



# 7th Mena Influenza Stakeholders Meeting

Organized by Fondation Mérieux

Riga, Latvia  
**9-10 Sep 2017**

Radisson Blue Hotel  
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# Meeting Program

**Day 1 – Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Radisson Blue Hotel - Conference Room 27**

8:10-8:30	<i>Registration</i>	
8:30-8:40	<b>Welcome Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentina Picot Fondation Mérieux</li> <li>• Wenqing Zhang WHO</li> <li>• Salah Al Awaidy MENA-ISN Chairman</li> </ul>
8:40-9:20	<b>Keynote: How to Increase Influenza Vaccination Rates</b>	George Kassianos
<b>Meeting Session I</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Salah Al Awaidy & AbuHasan Muslim		
9:20-10:30	<b>2018 Country Action Plan Presentations (Part 1)</b>  (20 min per country presentation)  <b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hesham Tarraf (Egypt)</li> <li>• Masoud Mardani (Iran)</li> <li>• Abdoulreza Esteghamati (Iran)</li> <li>• Yousef Moh'd Rateb (Jordan)</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-11:30	<b>Mandatory influenza vaccination for healthcare personnel</b>	Helena Maltezou
<b>Meeting Session II</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Mirza Yusuf Kamal & George Kassianos		
11:30-13:00	<b>2018 Country Action Plan Presentations (Part 2)</b>  (20 min per country presentation)  <b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hassan Zaraket (Lebanon)</li> <li>• Suleiman Abusrewil (Lybia)</li> <li>• Omar Elahmer (Lybia)</li> <li>• Jalal Nourlil (Morocco)</li> <li>• Hicham Oumzil (Morocco)</li> <li>• Salah Al Awaidy (Oman)</li> </ul>
13:00-14:30	<i>Group Photo and Lunch</i>	

14:30-16:00	<p><b>Country action plan achievements (Part 3)</b></p> <p>(20 min per country presentation)</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bashir Uzma (Pakistan)</li> <li>• Mirza Yusuf Kamal (Pakistan)</li> <li>• AbuHasan Muslim (S. Arabia)</li> <li>• Nissaf Ben Alaya (Tunisia)</li> <li>• F. Nur Baran Aksakal (Turkey)</li> </ul>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<p><b>Meeting Session III</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Meral Akcay</p>		
16:30-17:10	<p><b>Panel discussion – How to achieve plans for 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All</li> </ul>
19:30	<b><i>Dinner "Gutenberg's Restaurant"</i></b>	(Lobby meeting point at 19h)

## Day 2 – Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

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8:30-8:50	<b>Previous day wrap up</b>	
8:50-9:30	<b>Keynote: Why is it necessary to protect at-risk groups against influenza and how to improve influenza vaccine effectiveness?</b>	Ab Osterhaus
<b>Meeting Session IV</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Helena Maltezou & Suleiman Abusrewil		
9:30-10:00	<b>WHO influenza strategy including research priorities on influenza vaccines</b>	Wenqing Zhang
10:00-10:30	<b>Post-partum influenza vaccination (cocooning) strategy to protect young infants</b>	Helena Maltezou
10:30-10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:50-11:10	<b>Update: ARI/SARI and FLU WHO HQ and EMR guidelines, Flu program, published studies, and on FLUEM web</b>	Salah Al Awaidy
<b>Meeting Session V</b> <b>Moderators:</b> Meral Akcay & Valentina Picot		
11:10-12:10	<b>Panel discussion IV – Working for a common research agenda</b>	• All
12:10-12:20	Meeting wrap-up and way forward	
	<b>END</b>	
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	