

Histoplasmosis in the Americas, II regional meeting

Manaus, Brazil

March 22-24th, 2019

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Welcome to the second meeting of the international Histoplasmosis Advocacy Group (iHAG). The meeting is co-organized by the Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado do Amazonas (FAPEAM), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with co-sponsorship of the Global Action Fund for Fungal Infections (GAFFI), the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology (ISHAM) and the Mycoses Study Group Education and Research Consortium (MSGERC).

The inaugural meeting in 2015 brought together colleagues from 13 different countries to discuss how to better diagnose and treat histoplasmosis. The meeting concluded with the goal of 80 by 20, striving by the year 2020 to have 80% of countries in the Americas possessing the capacity to rapidly diagnose and treat the disease.

The second meeting will focus on the status of the capacity to diagnose and treat Histoplasmosis throughout the regions, as well as on new developments in both laboratory and treatment options. The agenda will be composed of keynote lectures, scientific talks, country updates, and policy discussions.

We hope that many scientists, physicians and health representatives from the different countries will join iHAG this year in Manaus.



Meeting program

Day 1. March 22 nd , 2019	
15:00-16:45	Meeting registration
16:45-17:30	Meeting welcome (local committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• João Vicente Braga de Souza (Team lead INPA Mycology Laboratory)• Marcus Lacerda (Team lead INPA Mycology Laboratory)• Katia Cruz (Team lead Fundação de Medicina Tropical Medical Mycology Laboratory)• Antonia Franco (Director of INPA)• Marcus Guerra (Director of FMT-HVD)• André Abreu (Brazilian Ministry of Health)
17:30-17:45	Histoplasmosis state of the art and a focus on people living with HIV care and treatment (John Baddley)
17:45-18:00	Histoplasmosis in children (Flávio Queiroz Telles)
18:00-18:20	Why are we all here? Insights in previous meetings and objectives of the present meeting (Mathieu Nacher)
18:20-18:40	What has been achieved since the 2015 meeting? Realizations and trends regarding HIV-associated histoplasmosis (Tom Chiller)
18:40-19:00	FUNGIRED: A model for diagnosis of opportunistic infections (OIs) in HIV for low and middle-income countries LMICs. A Comprehensive Approach. Initial Results (Eduardo Arathoon)
19:00-19:20	Progress and challenges to end AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean: opportunities to tackle advanced HIV disease with focus on disseminated histoplasmosis Histoplasmosis 80 by 20 monitoring strategy (Giovanni Ravasi)
19:20-21:00	Welcome cocktail and dinner

Day 2. March 23rd, 2019

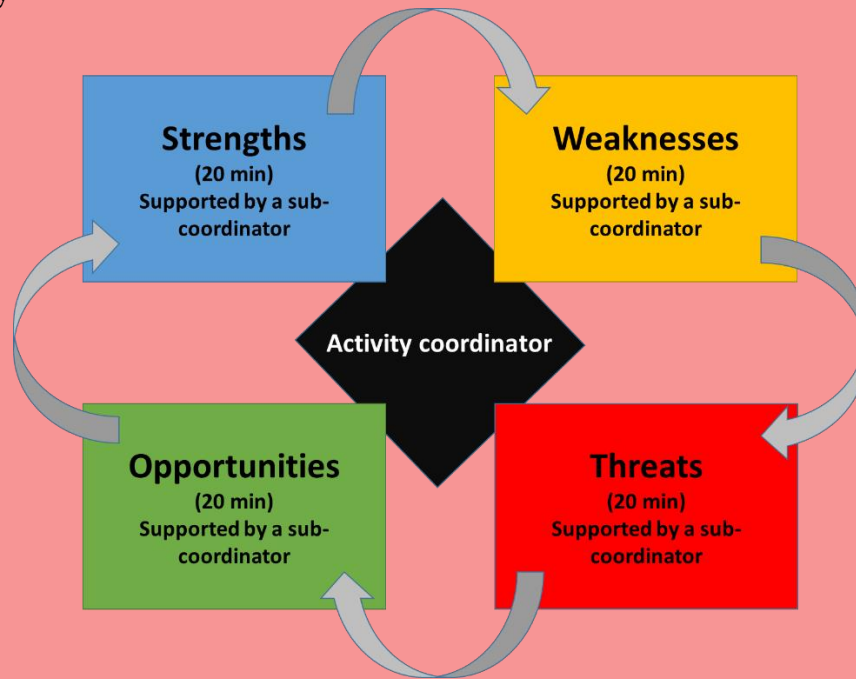
Countries' presentations will be given grouped by the regions shown below in the map.



