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Pre-Congress Symposia/Workshops

12:00 – 17:00	Registration				
	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D	HALL E
13:00 – 14:30	Workshop 1 Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine: From Clinical Outcome To Public Health Impact Pfizer	Workshop 2 Immunization GSK Inc	Workshop 3 Microbiology Laboratory Standards Chairpersons: Haya Altawalah (KUW) & Wadha Alfouzan (KUW)	Workshop 4 Tuberculosis Cepheid	
13:00 – 13:30	13:00 – 13:40 Public health impact of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines Hossam Al Tatari (UAE)	Synflorix Updates Lamine Soumahoro (BEL)	How Viral Load Assay Performance Translates into Clinical		
13:30 – 14:00	13:40 – 14:10 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines in Adolescence and Adults: Facts and Evidence of Prevention Esam Albanyan (KSA)	PCV Local Health Economics Saeed Noibi (UK)	Outcome (Part 1) Sten Westgard (USA)	New Innovations in The Fight to End TB Inis Hormann (GER) Ahmed Madian (EGY)	
14:00 – 14:30	14:10 – 14:30 Panel Discussion	PCV Surveillance Global Experience Lamine Soumahoro (BEL)	How Viral Load Assay Performance Translates into Clinical Outcome (Part 2) Sten Westgard (USA)		
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break				
15:00 – 16:30	Workshop 5 Infection Prevention and Control Chairpersons: Ahmed Hakawi (KSA)	Workshop 6 Research Made Easy Chairperson: Ali S. Omrani (KSA)	Workshop 3 Microbiology Laboratory Standards Chairpersons: Haya Altawalah (KUW) & Wadha Alfouzan (KUW)	Workshop 7 Basic Immunology Chairperson: Michael Mansour (USA)	Workshop 8 Basic Clinical Microbiology Chairpersons: Sahar Althawadi (KSA) & Nermin Kamal Saeed (BAH)
15:00 – 15:30	Risk Assessment In Infection Control: Practical Points To Go Bassel Molaeb (KSA)	Research Question, PubMed and Endnote Reem Almaghrabi (KSA)	15:00 – 15:45 External Quality Assurance: Features, Advantages and Benefits for Best Molecular & Microbiology Laboratory Practices	Introduction and Innate Immunity	Point of care testing in Microbiology Nermin Kamal Saeed (BAH)
15:30 – 16:00	Products Evaluation: What to Buy and How? Maha Al- Alawi (KSA)	Interventional Studies Basem M Alraddadi (KSA)	Elizabeth Fagan (UK) Sanjiv Rughooputh (UK) 15:45 – 16:30 Test Assurance-	Michael Mansour (USA)	Rapid diagnostics for tuberculosis and respiratory infections Sahar Althawadi (KSA)
16:00 – 16:30	From Policy To Practice: A Guide For Implementation Majid Alshamrani (KSA)	Observational Studies Reem Almaghrabi (KSA)	The Importance of IQC and EQA Method Validation & Verification- Underpinning The Quality of Testing Ben Courtney (UK)	Bridge to Long-lasting Responses Michael Mansour (USA)	Automation in Microbiology Maysoon Mutabagani (KSA)
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break				



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17:00 – 18:30	Workshop 5 Infection Prevention and Control Chairperson: Ahmad Hakawi (KSA)	Workshop 6 Research Made Easy Chairperson: Ali S. Omrani (KSA)	Workshop 3 Microbiology Laboratory Standards Chairpersons: Haya Altawalah (KUW)& Wadha Alfouzan (KUW)	Workshop 7 Basic Immunology Chairperson: Michael Mansour (USA)	Workshop 9 Antimicrobial Pharmacy Chairperson: Abdullah Almohaizeie (KSA)
