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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON:

Helicobacter Pylori: Global Consensus Conference

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5th-6th November, 2026

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WHO WE ARE

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The “**Fondazione Menarini**” was established in the spring of **1976** to promote research and knowledge in the fields of biology, pharmacology and medicine as well as economy and human sciences.

One of the main tools the Foundation uses to achieve its goals is the organization of **international congresses** with a specific focus on medical disciplines.



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The logo the **Fondazione Menarini** adopted at the time of its establishment derives from a famous seventeenth-century treatise, the **Novissima Iconologia del Ripa** (Ripas’ New Iconology), rich in symbolic meanings from Parmenides to Plato’s Myth of the Soul.

The image, which depicts a man leading a horse while firmly gripping the bridle, was chosen as it effectively represents the Foundation’s goals and topics based on its **balanced interests in humanistic and biological sciences**.



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INTRO SPEECH

H.pylori infection is the most frequent chronic bacterial infection worldwide and localized within the stomach ,the specific target organ. The estimated prevalence of the H.pylori infection in the world population is 4.4 billion. All infected will develop chronic gastritis. Approximately 20 % of the infected individuals will develop symptoms and /or clinical complications during their lifetime. H.pylori induced dyspepsia and peptic ulcer disease are curable through eradication of the microorganism while the most severe complication ,gastric cancer requires complex oncological therapies. Gastric cancer is the fourth leading cause of mortality among all malignant diseases.90 % of the cases with gastric cancer are attributed to H.pylori infection and though no longer curable by H.pylori eradication it has become a preventable disease by H.pylori screen and treat strategies. Following the successful implementation of diverse strategies of screen and treat in high risk individuals and selected population groups have now based on results from the most recent clinical research, led to the ambition to increasingly raise this prevention concept to a global level. The ultimate mission and desire is to make a healthy stomach possible for the entire world population

However for the global implementation of such strategies we are facing crucial challenges such as the need to defeat the increasing H.pylori antibiotic resistance, reach out for solutions concerning the complex and jeopardizing interaction of antibiotics with gut microbiota, for issues related to logistics and costs-effectiveness in public health driven measures of general disease prevention. The conference „Maastricht VII/Florence towards a global consensus in H.pylori management“ will now be completed with the face to face meeting here in Fiesole/Florence following a long process of preparation .

The structure of the meeting has been composed of 3 working groups that elaborated specific statements in key areas guiding the management of H.pylori infection.

WG 1 Strategies for primary and secondary prevention of gastric cancer and other pathologies at the individual, selected cohort and population level, Public Health &-Economic related issues

WG 2 Diagnostic aspects, antibiotic resistance related issues

WG 3 Treatment adapted to global demands, Future directions originating from basic and translational clinical research , novel non-antibiotic principles for prevention and cure of H.pylori infection

President of the Meeting
Peter Malfertheiner

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2026 - MORNING

- 08.30 a.m. - 08.40 a.m. Welcome addresses and Introduction of the Maastricht VII/Florence Consensus
P. Malfertheiner (Munich, GE)
- 08.40 a.m. - 08.50 a.m. Presentation of Fondazione Menarini
G. Caracciolo (Florence, IT)

SESSION I - CLINICAL MANAGEMENT - WG1

Chairpersons: **J. M. Liou** (Taipei, TW), **M. Rugge** (Padua, IT)

- 08.50 a.m. - 09.10 a.m. Lecture
Epidemiological Trends of H.pylori infection and
Gastric cancer
J. Y. Park (Lyon, FR)

09.10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Panel of presenters

B.W. Kim (Seoul, KR), **M. Leja** (Riga, LV), **J.Y. Park** (Lyon, FR), **K. Sugano** (Shimotsuke, JP), **B. Tepes** (Ljubljana, SI)

Questions and related statements

- What is the public health burden of H. pylori infection today?
- What reduction of disease burden -malignant and non-malignant diseases- can be achieved by screen and treat strategies?
- What is the relative impact of H.pylori on the development of distal and proximal cancer, and at the GE junction?
- Which diagnostic tests are preferred for population-based H. pylori screening?
- Can serology be used for H. pylori screening in low-prevalence populations, and how should positives be managed?
- Can H. pylori screening be integrated into existing preventive health platforms?
- Can serologic panels (Hp-Ab, Pgl/PgII, gastrin) stratify individual GC risk? Are they an adequate tool eliminate for surveillance of post-eradication residual risk?
- Do host genetics, immune response, and environmental exposures modify gastric cancer risk in H. pylori-infected individuals?

