Contagion Scare, Isolation and Society Throughout the Centuries

2nd International Day for Fighting Infection
Valletta, Malta
23 April 2009
09:00 h
Combating the Black Death in the infancy of Europe: prevention or exorcism?
Giuseppe Cornaglia
Verona, Italy

09:30 h
The role of the Knights Hospitallers in preventing the spread of infections
Charles Savona-Ventura
Valletta, Malta

10:00 h
Leprosy, a paradigm for contagion and isolation
Claire Watson
London, United Kingdom

10:30 h
Venice and the Lazzaretto
Martino Rizzi
Venice, Italy

11:30 h
Istanbul: a gate against incoming diseases from Central Asia
Onder Ergonul
Istanbul, Turkey

12:00 h
History of the concept of quarantine
Bertrand Mafart
Marseille, France

12:30 h
Quarantine and the Americas: a story of poverty and immigration
Raul Istoriz
Caracas, Venezuela

13:00 h
Preventing the spread of viral diseases in the global village
Albert Osterhaus
Rotterdam, The Netherlands