17:00 - 17:30	Stakeholders In Focus: How To Get Infection Control In Top Of C-Suite Agenda? Hanan Balkhy (KSA)	Bias and Confounding Basem M Alraddadi (KSA)	17:00 – 18:00 Effective Handling of External Quality (EQA) Assurance Samples for Better Results-	Adaptive Effector Populations Michael Mansour	Regulations for antimicrobial approval and prescribing Abdullah Almohaizeie (KSA)
17:30 - 18:00	Root Cause Analysis In Infection Control: How To Add Quality To Infection Control Business? Elias Tannous (UAE)	Statistics Made Simple Ali S. Omrani (KSA)	Bacteriology & Virology Elizabeth Fagan (UK) Sanjiv Rughooputh (UK)	abeth Fagan (UK) (USA)	Outpatient Prescribing and Antimicrobial Resistance Hiba Alruwaisan (KSA)
18:00 - 18:30					Pharmacodynamics/ kinetics considerations in antimicrobial prescribing Maria Fernanda Bonilla (UAE)



07:30 – 08:00	Registration			
	HALL A/B			
Session-I	Antimicrobial Pipelines			
Chairpersons:	Huda Bukharie (KSA)/Manaf Alqahtani (BAH)			
08:00 -08:30	Will Antibiotics Work In The Future? Fred Carron Tenover (USA)			
08:30 – 09:00	Cutting Edge Immunology: Potential Translations From Basic Science to Clinical Therapy ? Michael Mansour (USA)			
09:00 – 09:30	Future Agents For Resistant Gram Negative Rods Ali S. Omrani (KSA)			
09:30 – 10:15	Opening Ceremony			
10:15 – 11:00	Posters Viewing & Coffee Break			
	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D (Integrated Symposia)
Session-II	HIV	Public Health &	Advances in	Sepsis Symposium

	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D (Integrated Symposia)
Session-II	HIV	Public Health & Immunization	Advances in Microbiology	Sepsis Symposium By GLOBAL SEPSIS ALLIANCE
Chairpersons:	Sami Al hajjar (KSA)/ Safa Al khawaja (BAH)	Amal Saif Al-Maani (OMA)/ Adel Al Sayyad (BAH)	Eiman Mokaddas (KUW)/ Ali Somily (KSA)	Salman Abdulaziz (UAE)/ Awadh Al Omari (KSA)
11:00 – 11:25	HIV in the MENA Region Kamal Marhoum El Filali (MRC)	Eradication Goals: Why Not Achieved Thomas Cherian (WHO)	Molecular Diagnosis of Antimicrobial Resistance Fred Carron Tenover (USA)	The Burden of Sepsis on Healthcare System Salman Abdulaziz (UAE)
11:25 – 11:50	Successes in Preventing HIV Transmission Abdulrahman Alrajhi (KSA)	Immunization Programs in the Gulf Countries Jaleela Sayed Jawad (BAH) Mussab Al Saleh (KUW)	The New Tool of Digital PCR Amro Kabbara (LEB)	WHO Call: Sepsis, A Global Health Priority Vida Hamilton (IRL)
11:50 – 12:15	The Future Of Antiretroviral Therapy Emilio Fumero (SPA)	Preparedness Plans For Disaster From Infectious Agents: Gulf Situation Ali Al Barrak (KSA)	Will Serology Be Obsolete in Diagnosis of Acute Infections? Tim Wreghitt (UK)	Sepsis Battle: Beat It! Hussain Abdulaziz Alawadhi (UAE)
12:15- 13:00	Satellite Symposium GSK Inc Resistance in HIV Management Emilio Fumero (SPA)	Satellite Symposium- Pfizer Burden of Invasive Meningococcal disease and the evolving vaccination strategies for prevention Chair: Abdulhakeem Al Thaqafi (KSA) Mohammed-Kheir Taha (FR)		
13:00- 14:00	Lunch Break			



	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D (Nursing Symposium)
