**Bridges Digital Congress on Infectious Diseases and Vaccines February 21st and 22nd, 2022**

The Bridges Congress started in 2015 as an educative symposium focused on providing the latest information on HIV and viral hepatitis, as well as bridging and connecting individuals and sharing expertise between Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. This year we will be changing a few things by expanding the focus to broader infectious disease and vaccines, as well as hosting the Bridges Congress as a fully digital event.

The focus of this symposium will be to provide useful education on a broader scope of infectious disease and vaccine related topics, while providing a balance between basic scientific knowledge as well as practical medical information that can be translated to daily practice in the healthcare setting.

This event will take place across two evenings, February 21st and 22nd, from 18:00-20:00 on the respective evenings. More detailed information on the Bridges Congress and Program can be found below.

**Agenda Bridges Digital Infectious Diseases and Vaccines Conference 2022**

Day 1 February 21st 18:00-20:00

**Moderator: Prof. dr. Marc van Ranst**

***Confirmed Speaker: Prof. Dr. Marjolein van Egmond (Amsterdam)***

The Success Story of Vaccines – general introduction and presentation on how vaccines have changed the medical and social landscape the past decades

***Confirmed Speaker: Prof.dr. Eric van Gorp (Rotterdam)***

Tailored Vaccination Strategies – providing the right vaccination strategy for the individual patient

***Confirmed Speaker: Dr. Alex Vorsters***

Vaccine Hesitancy – Vaccine Hesitancy, lessons learnt in Europe

***Confirmed Speaker: Prof. dr. Marc van Ranst (Leuven)***

Respiratory Infections in a COVID-19 Era - how COVID-19 is affecting other respiratory infections

Day 2 February 22nd 18:00-20:00

**Moderator: Prof. dr. Ab Osterhaus**

***Confirmed Speaker: Dr. Mark Claassen (Arnhem)***

What Can we Learn from Viral Hepatitis? – HBV and HCV approaches and success in addressing viral diseases

***Confirmed Speaker: Prof. dr. Ab Osterhaus (Hannover/Rotterdam)***

Learnings from COVID-19 for the Next Pandemic

***Confirmed Speaker: Dr. Gilles Darcis (Liege)***

HIV in the COVID Era – Impact on late presentation and or prevention

***Confirmed Speaker: Prof. dr. Marc Bonten (Utrecht)***

Bacterial Infections and Vaccines – new and upcoming bacterial infection vaccines and therapies (e.g. bacteriophages)