Target Audience
30 – 45 ID specialists, transplant diseases (both SOT and HSCT) physicians, microbiologists, virologists and haematologists/oncologists (also in training).

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Picture outside: Cytomegalovirus CMV, a DNA virus from the Herpesviridae family on a background with giant cells (3D illustration). © Shutterstock

Picture inside: Hepatitis B virus in blood vessel with red blood cells. A model of virus is built using data of viral macromolecular structure furnished by Protein Data Bank (PDB 4G93). © Shutterstock

Course Objectives
The topic is a challenging and moving target — the population of immunocompromised patients (IC) is growing and viral infections are among the most common infection complications in those patients. Viral infections are associated with morbidity and mortality not only in transplant recipients but in all IC patients. The management of viral infections is complex and a multidisciplinary approach is needed regarding epidemiology, prevention and treatment. This course follows up with the ESCMID course held in Lausanne in 2015 which addressed a similar topic predominantly on transplant patients. This course covers all potential groups of IC patients and relevant viral infections including those after biological therapies. The top experts in the field serve as speakers and we expect very practically oriented lessons with updated and recent data from research. Interesting interactive case presentations are also planned.
Thursday, 8 June 2017

Session 1: viral hepatitis in immunocompromised patients
Chairs: Joop E. Arends, Pavol Jarcuska
09:00 Introduction. Bernd Salzberger
09:15 Hepatitis B reactivation – screening and treatment in immunocompromised patients. Hakan Leblebicioglu
10:15 Hepatitis C virus in transplant recipients: who and how to treat. Resat Ozaras
10:45 Hepatitis E virus in immunocompromised patients beyond transplantation. Joop E. Arends
10:45 Coffee break

Session 2: clinical virology in immunocompromised patients
Chairs: Jose Maria Aguado Garcia, Hans H. Hirsch
11:00 CMV in transplantation. Nicolas Mueller
11:30 HHV-8 in immunocompromised patients. Paolo Antonio Grassi
12:00 Viral infections in haematological patients: does it matter? Malgorzata Mikulska
12:30 Lunch

Session 3: clinical virology in immunocompromised patients II
Chairs: Paolo Antonio Grassi, Bernd Salzberger
13:45 Polyomavirus infection in patients receiving biologics. Oriol Manuel
14:15 Emerging viral infections in immunocompromised patients. Laurent Kaiser
14:45 What should transplant clinicians need to know about Zika? Anna Machado
15:15 Coffee break

Session 4: case reports 1 – 5
Chairs: Oriol Manuel, Claudio Viscoli

Friday, 9 June 2017

Session 5: vaccination in immunocompromised patients
Chairs: Hakan Leblebicioglu, Nicolas Mueller
08:30 Prevention of viral infections after HSCT: vaccination and more. Per Ljungman
09:00 Prevention of viral infection after SOT: vaccination and more. Claudio Viscoli
09:30 Vaccination in the era of biologicals. Dominique Salinan-Ceran
10:00 Coffee break

Session 6: management of viral infections: what is new?
Chairs: Lubos Drgona, Per Ljungman
10:15 Diagnostics and monitoring of viral infections: PCR and emerging approaches. Martina Lengerova
10:35 Novel strategies in the management of viral infections in IC patients. Hans H. Hirsch
10:55 New antivirals. Pascal Meylan
11:15 Viral complications after biological therapy. Jose Maria Aguado Garcia
11:35 Coffee break

Session 7: interesting case reports 6 – 8
Chairs: Malgorzata Mikulska, Resat Ozaras
12:45 Closing remarks and evaluation of the course. Lubos Drgona, Resat Ozaras, Bernd Salzberger

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EUR 500 for all others

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CME Accreditation
The organizers of the course will apply for European CME accreditation through EACCME.