Objectives of the meeting

- Introduce the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB), an organisation focusing for more than 22 years on the prevention and control of viral hepatitis: way of working, achievements and impact;
- **Hepatitis in Latin America**
  - Review the epidemiological situation on viral hepatitis in Latin America;
  - Discuss the progress achieved in hepatitis prevention in Latin American countries;
  - Discuss specific hepatitis issues in Latin America that need attention in the future;
- **Brazil**: Review viral hepatitis in Brazil:
  - Give an overview of the current prevention and control measures on viral hepatitis and other hepatitis issues in Brazil;
  - Review the possible implementation of new prevention strategies, control measures and monitoring systems;
  - Discuss the successes, issues and barriers to overcome, and the way forward;
- Discuss the possible input and impact of Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board to consolidate cooperation programmes to face viral hepatitis issues in Brazil and other Latin American countries.
Scientific Committee

- Alves de Mattos, Latin American Association for the Study of the Liver
- Ciro de Quadros, Sabin Vaccine Institute
- Massimo Ghidinelli, PAHO
- Charles Gore, World Hepatitis Alliance
- Rui Tato Marinho (VHPBFábio Mesquita, Brazilian Ministry of Health
- Raymundo Paraná, Brazilian Society of Hepatology
- Laura Souza, Brazilian Ministry of Health
- Pierre Van Damme, VHPB
- John Ward, CDC-VHPB
- Stefan Wiktor, WHO-VHPB
- Greet Hendrickx - Tinne Lernout - Alex Vorsters – VHPB secretariat

Organising Committee

- Massimo Ghidinelli, PAHO
- Rui Tato Marinho, VHPB, Lisboa, Portugal
- Fabio Mesquita, Brazilian Ministry of Health
- Raymundo Paraná, formal president of the Brazilian Society of Hepatology
- Laura Souza, Brazilian Ministry of Health
- Pierre Van Damme, VHPB, Antwerp University, Belgium

Meeting Venue

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**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014**

18H - 19H  REGISTRATION
19H – 20H30  SESSION 1       OPENING AND OBJECTIVES

30min  
Chairs:
Arthur Chioro (Brazilian Minister of Health)
Jarbas Barbosa (SVS/MOH)
Joaquin Molina (PAHO representative Brazil)
Fábio Mesquita (MOH)
Raymundo Paraná (SBH)
Pierre Van Damme (VHPB)
  o  Welcome and opening
  o  Introduction of the participants
  o  Objectives of the meeting

20 min  Viral hepatitis in Latin America and the Caribbean: a public health challenge  
   Massimo Ghidinelli (PAHO)

20 min  The 2014 Brazilian Resolution at the World Health Assembly  
   Fábio Mesquita (BRA)

20 min  Q&A

   Welcomes reception

**THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2014**

8H – 9H  REGISTRATION  POSTERS SET UP

9h - 10h35  PART I       VIRAL HEPATITIS PREVENTION BOARD

SESSION 2  
VIRAL HEPATITIS PREVENTION BOARD (VHPB)
Chairs: Wolfgang Jilg (VHPB) and Joana Carvalho Costa (MOH)

20 min  Introduction of the VHPB  
   Pierre Van Damme (VAXINFECTIO - Antwerp, Belgium)

30 min  22 years VHPB: realisations and impact  
   Mark Kane (VHPB Honorary member – USA)/Johannes Hallauer (VHPB-Germany )

Impact of VHPB meeting in a country
15 min  Portugal – Rui Tato Marinho
15 min  Bulgaria – Mira Kojouharova
15 min  Israel – Daniel Shouval

20 min  Q&A
10h35 – 11h  Coffee Break

11h – 12h  Session 3  World Viral Hepatitis

  Chairs: Tatjana Reic (ELPA-VHPB) and Evaldo Stanislau

20 min  WHO Global Viral Hepatitis plan
Massimo Ghidinelli

20 min  World Hepatitis Alliance – Patient point of view
Charles Gore (WHA)

20 min  Q&A

12h – 13h30  Lunch

13h30-15h30  Part II  Overview of Viral Hepatitis in Latin America

Session 4  Viral Hepatitis Situation in Latin America

  Chairs: Rui Tato Marinho (VHPB) and Maria Cassia

20 min  The Brazilian mathematical model
Marcelo Burattini (BRA)

20 min  Treatment Guidelines of the Latin American Association for the Study of the Liver
Nahum Méndez-Sánchez (MEX)

20 min  The burden of hepatocellular carcinoma related to viral hepatitis in LA.
Raymundo Paraná (Gastro-Hepatology Unit – University Hospital of Bahia, Brazil)

