

Curriculum Vitae of Speaker

Professor Herman Goossens

Herman Goossens is Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He is the Director of the Laboratory of Clinical Pathology of the University Hospital Antwerp and Head of the Research Laboratory of Medical Microbiology at the University of Antwerp.

He received research fellowships of the University of Geneva (1985-86), the University of Tokyo (1987), and the University of Utrecht (1988). Herman Goossens received several honours and awards, including the American APUA (Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics) award in 2006. He was a Fellow of the British Council in 1987 and 1988.

Herman Goossens published 330 full papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and he published more than 25 chapters in textbooks. He is the founder and Vice-Chair of the Belgian Antibiotic Policy Coordination Committee (BAPCOC). He chaired the WHO Conference on the Use of Quinolones in Food Animals and Potential Impact on Human Health in Geneva (1998). Herman Goossens was a member of the ICAAC Program Committee (2001 – 2005) and member of ECCMID Programme Committee. He coordinates several European projects funded by DG Research, DG SANCO and ECDC, such as the European Surveillance of Antibiotic Consumption (ESAC) project and Genomics to Combat Resistance against Antibiotics in Community-acquired LRTI in Europe (GRACE). Herman Goossens was the organiser of the European Conference on Antibiotic Use in 2001 on behalf of the Belgian EU Presidency, of the International Workshop on Educational Campaigns regarding antibiotic resistance in 2004, of the European Workshop on indicators for quality prescribing in primary care in 2005, and of the European Conference on Health Care Associated Infections and Antibiotic Use in 2010 on behalf of the Belgian EU Presidency. He is the chair of the Technical Advisory Committee at ECDC for the annual European Antibiotic Resistance Day.

His main fields of research are antibiotic use and resistance, developing point-of-care diagnostic tests, and biofilms.