

# Training workshop on emerging infectious diseases – 2026 - Istanbul

## Onsite courses

This workshop will be held in Istanbul in March 2026 and will last for two days. Through an exchange of experiences between clinicians, issues relating to the management of CCHF, dengue and West Nile infections will be addressed.

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March: from 9 am to 5 pm

## Sponsors and supporters



Day 1	25 <sup>th</sup> March
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8.30 am welcoming participants

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### Introductory lecture and Workshop opening

9 am **Official opening, presentation of the programme and objectives**  
 Koç University Onder Ergonul  
 Sociedad Española de Enfermedades Infecciosas y Microbiología Clínica  
 Société de pathologie infectieuse de langue française – Groupe Emergence – JM Chaplain and S Bessis  
 Coordination du Risque Epidémique et Biologique - X Lescure

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### West Nile Virus Disease in Europe: Emerging Trends and Clinical Challenges

Chair: X Lescure and JM Chaplain

9.45 am **Epidemiology in Southern Europe: Current Landscape and Future Risks**  
*Francesco Vairo (Italy)*

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10.15 am **State of the art in case management – lessons from the field in Italy**  
*Emanuele Nicastrì (Italy)*

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11.15 am **From First Cases to Persistent Transmission: The West Nile Virus Journey in Spain**  
*José Miguel Cisneros (Esp)*

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11.45 am **Round Table: Sharing Clinical Experiences**  
*All previous speakers*

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12.45 pm	Lunch Break
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### Dengue Virus: Emerging Challenges and Clinical Insights

Chair: J Membrillo de Novales and D Malvy

2 pm **Spain's Experience in Dengue Management: Clinical and Public Health Approaches**  
*Marta Diaz Menendez (Sp)*

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2.30 pm **State-of-the-Art Management: Current Strategies and Future Directions**  
*Francesca Norman (Sp)*

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3 pm **French Experience from the continent: management of indigenous cases in continental France**  
*Michel Carles (Fr)*

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3.30 pm **French Experience from the Overseas Territories: outbreak response from the field.**  
*Vincent Ronin (Fr)*

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4 pm **Epidemiology and Pathophysiology: Understanding the Dynamics of Dengue**  
*Alfonso Rodriguez Morales (Vz)*

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4.30 pm **Round Table: Sharing Clinical Experiences**  
*All previous speakers*

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5 pm **End of the day – Social event**

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Day 2	26 <sup>th</sup> 2026
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## Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever: Epidemiology, Clinical Management, and Control Strategies

### Session 1: Understanding the Disease

Chair: *S Bessis (Fr) and M Mora (Sp)*

9 am	<b>Epidemiology and Pathophysiology: State of the Art</b> <i>Onder Ergonul (Tr)</i>
9:30 am	<b>Clinical Insights from Turkey: Lessons Learned from more than 20 years of experience</b> <i>Nurcan Baykam (Tr)</i>
10 am	<b>Hyalomma Ticks and CCHF: Predicting Disease Expansion Through Vector Ecology – Spanish and Turkish experiences</b> <i>Francisco Ruiz-Fons (Sp) and Turkish speaker</i>
10:30 am	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>11 am</b>	<b>Break</b>

### Session 2: Three pillars of CCHF treatment.

Chair: *J Membrillo de Novales (Sp) and N Baykam (Tr)*

11:30 am	<b>Antivirals. Current Evidence and Scientific Literature</b> <i>Turkish speaker</i>
11:50 am	<b>Anti-inflammatories. consensus from Turkey</b> <i>Turkish speaker</i>
12:10 pm	<b>Supportive care. Optimizing Supportive Care: Lessons from Other Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers</b> <i>Simon Bessis (Fr) / Denis Malvy (Fr)</i>
12:40 pm	<b>Discussion: Specific Treatment Strategies – Promise or Illusion?</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

### Session 3: Infection Control and Diagnostic Challenges

Chair: *O Ergonul (Tr) and JM Chapplain (Fr)*

14:30 pm	<b>Turkey's Experience: Protective Measures and Infection Control</b> <i>Siran Keske (Tr)</i>
15 pm	<b>Spain's Experience: High level Isolation Units model</b> <i>Octavio Arce (Sp)</i>
15:30	<b>Discussion</b>

Chair: *D Malvy (Fr) and Turkish colleague*

15:45	<b>Turkish Organisation for Diagnostic Management</b> <i>Turkish speaker (Tr)</i>
16:10	<b>From Suspicion to Specific Care: Spain's National Pathway for CCHF Management</b> <i>Javier Membrillo de Novales (Sp)</i>
16:30	<b>Diagnosing CCHF: Why a Challenge?</b> <i>Delphine Pannetier (Fr)</i>

**17:00** Closing session – Why moving forward all together?

Turkish, Spanish and French learned societies representatives