20 min  Liver transplantation in LA – The Brazilian example
Paulo Massarollo (BRA)

20 min  Q&A

15h30 – 15h45  Coffee Break

15h45 – 17h05  Session 5  Viral Hepatitis Issues in the Different Latin American Countries

  Chairs: Daniel Lavanchy (VHPB) and Marcelo Naveira

15min  Argentina
Gabriela Vidiella

15min  Caribe
Fernando Contreras

15min  Peru
Carlos Benites

15min  Other country
TBD

20 min  Q&A
**17h05-18h30**
**SESSION 6**   
**FACE VIRAL HEPATITIS CONTROL IN LATIN AMERICA**

Chairs: Daniel Shouval (VHPB) and Themis Rebervel (BRA)

20 min  
Impact of the single-dose immunization strategy against hepatitis A in Argentina.  
Jorge Gonzalez (ARG)

15 min  
Hepatitis E infection in Latin America  
Angelo Alves de Mattos

15 min  
Difficulty to implement an integrated Molecular Biology tool in Latin America (exemplified by Brazil)  
Andreas Stoeker (BRA)

20 min  
The building of a viral hepatitis network in Latin America  
Marcelo Silva (ARG)

20 min  
Q&A

20h  
Meeting Dinner

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014**

**9h00-10h15**

**PART III**   
Prevention and control of viral hepatitis in Brazil

**SESSION 7**   
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN BRAZIL  
Chairs: Mark Kane (VHPB) and Denise Rinehart

15 min  
Organization of the public health system in Brazil  
Dr. André Bonifácio (BRA)

15 min  
Burden of liver disease in Brazil  
Angelo Alves de Mattos (BRA)

15 min  
The Brazilian response to viral hepatitis/Brazilian Hepatitis Plan  
Marcelo Naveira (BRA)

15 min  
Brazilian vaccination program, coverage rates and vaccine manufacturing  
Dr. Paulo Lee Ho (Butanta Institute/BRA)

15 min  
Q&A

**10H15– 11H15**

**SESSION 8**   
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BURDEN OF VIRAL HEPATITIS IN BRAZIL  
Chairs: Angela Dominguez (VHPB) and Angelo Mattos (BRA)

15 min  
Epidemiology of Hepatitis A and E  
Themis Rebervel Silveira (BRA)

15 min  
Epidemiological heterogeneity of infections with hepatitis B and D viruses in Brazil  
Gilberta Bensabath (BRA)
15min  
**Hepatitis C**  
Evaldo Stanislau (BRA)

15 min  
**Q&A**

**11H15 – 11h30 Coffee break**

**11H30-12H45**

**SESSION 9**  
**HEPATITIS IN SPECIAL RISK GROUPS/ REGIONS IN BRAZIL**  
**Chairs:** Heléne Norder (VHPB) and Thor Dantas

15min  
**HIV and HBV/HCV co-infection**  
João Mendonça (BRA)

15min  
**Particular matters of viral hepatitis in the Brazilian Amazon**  
Juan Miguel Salcedo (BRA)

15min  
**Molecular epidemiology of hepatitis C, B and D infection in Brazilian Amazonia**  
Wornei Braga (BRA)

15min  
**The new Brazilian prevention mother to child HBV transmission guidelines**  
Elisa Argia Basile Cattapan (Bra)

15 min  
**Q&A**

**12H45 - 14H15 LUNCH**

**14H15-15h30**

**SESSION 10**  
**FUTURE CHALLENGES**  
**Chairs:** Pierre Van Damme (VHPB) and Raymundo Paraná (BRA)

15min  
**Challenges for viral hepatitis prevention in Latin America**  
Laura Alves de Souza (BRA)

15min  
**Challenges to care viral hepatitis patients in Latin America**  
Edison Parise (President of the Brazilian Society of Hepatology)

15min  
**The role of civil society to define national response to viral hepatitis**  
Carlos Varaldo (Optimism Group of Hepatitis)

15min  
**Logistic problems to face delta hepatitis in the Amazonian countries**  
Thor Oliveira Dantas (BRA)

15min  
**Cost of viral hepatitis treatment and challenges**  
Fábio Mesquita (BRA)

15h30-16h00  
**Q&A meeting discussion**

**16h00-16h30**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

**16h30 – 17h30**

**SESSION 11**  
**CONCLUSIONS**  
**Chairs:** Johannes Hallauer (VHPB) and Fábio Mesquita

1h  
Conclusions of the meeting  
David FitzSimons (Rapporteur)