10.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.

Discussion

10.45 a.m. - 11.10 a.m.

Coffee Break

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Chairpersons: **J. M. Liou** (Taipei, TW), **M. Rugge** (Padua, IT)

11.10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

Panel of presenters

B.W. Kim (Seoul, KR), **M. Leja** (Riga, LV), **J.Y. Park** (Lyon, FR), **K. Sugano** (Shimotsuke, JP), **B. Tepes** (Ljubljana, SI)

Questions and related statements

- Which epidemiologic parameters most strongly determine gastric cancer risk at the population-level and its preventability?
- Up to which histological stage (OLGA/OLGIM) can H.pylori eradication reliably prevent gastric cancer?
- Up to what age are non-invasive tests for H. pylori infection appropriate for gastric cancer prevention in symptomatic and asymptomatic populations?
- Is general population-based H. pylori screening and eradication cost-effective for gastric cancer prevention?
- What population-level epidemiological, socioeconomic, and health-system factors should be incorporated when modelling gastric cancer prevention strategies across different populations?
- Does the prevalence of autoimmune gastritis vary with population-specific H. pylori epidemiology?
- Is there a causative mechanistic role of autoimmune gastritis in gastric carcinogenesis?
- Can we rely on the diagnostic accuracy of AI-assisted endoscopy for detecting atrophic gastritis and intestinal metaplasia? And can we omit histology?
- Are there new approaches to improve the identification of patients who carry increased risk for H. pylori related gastric cancer and warrant eradication?

12.45 p.m. - 01.00 p.m.

Discussion

01.00 p.m. - 02.00 p.m.

Lunch

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER - AFTERNOON

**SESSION II - DIAGNOSTICS AND RESISTANCE TO
ANTIBIOTICS WG2**

Chairpersons: **S. Moss** (Providence, US),
C. Schulz (Munich, GE)

02.00 p.m. - 02.10 p.m. Lecture
Introduction to challenges of antibiotics resistance in H. pylori
F. Megraud (Bordeaux, FR)

02.10 p.m. - 04.00 p.m. Panel of presenters
V. Kayamba (Lusaka, ZM), **F. Megraud** (Bordeaux, FR),
A. Riquelme (Santiago, CL), **S. Suerbaum** (Munich, GE)

Questions and generated statements

- What is the relevance of H. pylori and other microbial resistance in the context of H.pylori eradication therapy?
- Should antimicrobial susceptibility testing be performed routinely before first-line treatment initiation?
- What is known about H. pylori resistance rates from a global perspective?
- Should H. pylori antimicrobial susceptibility rates be routinely collected and monitored by health care systems, in order to develop stewardship programs and guide H. pylori treatment locally?
- Are molecular-based (genetic) antimicrobial susceptibility tests ready for clinical application?
- What are the relative advantages/disadvantages of molecular versus culture-based tests for antimicrobial susceptibility?
- Is antimicrobial susceptibility testing possible without performing endoscopy?

04.00 p.m. - 04.15 p.m. Discussion

04.15 p.m. - 04.30 p.m. *Coffee Break*

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Chairpersons: **S. Moss** (Providence, US),
C. Schulz (Munich, GE)

04.30 p.m. - 05.45 p.m.

Panel of presenters

V. Kayamba (Lusaka, ZM), **F. Megraud** (Bordeaux, FR),
A. Riquelme (Santiago, CL), **S. Suerbaum** (Munich, GE)

Questions and generated statements

- Should clarithromycin and levofloxacin -containing regimens only be used based on susceptibility testing?
- Is a positive serological test alone sufficient to start eradication treatment or is a confirmatory urea breath or stool antigen test always required?
- Can prolonging treatment duration or increasing antibiotic dosing help overcome resistance/improve treatment outcome?
- Can alternative Nitromidazole compounds as used in Asia or Chile, or rifasutenizol [combination of rifabutin and MNZ], or nitozanoxide be substituted for metronidazole to overcome metronidazole resistance?
- For H. pylori infected subjects with the gastric preneoplastic changes of atrophy or IM, should the approach regarding AST be different to that for the general H. pylori infected population?
- How does H. pylori affect gut microbiota composition and what changes (short/long term) are expected following eradication therapy?
- How does H. pylori eradication therapy influence antibiotic resistance development (short/long term) of gut microbiota?

