

*Second Annual International Symposium for the*  
**GLOBAL ERADICATION OF RH DISEASE**  
*First Kick-off Meeting of the*  
**WIRhE CONSORTIUM**

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019  
PREIS SCHOOL, ISTITUTO DEGLI INNOCENTI  
PIAZZA SS ANNUNZIATA, FIRENZE, ITALY

AGENDA

**FRIDAY SEPT 27**

**Istituto degli Innocenti, Sala Pocetti**

*Meeting by invitation only*

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| 9.00-9.30 am    | WELCOME COFFEE  |
| 9.30-12.30 am   | SESSION 1: <b>THE WIRhE INITIATIVE</b><br><i>Chairpersons: Steven Spitalnik, Gian Carlo Di Renzo</i>                                |
| 9.30-10.20 am   | Why create an international consortium on “Rh disease eradication”:<br>background, aims and constitution<br><i>Steven Spitalnik</i> |
| 10.20-11.00     | Open discussion (all invitees)  |
| 11.00-11.40     | The <b>WIRhE</b> consortium: future perspectives<br><i>Steven Spitalnik, Gian Carlo Di Renzo</i>                                    |
| 11.40-12.30     | Models of implementation of Rh prophylaxis in rural settings<br><i>Alvin Zipursky, Lisa Pell, Shaun Morris</i>                      |
| 12.30- 14.00 pm | Light Lunch and Visit to Museo degli Innocenti  |

14.00-17.00 pm	SESSION 2: <b>THE GLOBAL ERADICATION STRATEGIES</b> <i>Chairpersons: Alvin Zipursky, Gerry H Visser</i>
14.00-15.45	<b>Presentation of initiatives from various Countries/ Regions</b> (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 <b>Gerry H. Visser</b>  General discussion
17.15 pm	End of the Meeting

**SATURDAY SEPT 28**  
Istituto degli Innocenti: Brunelleschi Hall  
**OPEN SYMPOSIUM ON**  
**“GLOBAL ERADICATION 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