AGENDA

FRIDAY SEPT 27

Istituto degli Innocenti, Sala Pocetti

Meeting by invitation only

9.00-9.30 am    WELCOME COFFEE

9.30-12.30 am   SESSION 1: THE WIRhe INITIATIVE

Chairpersons: Steven Spitalnik, Gian Carlo Di Renzo

9.30-10.20 am   Why create an international consortium on “Rh disease eradication”: background, aims and constitution

Steven Spitalnik

10.20-11.00     Open discussion (all invitees)

11.00-11.40     The WIRhE consortium: future perspectives

Steven Spitalnik, Gian Carlo Di Renzo

11.40-12.30     Models of implementation of Rh prophylaxis in rural settings

Alvin Zipursky, Lisa Pell, Shaun Morris

12.30- 14.00 pm  Light Lunch and Visit to Museo degli Innocenti
SESSION 2: THE GLOBAL ERADICATION STRATEGIES

Chairpersons: Alvin Zipursky, Gerry H Visser

14.00-15.45 Presentation of initiatives from various Countries/Regions (5 min each):
Colombia: Maria Fernanda Escobar/Andres Benavides
Brazil: Eduardo Fonseca
Russia: Stanislav Pavlovich
China: Huixia Yang
Argentina: Liliana Voto
India: Nandita Palshetkar
Philippines: Bernabe Marinduque/Maynila Domingo
Turkey: Ilkay Tepe/Gul Demet
Pakistan: Rubina Sohail/Shehla Baqai
Israel: Michal Elbaz
Canada: Jillian Margaret Baker
UK: Marcela Contreras

15.45-16.00 Questions and answers

16.00-16.15 The ongoing project in Nigeria
Pastor Kenneth Ugochukwu Ogugu

16.15-16.20 Questions and answers

16.20-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.10 Global strategies
Gerry H. Visser

General discussion

17.15 pm End of the Meeting
SATURDAY SEPT 28
Istituto degli Innocenti: Brunelleschi Hall
OPEN SYMPOSIUM ON
“GLOBAL ERADICATON OF Rh DISEASE: VICTORIES AND PITFALLS”

8.30-9.00 am      REGISTRATION and WELCOME COFFEE

9.00-9.30 am     OPENINGS (Authorities, Chairpersons) - Video presentation

9.30-11.30 am    SESSION: VICTORIES AND PITFALLS OF RH ERADICATION GLOBALLY

Chairpersons: Alvin Zipursky (Canada), Steven Spitalnik (USA), Gerry H Visser (NL)

The 50th anniversary of Rh immune globulin and the motivation for initiating WIRhE
Steven Spitalnik, USA

International strategies for eradicating Rh disease, initiated by FIGO and others
Gerry H Visser, NL

Safety issues and effectiveness of Rh immune globulin preparations
Marcela Contreras, UK

Issues that still remain regarding Rh disease eradication in high income and low income countries
Alvin Zipursky, Canada

Comments and Witnesses:

Rh disease eradication in Africa: Issues in Kenya
Marleen Temmermann, Kenya

Combating Rh disease in countries at war
Rossella Miccio, Emergency, Italy

Rh disease eradication in Africa: Issues in Nigeria
Funmi Banire, Nigeria

Does Rh disease occur in China?
Huixia Yang, China

11.30-12.30      4th Annual “John Gorman Lecture in Transfusional Medicine “

2019 Lecturer: Giuseppe Remuzzi, Italy
Introduced by Steven Spitalnik, Gian Carlo Di Renzo & Paolo Marcucci

12.30 am         End of Symposium