevention cost-effective?

Iris Lansdorp – Vogelaar, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

### 09.40 - 09.50

Panel Discussion

09.50 - 10.20

Coffee Break

# 10.20 - 11.45

## SESSION 2 - GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Chair: Markus Gerhard, Munich, Germany

### 10.20 – 10.35

02.01. Gastric cancer screening and prevention in Japan

Hidekazu Suzuki, Tokyo, Japan

### 10.35 – 10.50

02.02. Gastric cancer screening and prevention in South Korea

Hwoon-Yong Jung, Seoul, South Korea

### 10.50 – 11.05

02.03 Linq county study status

Wen Qing Li, Beijing, China

### 11.05 – 11.20

02.04. What is ongoing in Latin America?

Arnoldo Riquelme, Santiago, Chile

### 11.20 – 11.35

02.05 Overview of the Think Tank on Advancing Gastric Cancer Prevention results (US)

Constanza Camargo, Rockville, MD, USA

### 11.35 – 11.45

Panel discussion

11.45 - 12.45

Lunch Break

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PROGRAMME

12.45 - 14.10

## SESSION 3 - THE PROGRESS OF GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION IN EUROPE

Chair: Jochen Weight, Magdeburg, Germany

### **12.45 - 13.00**

03.01. Screening recommendations of the European Commission (Beating Cancer Plan, SAPEA report, EC Recommendation)

Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

### **13.00 - 13.15**

03.02. Experience from the population-based projects in Slovenia and other countries

Bojan Tepeš, Ljubljana, Slovenia

### **13.15 - 13.30**

03.03. Other ongoing gastric prevention activities in Europe (GISTAR, TOGAS, EUCanScreen)

Danute Ražuka-Ebela, Riga, Latvia

### **13.30 - 13.45**

03.04. The achievements of PRAISE-U consortium to facilitate prostate cancer screening in Europe

Hendrik Van Poppel, Leuven, Belgium

### **13.45 - 14.00**

03.05. The achievements of SOLACE consortium to facilitate lung cancer screening in Europe

Torsten Blum, Berlin, Germany

### **14.00- 14.10**

Panel Discussion

# 14.10 - 15.10

## SESSION 4 - STAKEHOLDERS FEEDBACK

Chair: Colm O'Morain, Dublin, Ireland

### 14.10 - 14.25

04.01. Ongoing survey of the Member State authorities

Thomas More

Janet Takens, Brussels, Belgium

### 14.25 - 14.40

04.02. Feedback from the screening target population

Zorana Maravic | DiCE, Belgrade, Serbia (TBC)

### 14.40 - 14.55

Feedback from the medical professionals

Līga Krauze, Riga, Latvia

### 14.55 - 15.10

Panel Discussion

15.10 - 15.40

*Coffee Break*

# 15.40 - 16.55

## SESSION 5 - LARGE SCALE DATA TO SUPPORT GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION

Chair: Iris Lansdorp – Vogelaar, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

### 15.40 - 15.55

05.01. Personalized data in cancer screening

Aapeli Nevala, Helsinki, Finland

### 15.55 - 16.10

05.02. What is ECIS?

Raquel Carvalho, Varese, Italy

15.40 - 16.55

## SESSION 5 - LARGE SCALE DATA TO SUPPORT GASTRIC CANCER PREVENTION

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**16.10 - 16.25**

05.03. Potential indicator development for gastric cancer screening – experience from adapting CanScreen-ECIS indicators for prostate cancer screening

Arunah Chandran

**16.25 - 16.35**

05.04. Data harmonization: TOGAS. CARECOL, EUCanScreen

Inese Poļaka, Riga, Latvia

**16.35 - 16.45**

05.05. How AI could help: AIDA efforts

Tania Fleitas Kanonnikoff, Valencia, Spain

**16.45 - 16.55**

Panel Discussion

16.55 - 17.30

## SESSION 6 - ROUND TABLE ON COUNTRY RELATED ISSUES, FEEDBACK, DISCUSSION

Chair: Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

**16.55 - 17.25**

Country representatives

**17.25 - 17.30**

Final remarks

Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia





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