

THURSDAY, 30 MAY				
10h00 – 13h00	Registration			Foyer – Level 2
SESSION 1	PLENARY SESSION 1			Ballroom 2/3/4 LEVEL 2
Chairs	Jeremy Nel, Nicolette du Plessis			
13h00 – 13h15	Opening & Welcome			
13h15 – 13h45	The use of artificial intelligence in diagnostic microbiology Robin Patel			
13h45 – 14h15	IPC preparedness for the next pandemic and gaps - Kalisvar Marimuthu			
14h15 – 14h45	Life Course Vaccination – Anne von Gottberg			
14h45 – 15h15	Refreshments			Exhibition Area
SESSION 2	PARALLEL SESSION 1 ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE	Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2	PARALLEL SESSION 2 HIV	Committee Room 4 Level 4
Chairs	Angela Dramowski, Nelesh Govender		Mo Archary, Wolfgang Preiser	
	<p>15h30 – 15h50 Diagnostic strategies to combat AMR -Robin Patel</p> <p>15h50 - 16h10 AMR through the One Health lens - Abia Akebe</p> <p>16h10 – 16h30 Therapeutic drug monitoring, a necessity in the era of AMR - Warren Lowman</p> <p>16h30 – 16h50 Don't forget the fungi: novel antifungal agents amidst rising antifungal resistance - Nelesh Govender</p> <p>16h50 – 17h10 Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Nakita Reddy – Paper 76</p> <p>17h10 – 17h15 Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Ravesh Singh – Paper 32</p> <p>17h15 – 17h20 Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Naseema Bulbulia – Paper 49</p>		<p>15h30 – 15h50 Infant diagnosis and linkage to care - Ute Feucht</p> <p>15h50 - 16h10 State of the ART: neonates to adolescents - Mo Archary</p> <p>16h10 – 16h30 Beyond TLD: new options and paradigms for adults - Graeme Meintjes</p> <p>16h30 – 16h50 Metabolic complications of HIV - Nomathemba C Chandiwana</p> <p>16h50 – 17h10 Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Upasna Singh – Paper 118</p> <p>17h10 – 17h15 Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Ahmad Haeri Mazanderani – Paper 95</p> <p>17h15 – 17h20 Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Freddy Mabetlela – Paper 10</p>	
17h30– 20h00	Welcome Function & Trade Preview			Exhibition Area

FRIDAY, 31 MAY				
07h30 – 08h15	Meet the Professor	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium Mr First Aid	<i>Committee Room 2 Level 2</i>
	Next generation sequencing for infectious disease diagnosis - Robin Patel		RGN, BSC(Hons) Infection Control, MSc Healthcare Leadership - Gema Martinez Garcia	
SESSION 3	PARALLEL SESSION 3 ONE HEALTH	<i>Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2</i>	PARALLEL SESSION 4 TROPICAL DISEASES TRAVEL MEDICINE	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>
Chairs	Nicola Page, Natalie Schellack		Marietjie Venter, Ribka Berhanu	
	<p>08h30 – 08h50 Water, friend or enemy in healthcare facilities: Gram- negative outbreak in the ICU - Pieter Ekermans</p> <p>08h50 – 09h10 Weaving the threads: Setting up for 'One Health' Surveillance in Low to Middle Income Settings - Natalie Schellack</p> <p>09h10 – 09h30 Impact of Avian Flu outbreak on human health - Nicole Wolter</p> <p>09h30 – 09h50 One Health - Lucille Blumberg</p> <p>09h50 – 10h00 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Ruth Mogokotleng – Paper 35</i></p> <p>10h00 – 10h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Susan Meiring – Paper 45</i></p> <p>10h05 – 10h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Silondiwe Nzimande – Paper 116</i></p>		<p>08h30 – 08h50 Travel medicine cases - Lucille Blumberg</p> <p>08h50 – 09h10 Parasitology cases - John Freaan</p> <p>09h10 – 09h30 Hot Topics in Malaria - Charlotte Srirutan</p> <p>09h30 – 09h50 (Travel Medicine): Mosquitoborne Viruses of Southern Africa - Marietjie Venter</p> <p>09h50 – 10h00 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – John Ratabane – Paper 70</i></p> <p>10h00 – 10h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Shannon Williams – Paper 56</i></p> <p>10h05 – 10h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Carine Bokop Fotso – Paper 111</i></p>	
10h10 – 10h40	Refreshments & E-Poster Viewing			<i>Exhibition Area</i>
FRIDAY, 31 MAY				
SESSION 4	PLENARY SESSION 2			<i>Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2</i>
Chairs	James Nuttall, Teena Thomas			

