Intro
Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)
Budapest, October 2019
More than 27 years active in the control and prevention of viral hepatitis in Europe
• Mission statement

The objective of VHPB is to contribute to the control and prevention of viral hepatitides:
- by drawing the attention to this important public health problem
- by issuing prevention and control guidance and catalyse the development of recommendations,
- by encouraging actions to improve control, prevention and elimination.

All activities are in line with viral hepatitis elimination goals defined by WHO Global strategy

**Focus audiences** are, in first instance, opinion leaders, policymakers, public health and health care professionals.
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These honorary members are elected for a lifelong term and are invited to VHPB meetings on an ad hoc basis.
Personnel involved

– Brenda Janssens
– Xenia Mikulla
– Sara Valckx
– Dur-e-Nayab Waheed
– Greet Hendrickx
– Alex Vorsters

Executive secretary

– Pierre Van Damme

Located within the facilities of the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp

HPV prevention and control board is embedded in the same facilities.
Two meetings per year

1. Technical meeting: discuss, review and issue guidelines or recommendations for critical issues in viral hepatitis

2. Country meeting:
   - Understand strategies and programs to control viral hepatitis in the country
   - Monitor progress of countries in control of viral hepatitis
   - Create a platform where people of the country involved in viral hepatitis can discuss and can start future initiatives
   - Verify the WHO elimination targets
   - Initiate or accelerate the development of National viral hepatitis plan
   - Draft guidelines to support countries based on lessons learned from other countries
Countries covered

- Italy (2002)
- Germany and the Nordic Countries (2003)
- France (2004)
- UK (2005)
- Spain (2006)
- Greece (2007)
- The Netherlands (2008)
- Turkey (2009)
- Portugal (2010)
- Bulgaria (2011)
- Arctic Region (2012)
- Israel (2013)
- Brazil (2014)
- Baltic states (2015)
- Albania (2016)
- Belgium – Luxembourg (2017)
- The Russian Federation (2018)
Broad range of topics covered in 25 years

- Hepatitis B vaccination
  - Universal Immunisation programs (transition from risk group strategy to universal immunization)
  - Adolescent and new-born programmes
  - Safety issues
  - Long term efficacy Surveillance best practice
- Hepatitis B and C asymptomatic infection and chronic carriage
  - Surveillance activities
  - Identification and management
  - Treatment of hepatitis C a public health challenge
  - Perinatal transmission
- Injection safety and safe blood supply
  - Realization that ~50% injections unsafe in developing world
- HBV mutants and variants
  - Prediction “Escape mutants” would negate gains of immunization.
- Prevention and control of hepatitis in migrants and refugees
  - Increasingly important issue
- How to reach risk groups
- Hepatitis A and E
- Economical analysis
  - A viral hepatitis free future: how to make it affordable
Web site www.vhpb.org
Website and social media:

- Newsletters
- Renewed membership of Vaccine Safety Network
- Twitter
The Lancet Gastroenterology:
Eliminating Hepatitis C in Europe

Liver International
Eliminating viral hepatitis C in Belgium: the micro-elimination approach. (submitted)
Hungary hepatitis meeting

Elimination of Viral Hepatitis in Hungary:
Lessons learnt and the way forward

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
30-31 October 2019
Meeting Objectives

• Provide an overview of the current viral hepatitis situation in Hungary: surveillance systems, epidemiology, screening, burden, prevention and the cascade of care
• Discuss achievements and challenges in the prevention of viral hepatitis, the possible implementation of new prevention strategies in Hungary
• Discuss the development, the implementation of a National hepatitis plan.
• Assess the needs to achieve the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis as a major public health threat by 2030 as set out in the WHO Global Strategy and WHO Europe Action Plan, building on the UN Sustainable Development Goals’ (SDG) commitments.
• Discuss successes, issues and barriers to overcome, and the way forward.
INTENDED IMPACT

• Putting prevention and control of viral hepatitis on the national public health agenda, discuss the current situation and the way forward to contribute to Hungarian fight against hepatitis and to achieve the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health problem by 2030.
• Presentations and background document on the website
• Conclusion slides on the website
• Meeting report on website and distributed via newsletter

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