Session-III	Antimicrobial Resistance: Epidemiology	Infections in Primary Health Care Interactive Session	Oral Presentations A	Nursing & Infection Control by ICN
Chairpersons:	Suleiman Al Obeid (KSA)/ Mussab Al Saleh (KUW)	Wasl Aladsani (KSA)/ Zakeya Bukhari (KSA)	Wadha Alfouzan (KUW)/ Mushira Enani (KSA)	Marianne Kemmer (NET)/ Fatima Khalil (BAH)
14:00 – 14:25	MDR Gram Negative: The World Giuseppe Cornaglia (ITA)	Point of Care Testing for Upper and Lower Respiratory Tract Infections Sameera Al Johani (KSA)	14:00 - 14:15 Rehab Abdelfattah 14:15 - 14:30 Sahal Al-Hajoj	Efficient Infection Control: Multidisciplinary Approaches and the Importance of Nursing within IPC Hanan Balkhy (KSA)
14:25 – 14:50	MDR Gram Negative: Gulf and Middle East Hosam Zowawi (KSA)	Principles of Antimicrobial Prescribing in PHC Setting Haysam Tufenkeji (KSA)	14:30 - 14:45 Sahal Al-Hajoj 14:45 - 15:00 Suleimman Al-Sweedan	Healthcare-Associated Infection: Burden of Disease, Infection Control Challenges and Solutions for the MENA Region Elias Tannous (UAE)
14:50 – 15:15	The Threat of Community Pathogens in the Gulf: Pneumococcus, Hemophilus, Salmonella and Gonococcus Atef M.Shibl (KSA)	The Challenge of Recurrent UTIs Wasl Al-Adsani (KUW)	15:00 - 15:15 Bruce Reidenberg	Trends in Environmental Hygiene Stephen Dalton (NET)
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break			
15:30 – 16:15	Satellite Symposium BioMérieux The Impact of Rapid Diagnostics on Epidemiological Therapeutic Challenges Christine Ginocchio (USA)	Satellite Symposium- Pfizer Role of Expanded Coverage of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines in Leveraging Value of Vaccination Chair: Adel Al Sayyad (BAH) Hossam Al Tatari (UAE)	Satellite Symposium MSD Current Challenges in the Management of Gram Negative Infections Jameela Al Salman (BAH)	
Session-IV	Antimicrobial Resistance: Combating the Threat	History of Major Achievements in Infectious Diseases	Oral Presentations B	Nursing & Infection Control by ICN
Chairpersons:	Moqbil Al Hedaithy (KSA)/ Reem Aljindan (KSA)	Awadh Al Anazi (KSA)/ Nermin Kamal Saeed (BAH)	Safa Al khawaja (BAH) / Sahar Althawadi (KSA)	Marianne Kemmer (NET) Fatima Khalil (BAH)
16:15 – 16:40	Animal Role in AMR Awa Aidara-Kane (WHO)	The Discovery of Antimicrobials Giuseppe Cornaglia (ITA)	16:15 - 16:30 Ali Elgalib	IPC and Hand Hygiene, A New Perspective for the Region and Worldwide Perspectives Natacha Farquet (SWZ)
16:40 – 17:05	Antibiotic Stewardship: Not a Smooth Sail	Nucleic Acid Test Applications	16:30 - 16:45 Vani Vannappagari	
	Maria Fernanda Bonilla (UAE)	in Infectious Diseases Tim Wreghitt (UK)	16:45 - 17:00 Fatima Abdirizak	Panel Discussion and Q &A
17:05 – 17:30	Maneuvers to Treat GNR With	Immunization	17:00 - 17:15 Abdulaziz Alhazmi	All Speakers
	Ali S. Omrani (KSA)	Thomas Cherian (WHO)	17:15 - 17:30 Majed Alghoribi	
17:30 – 18:00	Coffee Break			
	Keynote Lecture			
Chairperson:	Hail Al-Abdely (KSA)			
18:00 – 18:45	Innovative Antimicrobial Discovery Techniques Jon Sayers (UK)			



07:30 – 08:00	Registration				
	HALL A/B				
Session-V	ESCMID Symposium Info	ections in the Immunocomp	promised		
Chairpersons:	Hail Al-Abdely (KSA)/ Jamee	la Al Salman (BAH)			