10h40 – 11h00	Neonatal sepsis: bugs & drugs – Angela Dramowski					
11h00 – 11h20	Considerations for antibiotic administration in MDR infections – Warren Lowman					
11h20 – 11h40	Optimizing antibiotic dosing in the critically ill – Eric Decloedt					
11h40 – 12h20	How much is too much? Multi Plex testing in critically ill patients – Kathy Anne Strydom + AW Dreyer					
12h20 – 13h20	Lunch & E-Poster Viewing					<i>Exhibition Area</i>
12h30 – 13h00	Industry Sponsored Lunch Symposium - Inqaba Biotechnical					<i>Committee Room 2 Level 4</i>
Progress in HPV and STI Diagnosis for a Healthier Life : A Literature Review - Donald van der Westhuizen						
SESSION 5	PARALLEL SESSION 5 STI ADULTS	<i>Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2</i>	PARALLEL SESSION 6 PAEDIATRIC ID	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>	PARALLEL SESSION 7 ICSSA	<i>Committee Room 5 Level 4</i>
Chairs	Kessendri Reddy, Jackie Weyer		Angela Dramowski, Fikile Mabena		Antoinette Moolman, Adrian Brink	
	<p>13h30 – 13h50 Prevention of STIs – doxycycline and meningococcal vaccine – David Lewis</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Monkeypox outbreak in sub-Saharan Africa: Response and Future Prospects – Jackie Weyer</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 Rapid diagnostic testing for STIs – Mandisa Mdingi</p> <p>14h30 – 14h40 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Zizipho Mbulawa – Paper 21</p> <p>14h40 – 14h50 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Olga Perovic – Paper 30</p>		<p>13h30 – 13h50 Current diagnostic (& management) approach to inborn errors of immunity in a LMIC setting – Andre Van Niekerk</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Update on malaria prophylaxis in children in view of paed atovaquone-proguanil being withdrawn from SA market – James Nuttall</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 TCI: the new TDM – Eric Decloedt</p> <p>14h30 – 14h40 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Keabetswe Motsepe – Paper 117</p> <p>14h40 – 14h45 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Yesholata Mahabeer – Paper 27</p> <p>14h45 – 14h50 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Prenika Jaglal - Paper 18</p>		<p>13h30 – 13h50 The role of artificial intelligence to prevent or reduce healthcare associated infections – Briette Du Toit</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Using Behavioral Change Theories to Improve Infection Prevention and Control Best Practice – Adrian Brink</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 Fungal infections: the new cleaning alternative – Husna Ismail</p> <p>14h30 – 14h40 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Marcus Hollington – Paper 4</p> <p>14h40 – 14h45 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Amidou Samie - Paper 100</p> <p>14h45 – 14h50 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Samantha McCarlie – Paper 2</p>	
15h00 – 15h30	Refreshments & E-Poster Viewing					<i>Exhibition Area</i>