05.45 p.m. - 06.00 p.m.

Discussion

06.00 p.m. - 06.15 p.m.

Survey event: Satisfaction survey with certificate

06.15 p.m.

End of the day

FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2026 -MORNING

SESSION III - TREATMENT – WG3

Chairpersons: **E. El Omar** (Sydney, AU),
P. Malfertheiner (Munich, GE)

09.00 a.m. - 09.20 a.m. Evolution and optimization of H. pylori eradication regimens

J. Gisbert (Madrid, SP), **C. O'Morain** (Dublin, IE)

09.20 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Panel of presenters

J. Gisbert (Madrid, SP), **R. H. Hunt** (London, UK),
G. Ianiro (Rome, IT), **C. O' Morain** (Dublin, IE),
T. Rokkas (Athens, GR)

Questions and related statements

- What level of eradication efficacy is required for selection of the first line eradication regimen?
- Is regional eradication efficacy essential for the selection of the first line eradication regimen?
- What are the components required for Bismuth Quadruple therapy if intended for use as empiric first line?
- Which cut-off for H. pylori resistance to clarithromycin in the local/regional setting provides a valid measure for first line treatment selection?
- Which treatment strategy should be favoured if empiric therapy is proven equally effective compared to AST adapted therapy in a local setting? For what reasons?
- Does the selection of antibiotic influence the selection and dosage of acid suppressants?
- If available, are P-CABs preferred over PPI?
- In dual therapies with amoxicillin is tid administration always required?

10.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. Discussion

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FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER

Chairpersons: **E. El Omar** (Sydney, AU),
P. Malfertheiner (Munich, GE)

10.45 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

Panel of presenters

J. Gisbert (Madrid, SP), **R. H. Hunt** (London, UK),
G. Ianiro (Rome, IT), **C. O' Morain** (Dublin, IE),
T. Rokkas (Athens, GR)

Questions and related statements

- How should we proceed in the selection of therapy if first line failed?
- What therapy should be used in third line and what are the selection criteria?
- Are there novel options for H. pylori eradication without use of conventional antibiotic therapy?
- What is the evidence to pursue the development of a therapeutic vaccine?
- Are there targets specific to the pathobiology of H. pylori useful for novel drug development?
- Have probiotics the potential to substitute antibiotics for H.pylori eradication in future?
- Are Probiotics essential partners of antibiotic therapy in H. pylori eradication?
- When should a probiotic, which and for how long be combined with the antibiotic therapy?

12.45 p.m. - 01.00 p.m.

Discussion

01.00 p.m. - 02.00 p.m.

Lunch

FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2026 - AFTERNOON

**SESSION IV - FINAL VOTING AND DISCUSSION
OF ALL INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS WITH ON LINE
PARTICIPATION OF GLOBAL KOL**

Chairpersons: **E. El Omar** (Sydney, AU),
J. M. Liou (Taipei, TW), **P. Malfertheiner** (Munich, GE),
S. Moss (Providence, US), **M. Rugge** (Padua, IT),
C. Schulz (Munich, GE)

- 02.00 p.m. - 03.30 p.m. Voting – part I
- 03.30 p.m. - 04.00 p.m. *Coffee Break*
- 04.00 p.m. - 05.00 p.m. Voting – part II
- 05.00 p.m. - 05.15 p.m. Concluding remarks and adjourn
- 05.15 p.m. - 05.30 p.m. Survey event: Satisfaction survey with certificate
- 05.30 p.m. End of the day

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The official language of the Meeting will be English. No simultaneous interpretation.

REGISTRATION

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LUNCHES AND COFFEE BREAKS

Lunches and welcome coffee will be served near the meeting area.

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