08:00 -08:30	Infections Related to Therapy With Biological Agents Maurizio Sanguinetti (ITA)				
08:30 - 09:00	Antibacterial Choices in Febrile Neutropenia in the Era of Extensive Bacterial Resistance Thamer Alenazi (KSA)				
09:00 – 09:30	Prophylaxis for Aspergillus in	Hematology Cancer: Pros and C	Cons Paul E. Verweij (NET)		
09:30 – 10:00	Resistance Among Candida S _I	pecies: A Growing Challenge R	uth Ashbee (UK)		
10:00 – 10:10	Presentation of SSMMID Bes	t Abstracts Award			
10:10 - 10:30	Coffee Break				
	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D (Integrated Symposia)	
Session-VI	Contemporary Infection Prevention and Control	Immunology and Infectious Diseases	Infections in the ICU Interactive Session	Pediatric Infections By SPIDS	
Chairpersons:	Ahmed Hakawi (KSA)/ Naif Alotaibi (KSA)	Mohammed Al Ahdal (KSA)/ Manaf Alqahtani (BAH)	Ali Alrabaan (KSA)/ Salman Abdulaziz (UAE)	Sami Al Hajjar (KSA)/ Salwa Al Noaimi (BAH)	
10:30 – 10:55	Building a Culture of IPC Safaa Abdul Aziz AlKhawaja (BAH)	From Infectious Diseases to inborn Immune Defects: A Paradigm Shift Saleh Almuhsen (KSA)	De-Escalation Approach: Safe and Effective Tariq AlMusawi (KSA)	Emerging Fungal Infections in the Gulf Ibrahim Bin Hussain (KSA)	
10:55 – 11:20	Accountability in Compliance to IPC: Where We Draw the Line?		Biomarkers for Infection: When Useful, When Not	The Challenge of Eliminating HIV in Pediatrics	
	Hanan Balkhy (KSA)	Michael Mansour (USA)	Jameela Al salman (BAH)	Sami Al Hajjar (KSA)	
11:20 – 11:45	Targeted versus whole house surveillance for HCAI	Boosting Immune Response Maha Ahmed Al-Mozaini	Viral Infections in the ICU Awadh Al Omari (KSA)	Approach to Fever in Infants and Young Children	
	Elias Tannous (UAE) (KSA) Mohammed Al-Shehri (KSA)				
11:45- 14:00	Friday Prayer & Lunch Break				
Session-VII	Safe Environment in Healthcare Facilities	Teratogenic Infections	Transplant Infectious Diseases	GCC Initiatives on AMR By GCC CENTER FOR IPC	
Chairpersons:	Dhafallah ALnakhli (KSA)/ Maha Al-Alawi (KSA)	Ibrahim Zaid Bin-Hussain (KSA) Jaleela Sayed Jawad (BAH)	Michael Mansour (USA)/ Layla Mohamed Al-Dabal (UAE)	Hanan Balkhy (KSA)/ Rana Hajjeh (WHO)	
14:00 – 14:25	Water Safety in Healthcare	Why We Still See Congenital	Problems With Selecting	14:00 – 14:15 The GCC plan for combating AMR: moving forward Hanan Balkhy (KSA)	
	Facilities Suliman Al -Jumaah (KSA)	Anomalies Related to Infections Amal Saif Al-Maani (OMA)	Donors: Risk of Infection Reem Almaghrabi (KSA)	14:15 – 14:30 Antimicrobial stewardship & overcoming the challenges: A success story from Bahrain Jameela Al Salman (BAH)	
14:25 – 14:50	Disinfection: Do We Need New Technologies?	Diagnostic And Therapeutic Approach To Teratogenic Infection	The Growing Threat of Non- Aspergillus Mold Infections in Transplant Recipients	14:30 – 14:45 The National AMR plan & moving forward: the Kuwaiti experience Eiman Mokaddas (KUW) 14:45 – 15:00	
	Bassel Molaeb (KSA)	Salwa Al Noaimi (BAH)	Andreas H. Groll (GER)	A collaborative initiative and the steps forward for AMR in KSA Hail Al-Abdely (KSA)	