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8:00-10:00	<p>Current status of diagnosis, treatment and surveillance of histoplasmosis: analysis by regions 10 min/region (speaker designated by each region) Chair: Beatriz L. Gomez and Stephen Vreden</p> <p>Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North America (Speaker to be defined) • Central America (Speaker to be defined) • The Andes (Speaker to be defined) • The Guiana Shield (Speaker to defined) • Brazil (Speaker to be defined) • The Southern Cone (Speaker to be defined) • The Caribbean (Speaker to be defined) <p>9:10-10:00. Open discussion on current status of diagnosis, treatment and surveillance of histoplasmosis: analysis by regions</p>
10:00-10:20	Coffee break
10:20-12:30	<p>Strategies to reach the 80 by 20 objectives: diffusion of a rapid diagnostic tool Chair: Cristina Canteros & Rosely Zancopé</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:20-10:35. Diagnosis of histoplasmosis by antigen detection (Beatriz L Gomez) • 10:35-10:50. High prevalence of histoplasmosis in a series of autopsies from Manaus, Brazil (Miguel J. Martinez) • 10:50-11:35. Technology transfer of histoplasmosis rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs): notes from the field (10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FungiRed implementation in Guatemala (Blanca Samayoa) • Multicenter study for the detection of histoplasmosis in Brazil (Alessandro Pasqualotto) • Implementation of a histoplasmosis RDT in Central America & Colombia (Diego H. Caceres) • Implementation of a histoplasmosis RDT in Argentina (Claudia Frola) <p>11:35-12:30. Open discussion on the barriers and opportunities regarding capacity building in the laboratory</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	<p>Strategies to reach the 80 by 20 objectives: improvement in effective antifungals availability in the Americas and the Caribbean Chairman: Alessandro Pasqualotto, David Denning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:30-13:40. Update on the systematic review regarding HIV-associated histoplasmosis care and treatment (Paul Hine) • 13:40-13:50. Access to antifungals: situation analysis in Latin America (Diego Falci) <p>13:50-14:30. Open discussion on the barriers and opportunities regarding access to effective antifungals</p>
14:30-14:45	Coffee break
14:45-17:00	<p>Regional SWOT analysis (Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat) of the access to diagnostic tests and effective antifungal therapy, and surveillance of HIV-associated histoplasmosis Chair: SWOT coordinator</p> <p>Coffee break 15:30-15:45</p>

SWOT methodology



Day 3. March 24th, 2019

8:00-9:45	<p>Histoplasmosis RDTs to whom, when and how? Chairs: Blanca Samayoa and Antoine Adenis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00-9:00. Clinical stewardship and algorithms proposal for the care and treatment of HIV-associated histoplasmosis. Open discussion with experts: Eduardo Arathoon, Terezinha Leitaó, Ana B. Arauz and Ana Lucia Correa <p>9:00-9:45. Open discussion regarding the clinical stewardship and statement of the iHAG on the clinical stewardship proposal</p>
9:45-10:00	Coffee break
10:00-11:00	<p>Meeting conclusions and perspectives for the iHAG initiative Chairs: Tom Chiller, Beatriz Gomez, Marcus Lacerda and Giovanni Ravasi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00-10:15. Histoplasmosis 80 by 20 follow up strategy. Giovanni Ravasi <p>10:15-11:30. Open discussions of the “Manaus declaration”: iHAG future priorities and formulation of objectives</p> <p>11:30-12:00: Closing remarks on the meeting, conclusions and perspectives</p>