European Immunization Week 2019
Vaccination: Social Responsibility or Mandatory Obligation?
Austria in an European Comparison: Expert experience reporting and panel discussion

Wednesday, 24th April 2019, 11.30 am – 6.30 pm
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The WHO European Region marks European Immunization Week (EIW) to promote immunization as vital to preventing diseases and protecting life. This year, on 24–30 April 2019, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the benefits of vaccines and improve all efforts to sustain or increase immunization coverage. The Austrian Society of Vaccinology together with the Medical University of Vienna (MedUni Vienna) organizes an international symposium to discuss possible strategies to improve communication to conquer fake news and anti-vac campaigns, and raises the question if obligatory vaccination can or can't help to improve vaccine coverage.

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**Programme**

11.30 am – 12.00 pm  
Registration and Welcome  
Markus Müller, Rector of the MedUni Vienna  
Ursula Wiedermann-Schmidt, MedUni Vienna, President ÖgVak, Austria

12.00 – 1.30 pm  
**Session 1**  
Chair: Heidemarie Holzmann, MedUni Vienna, ÖgVak, Austria

- Anti-Vac Landscape in Europe: pros and cons of mandatory vaccination  
  Claude Muller, Luxembourg Institute of Health, Luxembourg

- Improving immunization coverage: a WHO perspective  
  Mark Muscat, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- Germany's next steps towards better vaccination coverage  
  Thomas Mertens, Ständige Impfstoffkommission (STIKO), Germany

1.30 – 2.00 pm  
Buffet

2.00 – 3.00 pm  
**Session 2**  
Chair: Faith Osier, President elect International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS), Kenya

- Mandatory vaccination in France: rationale and first results  
  Daniel Levy-Bruhl, Santé publique, France

- Mandatory vaccination in Italy: acceptance or source of opposition?  
  Rita Carsetti, Bambino Gesù Ospedale Pediatrico, Italy

- Vaccination Policies for Healthcare Personnel in Europe: Current Standards  
  Helena Maltezou, Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Greece

3.00 – 3.30 pm  
Coffee Break

3.30 – 4.30 pm  
**Session 3**  
Chair: Ursula Wiedermann-Schmidt, MedUni Vienna, ÖgVak, Austria

- Implementation and Acceptance of the National Vaccination Program in Finland  
  Hanna M. Nohynek, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland

- How is Austria doing in its fight against vaccine preventable diseases? From the perspective of the infectious disease epidemiologist  
  Daniela Schmid, Österreichische Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit (AGES), Austria

- Immunization Information System – a future tool to increase vaccination rates in Austria  
  Maria Paulke-Korinek, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection (BMASK), Austria

4.30 – 5.30 pm  
General discussion: “Findings, Conclusions and Solutions” – is there a European solution to enhance vaccination coverage rates? (written document to be established)

5.30 – 6.30 pm  
Meet and mingle with wine and cheese