FRIDAY, 31 MAY						
SESSION 6	PARALLEL SESSION 8 RURAL ID	<i>Ballroom2/3/4 Level 2</i>	PARALLEL 9 WHAT'S NEW IN ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA?	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>	PARALLEL SESSION 10 SURVEILLANCE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY	<i>Committee Room 5 Level 4</i>
Chairs	Khosi Ngobese, JD Lotz		Norma Bosman, David Moore		Kessendri Reddy, Briette du Toit	
	<p>15h30 – 15h50 Rabies Update – Jackie Weyer</p> <p>15h50 – 16h10 Helminth infections in rural South Africa – John Frean</p> <p>16h10 – 16h30 TB diagnosis in children in rural practice focusing on system challenges – JD Lotz</p> <p>16h30 – 16h50 The Big 5: Recognising and preventing catastrophic ID disasters – Arifa Parker</p> <p>16h50 – 17h00 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Nondumiso Khoza – Paper 74</p> <p>17h00 – 17h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Sandra Maphumulo – Paper 26</p> <p>17h05- 17h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Kamohelo van Eck – Paper 97</p>		<p>15h30 – 15h50 Updated SA febrile neutropenia guidelines – David Moore</p> <p>15h50 – 16h10 AMS strategies in the primary care setting – Adrian Brink</p> <p>16h10 – 16h30 Patient safety in AMR – Natalie Shellack</p> <p>16h30 – 16h50 The Antibiogram as a vital AMS component – Norma Bosman</p> <p>16h50 – 17h00 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Oliver Van Hecke – Paper 17</p> <p>17h00 – 17h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Nombulelo Hoho – Paper 94</p> <p>17h05- 17h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Sibusisiwe Zulu – Paper 82</p>		<p>15h30 – 15h50 Which type of surveillance for HAI is the best for LMIC – Angela Dramowski</p> <p>15h50 – 16h10 Feedback on the Global Point Prevalence Survey (GPPS) performed in August 2023. – Heather Finlayson</p> <p>16h10 – 16h30 Surveillance of HAIs and MDROs within a chronic dialysis unit: unveiling the infectious burden. Naseema Sheik</p> <p>16h30 – 16h50 Using the GPPS methodology to establish the impact on an AMS program – Vindana Chibabhai</p> <p>16h50 – 17h00 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins)</i> – Tiisetso Lebaka – Paper 66</p> <p>17h00 – 17h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Cheryl Cohen – Paper 39</p> <p>17h05- 17h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Caroline Maluleka – Paper 81</p>	
17h20 – 18h30	<p>IDSSA AGM <i>Ballroom2/3/4 Level 2</i></p>		<p>SASPID AGM <i>Committee Room 2 Level 4</i></p>		<p>ICSSA AGM <i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i></p>	
	Society AGMs					
18h30 – 20h00	FIDSSA BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING – (LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED)					<i>Ballroom2/3/4 Level 2</i>

20h00	Delegates - At leisure
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SATURDAY, 01 JUNE

07h30 – 08h15	Meet The Professor	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium – Acino Healthcare	<i>Committee Room 2 Level 4</i>
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Unravelling role of infections in childhood deaths - Shabir Madhi	AMS in the era of Multi-drug Resistance (MDR) - Jennifer Coetsee
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SESSION 7	PLENARY SESSION 3 State Of The Art In Detection, Prevention And Response To Infectious Diseases	<i>Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2</i>
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Chairs	Arifa Parker, Gary Reubenson
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08h30 – 08h50	The Good the Bad and the Ugly: The role of the environmental microbiome or hospital microbiome in transmission of pathogens - Kalisvar Marimuthu
08h50 – 09h10	The role of metagenomics in South Africa - - Alan Christoffels
09h10 – 09h30	Balancing healthcare ventilation, infection control and energy costs. Is the current ventilation system in healthcare facilities adequate to prevent the transmission of respiratory diseases? What are the latest recommendations? - Jako-Albert Nice
09h30 – 09h50	Progress and challenges in protecting against respiratory viral infections - Shabir Madhi

10h00 – 10h30	Refreshments & E-Poster Viewing	<i>Exhibition Area</i>
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SESSION 8	PARALLEL SESSION 11 WHATS NEW IN DIAGNOSTIC	<i>Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2</i>	PARALLEL SESSION 12 TRANSPLANT INFECTIOUS DISEASES	<i>Committee Room 4 Level 4</i>
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Chairs	Trusha Nana, Teena Thomas	Wolfgang Preiser, Ribka Berhanu
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<p>10h30 – 10h50 From bench to bedside: Point of care tests for infectious diseases - Lesego Mothibi</p> <p>10h50 – 11h10 Diagnostic advances in lower respiratory and gastrointestinal infections - AW Dreyer</p> <p>11h10 – 11h30 Innovations in diagnostics - Wendy Stevens</p> <p>11h30 – 11h50 Diagnostic stewardship in South Africa - Vindana Chibabhai</p> <p>11h50 – 11h55 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Lara van der Merwe – Paper 105</p>	<p>10h30 – 10h50 Management of CMV In transplant patients - Lyle Murray</p> <p>10h50 – 11h10 Preventing Infection in transplant patients - Jeremy Nel</p> <p>11h10 – 11h30 Diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of viral infections in children with solid organ transplants - Tholang Khumalo</p> <p>11h30 – 11h50 TB prophylaxis in SA after transplants - Ribka Berhanu</p> <p>11h50 – 11h55 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins)</i> – Nitesh Brijlal– Paper 65</p>
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<p>11h55 – 12h00 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Megan Tattersall – Paper 50</i></p> <p>12h00 – 12h10 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Sharlene Govender – Paper 122</i></p>	<p>11h55 – 12h00 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Serisha Naicker – Paper 55</i></p> <p>12h00 – 12h10 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Fathima Suleman – Paper 12</i></p>
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SATURDAY, 01 JUNE

