BREACH

BELGIAN RESEARCH AIDS&HIV CONSORTIUM

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 26th, 2026

14th BREACH SYMPOSIUM

Palais des Académies
Rue Ducale, 1
1000 Brussels



08:30 - 09:00 **Registration and Welcome coffee**

09:00 - 09:05 **Welcome**
Stéphane DE WIT - BREACH Chair

09:05 - 09:15 **Summary of BREACH Spring meeting**
Nicolas DAUBY - CHU Saint-Pierre

09:15 - 09:35 **Update on HIV, STI and hepatitis B&C epidemiology in Belgium**
HIV-STI-Hepatitis B/C surveillance team – Sciensano

09:35 - 09:55 **National HIV/hepatitis & STI Plan + Past activities**
Sandra VAN DEN EYNDE - Jessika DEBLONDE - HIV Plan Monitoring Committee

09:55 - 10:45 **Session 1: Public health**
Chairs:

09:55 - 10:20 **Diagnosing the undiagnosed. The HOTSPOT HIV project**
Tinne GILS - Sciensano, **Agnès LIBOIS** - CHU Saint-Pierre, **Valentin BLAISON** - EX AEQUO

10:20 - 10:30 **Projected health and economic value of emergency department opt-out testing for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C in Belgium**
Agnès LIBOIS - CHU Saint-Pierre & **Xinlu PAN** – Aquarius Population Health

10:30 - 10:45 **U=U in 2027: Scientific Success, Societal Failure?**
Remaining misconceptions, and awareness among healthcare workers and the general public.
Thierry MARTIN - La Plateforme

10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:00 **Session 2: Management of low-level viremia**
Chairs:

11:15 - 11:35 **Guidelines and cases presentation**
Gilles DARCIS - CHU Liège

11:35 - 11:55 **The view of the ARL and different methods of testing**
Khalid EL MOUSSAOUI - HRL Liège

11:50 - 12:00 Discussion

12:00 - 12:30 **BREACH AWARDS - 3 best Belgian publications**

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 14:45 **Session 3: Breastfeeding**
Chairs:

New Belgian guidance and Case discussions :

14:00 - 14:10 **Presentation of the Belgian Guidance**
Déborah KONOPNICKI - CHU Saint-Pierre

14:10 - 14:20 **Breastfeeding Belgian registry and LactaVIH study**
Julie NAGEL - CHU Saint-Pierre

14:20 - 14: 45 **Clinical cases to be discussed with the audience**
Cases 1 and 2: Séverine CALUWAERTS - ITM
Case 3: Émilie HOTTE - Hôpital de la Citadelle Liège,
Véronique SCHMITZ - CHU Liège

14:45 - 15:30 **Session 4: PrEP and STIs**
Chairs:

14:45 - 14:55 **Mpox current situation and clinical case**
Anne-Sophie SAUVAGE , Sophie DE WORM - CHU Liège

14:55 - 15:15 **Emerging Dermatological STIs (Tinea, Klebsiella Folliculitis)**
Jonathan KRYGIER - CHU Saint-Pierre

15:15 - 15:25 **New Belgian guidance for PrEP: changes**
Jens VAN PRAET - AZ Sint-Jan

15:25 - 15:30 Q&A

15:30 - 15:45 **BREACH AWARDS - 3 best Belgian posters**
Chairs:

15:45 - 16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15 - 17:00 **Session 5: summary of Belgian conferences in 2026**
Chairs:

16:15 - 16:32 **Chemsex in ITG**
Tom PLATTEAU – ITM

16:32 - 16:35 **Project Chemsex&moi**
Simon ENGLEBERT, Patrick GIANFREDA - Centre S

16:35 - 17:00 News from the HIV Cure sympo
Linos VANDEKERCKHOVE - UZGent

17:00 - 17:05 **Closing remarks**
Nicolas DAUBY

17:05 - 18:00 **Reception**

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