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# HIV Advanced Training Forum 2026

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## **HIV Advanced Training Forum 2026**

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### **Organized by:**

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Society for Research and Innovation in Infectious Diseases, Romania

### **In partnership with:**

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### **Course description:**

The HIV Advanced Training Forum is a two-day international course organized on 25-26 March 2026 in Bucharest, Romania through the collaboration of leading academic and clinical institutions across Europe. The course is designed to equip early-career healthcare professionals with practical, patient-centered strategies for long-term HIV care. Through a comprehensive curriculum covering the latest developments in HIV management, coinfection integration, resistance understanding, and prevention, the course emphasizes translating scientific knowledge into real-world clinical practice. With a strong focus on the patient journey from diagnosis to lifelong health and quality of life, it also highlights the critical role of vaccination and tailored interventions for key populations. Participants will gain valuable insights from an international faculty composed of leading European HIV experts, promoting a holistic and evidence-based approach to contemporary HIV care.

### **CME accreditation:**

The HIV Advanced Training Forum 2026, Bucharest, Romania 25/03/2026 – 26/03/2026, has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 11.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

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### **Educational objectives:**

- To strengthen the capacity of early-career healthcare professionals to deliver people-centered HIV care that ensures long-term treatment success through the integration of current evidence and clinical best practices
- To examine the continuum of HIV care – from diagnosis and linkage to care, through treatment, retention, and health-related quality of life – emphasizing the patient’s lifelong health journey
- To review and interpret recent scientific advances and updates in HIV management, including evolving antiretroviral strategies and resistance considerations
- To enhance understanding of prevention and vaccination as essential components of comprehensive, multidisciplinary HIV care

### **Course organization and scientific leadership:**

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Oana Săndulescu, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, and National Institute for Infectious Diseases "Prof.Dr. Matei Balș", Bucharest, Romania

**Co-chair:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juan Ambrosioni, HIV Unit and Infectious Diseases Service, Hospital Clinic-IDIBAPS, Barcelona, Spain

### **International Steering Committee:**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Casper Rokx, Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands

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### Day 1 – 25 March 2026

Time	Session title and chairs
11.30-12.00	Arrival and registration
12.00-12.15	<b>Oana Săndulescu (Romania):</b> Welcome lecture – Integrated approach to HIV infection – what has changed in 2026?
12.15-14.00	<p><b>Understanding your community's HIV epidemic</b> Chairs: <u>Adriana Hristea, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Oana Săndulescu (Romania):</b> From science to implementation: getting to zero through effective PrEP (15 min)</li> <li><b>Presentations from participants</b> from each center (5 min each)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b></li> </ol> <p>A slide template will be provided to participants ahead of the meeting. Templates will include country-specific information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of patients living with HIV</li> <li>- Key populations</li> <li>- General population</li> <li>- Information on each of the 4 95s: met needs. vs unmet needs</li> </ul>
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.00	<p><b>Integrated management of coinfections in patients living with HIV – session in collaboration with ESCMID Study Group for Viral Hepatitis (ESGVH)</b> Chairs: <u>Simona Paraschiv, Cristiana Oprea</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adrian Streinu-Cercel (Romania)</b> – Managing hepatitis B and C virus coinfections in patients living with HIV (30 min)</li> <li><b>Anca Streinu-Cercel (Romania)</b> – Management of hepatitis delta in patients living with HIV (20 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)</li> </ol>

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16.00-17.00	<p><b>Remaining challenges: Special patient populations; lessons learned from late diagnosis</b> Chairs: <u>Adrian Streinu-Cercel, Oana Săndulescu</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mariana Mărdărescu (Romania):</b> Understanding individual treatment needs of women living with HIV (20 min)</li> <li><b>Cristiana Oprea (Romania):</b> Recognizing and managing opportunistic infections in 2026 (20 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (20 min)</li> </ol>
17.00-17.15	Coffee break
17.15-18.15	<p><b>Translating science into care: understanding HIV resistance</b> Chairs: <u>Mariana Mărdărescu, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cristian Niculae (Romania):</b> Back in the days when there was no forgiveness (case presentations – ART multiresistance) (15 min)</li> <li><b>Simona Paraschiv (Romania):</b> Molecular epidemiology of HIV infection in Romania and Europe - which resistance mutations remain relevant for the current ART standard of care? (20 min)</li> <li><b>Leontina Bănică (Romania):</b> Applications of novel molecular tools in clinical practice and epidemiological surveillance of HIV (15 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)</li> </ol>
18.15-19.15	<p><b>Bridging the gap in integrated HIV care to ensure long-term treatment success</b> Chairs: <u>Adriana Hristea, Anca Streinu-Cercel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cristian Niculae (Romania):</b> Interdisciplinary management of clinical and subclinical comorbidities: cardio-metabolic, weight dynamics, renal and bone considerations (25 min)</li> <li><b>Oana Săndulescu (Romania):</b> Healthcare-related quality of life (HRQoL) and its impact on HIV treatment success: measuring and improving HRQoL in clinical settings (20 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (15 min)</li> </ol>