14:50 – 15:15	HVAC and Risk of Transmission of Respiratory Pathogens	Maternal Vaccination Esam Albanyan (KSA)	Uncommon Viruses in Transplant Recipients	15:00 – 15:15 The Omani National AMR plan & sharing the experience Seif S Al-Abri (OMA)	
	Ahmed Hakawi (KSA)		Basem M Alraddadi (KSA)	15:15 – 15:30 Whole Genome Sequencing: A biosafety and public health priority for the GCC countries Majed Al ghoribi (KSA)	



15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break			
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15:30 – 16:15	Satellite Symposium- Roche Clinical Utility Of Molecular Testing In Health Acquired Infections Ali Alrabaan (KSA)			Management of Blood Stream Infections BioMérieux
Session-VIII	Treatment of Infections Beyond Antimicrobials	Fungal Infections: The Common Ones Interactive Session	Neglected Infections	15:30 – 15:40 Welcome Remarks Dr. Christine Ginocchio (USA)
Chairpersons:	Esam Albanyan (KSA)/ Abdulrahman Alrajhi (KSA)	Kasim Aradati (BAH)/ Ahmed Albarrag (KSA)	Adel Alothman (KSA)/ Nisreen Sherbeeni (KSA)	15:40 – 16:10 PCT and the Early Detection of Sepsis
16:15 – 16:40	Exploiting Bacterial Toxins Mathew Upton (UK)	Superficial Fungal Infections of the Skin Waleed Al Ajroush (KSA)	Epidemiology of Neglected Infections: Why Neglected? Mohammed Al hazmi (KSA)	Dr. Eiman Mokaddas (Kuwait) 16:10 – 16:40 Testing for Sepsis – Blood Cultures
16:40 – 17:05	Phage Therapy Mohammed Al-Ahdal (KSA)	The Challenge Of Recurrent Mucosal Candidiasis Ruth Ashbee (UK)	Mycetoma Hail Al-Abdely (KSA)	Marcelo Cloes (France) 16:40 – 17:10 New Approaches to Sepsis Dr. Christine Ginocchio (USA)
17:05 – 17:30	Preventing Microbial Adherence Edet E Udo (KUW)	Allergic Fungal Rhinosinusitis Jaffar Al Tawfiq (KSA)	Neglected Infections During Wars: Middle East Perspective Jamal Wadi Al-Ramahi (JOR)	17:10 – 17:30 Turn Back the Clock – Case Presentation Dr. Christine Ginocchio (USA)

08:00 – 08:30	Registration				
	HALL A/B				
Session-IX	Emerging Epidemics				
Chairpersons:	Ibrahim Elziq (WHO)/ Ali Albarrak (KS	SA)			
08:30 -09:00	The Challenge of Communicable Disea	ses in the MENA Region Rana Hajjeh (W	но)		
09:00 -09:30	Dengue: A Spreading Disease – Region	nal Perspective Abdulhakeem Al Thaqafi	(KSA)		
09:30 - 10:00	Status on Yellow Fever, Chickungonia and Less Common Flaviviruses Seif S Al-Abri (OMA)				
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break				
	HALL A HALL B HALL C				
Session-X	A Year Review in Infectious Diseases	Zoonosis	Challenging Cases Interactive Session		
Chairpersons:	Tarik Al Azraqi (KSA)/ Kawthar Al omran (KSA)	Abdulhakeem Al Thaqafi (KSA)/ Sara Al Warthan (KSA)	Huda Bukharie (KSA)/ Mohammed Al Hazmi (KSA)		
10:30- 11:00	Emerging Infections Majid Alshamrani (KSA)	Crossing Species: Jumping Microbes & Risk of Epidemics	Immunocompromised with Difficult Infection		
11:00 – 11:30	Diagnostic Techniques Eiman Mokaddas (KUW) Sayeh Ezzikouri (MRC) Brucella: Past, Present and Future and Future Adel Alothman (KSA) Sayeh Ezzikouri (MRC) Suad Almukhaini (OMA) Pan-Resistant Bacteria in the Blood Adel Alothman (KSA) Abeer Nizar Alshukairi (KSA)				
11:30- 12:00	ID Therapeutics Wafa Alnasser (KSA)	Uncommon Zoonotic Diseases Nisreen Sherbeeni (KSA)	Just Difficult! Layla Mohamed Al-Dabal (UAE)		
End of Congress					