12h20 – 13h20	Lunch & E-Poster Viewing	<i>Exhibition Area</i>
12h30 – 13h00	Industry Sponsored Lunch Symposium - Pfizer	<i>Committee Room 2 Level 4</i>
	Tackling Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales: Strategies for Early Detection and Treatment - Warren Lowman	

SESSION 9	PARALLEL SESSION 13 YOUNG FIDSSA	Committee Room 2 Level 4	PARALLEL SESSION 14 VACCINES	Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2	PARALLEL SESSION 15 VIROLOGY	Committee Room 4 Level 4	PARALLEL SESSION 16 TB	Committee Room 4 Level 4
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Chairs	Nelesh Govender, Khosi Ngobese	Hannelie Meyer, Fikile Mabena	Nicola Page, Felicity Burt	James Nuttall, Arifa Parker
	<p>13h30 – 13h40 Introduction – Khosi Ngobese</p> <p>13h40 – 14h20 AI and health and research: the good bad and the Ugly</p> <p>14h20 – 14h40 Navigating a career Infectious Diseases (1) – Francois Venter</p> <p>14h40 – 15h00 Navigating a career Infectious Diseases (2) – Nelesh Govender</p> <p>15h00 – 15h05 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) - Shama Khan – Paper 107</i></p> <p>15h05 – 15h10 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) - Neo Legare – Paper 90</i></p>	<p>13h30 – 13h50 Topical tropical vaccines – Lucille Blumberg</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Update on Pertussis Vaccines – Sibongile Walaza</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 Introduction of rubella vaccination in SA: benefits & risks – Kerrigan McCarthy</p> <p>14h30 – 14h50 Interventions for addressing vaccine hesitancy – Hannelie Meyer</p> <p>14h50 – 15h10 Vaccination in pregnancy: overview, barriers & formalisation of a schedule – Amy Wise</p>	<p>13h30 – 13h50 Routine diagnostic testing as a tool for infectious disease surveillance – Wolfgang Preiser</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Genomic surveillance for enteric viral pathogens in South Africa – Nicola Page</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 (Virology): Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever virus and other vector-borne viruses in South Africa – Felicity Burt</p> <p>14h30 – 14h50 Wastewater surveillance for communicable disease – Mukhlid Yousif</p> <p>14h50 – 14h55 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Andronica Shonhiwa – Paper 89</i></p>	<p>13h30 – 13h50 New TB treatment for resistant TB – Graeme Meintjes</p> <p>13h50 – 14h10 Challenges to TB diagnostics and changes to the testing algorithms – Farzana Ismail</p> <p>14h10 – 14h30 How to manage a positive TB result in an asymptomatic patient – Ribka Berhanu</p> <p>14h30 – 14h50 Recent development in diagnosis and treatment of paediatric tuberculous meningitis – James Seddon</p> <p>14h50 – 14h55 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Julian Scherer – Paper 113</i></p>

			<p>14h55 – 15h00 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Nondumiso Nkosi – Paper 37</i></p> <p>15h00 – 15h10 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) - Ester Magada – Paper 87</i></p>	<p>14h55 – 15h00 <i>Flash Abstract (5 Mins) – Christoffell Opperman – Paper 44</i></p> <p>15h00 – 15h10 <i>Oral Abstract (10 Mins) – Kareen Lutchminara – Paper 47</i></p>
15h20 – 15h50	Refreshments & E-Poster Viewing			Venue
SATURDAY, 01 JUNE				
SESSION 10	PLENARY SESSION 4	HIGHLIGHTS & ETHICS		Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2
Chairs	Norma Bosman, Nicolette du Plessis			
16h00 – 16h50	Rapporteur session (Feedback of highlights per society/working group)			
16h50 – 17h35	Ethics talk: The Malign Repurposing of Clinical Microbiology - Adriano Duse			
17h35 – 18h00	Closing Remarks			
19h30 – 00h00	Gala Dinner – Cultural/Formal <i>Join us as we commemorate the journey of FIDSSA and GERMS-SA (Ticketed Event)</i>			Ballroom 2/3/4 Level 2
	Congress Close			