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### Day 2 – 26 March 2026

Time	Session title and chairs
09.00-10.10	<b>Epidemiology, prevention and timely diagnosis</b> Chairs: Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska, Anca Streinu-Cercel  1. <b>Jose Bernardino (Spain):</b> Epidemiology of HIV: Europe and worldwide (20 min) 2. <b>Casper Rokx (Netherlands):</b> Reducing undiagnosed infections and late presentation: from prevention to awareness (20 min) 3. <b>Adriana Hristea (Romania):</b> Travelling with HIV (20 min) 4. <b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)
10:10-11:00	<b>Remaining challenges: low-level viremia, comorbidities, and aging in people with HIV</b> Chairs: Oana Săndulescu, José Bernardino  1. <b>Miłosz Parczewski (Poland):</b> Underlying mechanisms of LLV and impact on clinical practice (20 min) 2. <b>Tristan Barber (UK):</b> Navigating co-morbidities and ageing in people with HIV (20 min) 3. <b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11:30-12:00	<b>ART in 2026 and in the coming years</b> Chairs: Oana Săndulescu, Miłosz Parczewski  1. <b>Juan Ambrosioni (Spain):</b> Where we are and where are we going (20 min) 2. <b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)
12.00-13.00	<b>Translating science into care: workshop on HIV treatment optimization</b> Chairs: Tristan Barber, Casper Rokx, Jose Bernardino, Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska Participants will be split into 4 groups; each chair will guide one of the groups in solving complex clinical scenarios.  1. <b>Juan Ambrosioni (Spain):</b> Treatment optimization: part 1 – managing virological failure; part 2 – simplification in the setting of virological suppression (45 min) 2. <b>Panel discussion</b> (15 min)

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13.00-14.00	<p><b>The future of infectious disease medicine</b>  <b>Opening ceremony ID and HIV Dialogues and Doctor Honoris Causa ceremony</b>  <b>Chairs:</b> Prof. Dr. Oana Săndulescu, Prof Dr. Anca Streinu-Cercel  <b>Welcome address:</b> Prof. Dr. Oana Săndulescu, Prof Dr. Anca Streinu-Cercel  <b>Keynote lecture:</b> Prof. Dr. Adrian Streinu-Cercel  <b>Q&amp;A:</b> All faculty</p>
14.00-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-14.50	<p><b>Provision of patient-centered care. Individualized care for special groups</b>  <b>Chairs:</b> Juan Ambrosioni, Cristiana Oprea</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska (Poland):</b> Targeted interventions for migrants and people who inject drugs (15 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (5 min)</li> </ol>
14.50-16:00	<p><b>Why early detection matters: Workshop on HIV co-infections and opportunistic infections</b>  <b>Chairs:</b> Tristan Barber, Casper Rokx, Jose Bernardino, Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska                      Participants will be split into 4 groups; each chair will guide one of the groups in solving complex clinical scenarios.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hanne Lamberink (Netherlands):</b> Invasive fungal infections in AIDS (20 min)</li> <li><b>Cases:</b> Cristiana Oprea, Hanne Lamberink, Adriana Hristea, Juan Ambrosioni (40 min)</li> <li><b>Panel discussion</b> (10 min)</li> </ol>
16:00-16.30	<p><b>All faculty</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Key takeaways</b> (15 min)</li> <li><b>Wrap-up, closing remarks and future directions</b> (15 min)</li> </ol>

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