

Knowledge Hub Newswire

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Snapshot

These statistics reflect the Regional Knowledge Hub's activities from its inception in March 2004 through May 2011

- Knowledge Hub courses held: **254**
- Healthcare professionals trained: **6159**
 - Russia: **2824**
 - Ukraine: **2169**
 - Uzbekistan: **429**
 - Belarus: **189**
 - Kazakhstan: **128**
 - Moldova: **118**
 - Tajikistan: **109**
 - Kyrgyzstan: **107**
 - Azerbaijan: **57**
 - Estonia: **29**

Physicians who have earned nationally recognized advanced professional certification in adult/adolescent or pediatric AIDS treatment through the Knowledge Hub:

- Ukraine: **294** physicians
- Russia: **66** physicians and **22** nurses

The Knowledge Hub offers more than 40 courses on a broad range of HIV-related care and treatment topics.

Fourteen new and/or updated courses were developed in 2008-2009 and posted on the Knowledge Hub's web site in 2009-2010. These include:

New Courses:

- Integrated Approach in Treatment and Management of HIV/TB/Hepatitis Co-Infection in Substance Users
- Three-Step HIV/AIDS Program for Nurses
- Case Management: Patients Adherence to ART (for social and medical workers)
- Integrated Care Model for PLWHA
- Training-of-Trainers Course: HIV/AIDS for Social Workers
- Support of Sexual and Reproductive Health in People Living with HIV
- Organ and System Complications in Patients with HIV-Infection
- Laboratory Diagnostics of Opportunistic infections and Monitoring of HIV Treatment Quality
- Viral Hepatitis C and B and HIV: Management Strategies for Co-infected Patients

Updated Courses:

- Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
- PMTCT
- Advanced Adult ART
- HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care for Injecting Drug Users
- Management of HIV and TB Co-Infection

Ten of these courses have been developed with support from the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Knowledge Hub Calendar

The following trainings and events are scheduled to take place at the Knowledge Hub or affiliated centers in September-November 2011

September-November

The following five clinical protocols on HIV/AIDS treatment and care in the WHO European Region are currently under revision by WHO and will be translated into Russian language by KH C&T/AIHA:

- Patient Evaluation and Antiretroviral Treatment for Adults and Adolescents
- Management of Tuberculosis and HIV Co-infection
- Management of Hepatitis B and HIV Co-infection
- Prevention of HIV Transmission from HIV-infected Mothers to Their Infants
- Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment and Care

October 26-30

42nd Union World Conference on Lung Health, Lille, France

Two AIHA/KH C&T representatives will take part in the 42nd Union World Conference on Lung Health in Lille, France. New evidence-based data and scientific results received from the conference will be reflected in updated versions of AIHA/KH courses, training materials, and other products.

Russia

October 10-12

The International MDG-6 Forum, Moscow

AIHA representatives will take part in the International MDG-6 Forum, participating in a number of sessions, debates, and discussions. AIHA will exhibit at the event and is organizing a number of activities, including the presentation and distribution of HIV/AIDS and TB products developed by AIHA/KH C&T, along with major translated materials, CDs, and other educational tools.

October 20-22

Russian Scientific Practical Conference “Improvement of Medical Care for TB Patients,” St. Petersburg, Russia

AIHA Executive Director and representatives from AIHA/KH C&T will take part in this conference, which will provide new evidence-based data and scientific results that will be reflected in updated versions of AIHA/KH courses, training materials, and other products.

Belarus

November 21-24

Training on Advanced Adult ART and Adherence to Treatment for Multidisciplinary Teams, Minsk

This course is the second 3.5-day training to be conducted by AIHA/KH C&T with support from the EU-BLR WHO Country Office. Through a multidisciplinary approach, experienced faculty from St. Petersburg will teach some 24 physicians, nurses, psychologists, and social workers from Belarus topics related to the provision of comprehensive care and treatment to PLHIV, such as advanced adult ART, effective management of opportunistic infections, and how to improve patient adherence to treatment.

Moldova

September 12-16

Training on Integrated Medical HIV Case Management for Multidisciplinary Team, Chisinau

In response to a request from Center PAS in Moldova, AIHA will conduct a 5-day training titled “Integrated Medical HIV Case Management” for multidisciplinary teams consisting of coordinators of services who provide care and treatment to PLHIV in Moldova. The faculty team of Russian and Ukrainian experts in HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment will share international best practices in the field of integrated medical HIV case management with some 25 participants, who will be also trained in mechanisms of coordination and integration of services and developing possible algorithms for building the system of comprehensive care and treatment to PLHIV in Moldova.

Turkmenistan

November 1-4

Development of National HIV/AIDS Guidelines for Turkmenistan, Ashgabat

AIHA/KH C&T will launch a new initiative — Capacity Building of HIV Medical Specialists in Turkmenistan — in response to a request from UNFPA and WHO offices in country. This meeting will bring together the national working group with international HIV/AIDS experts from AIHA/KH C&T and the United States, who will assist with the development of national HIV/AIDS clinical, diagnostic, and treatment guidelines based on WHO’s revised recommendations on ART for adults and adolescents.

Knowledge Hub in Review

News

With support from private donors and WHO, AIHA/KH C&T recently translated and printed a number of the most requested international HIV/AIDS books and guidelines, which have been made available for download throughout the KH C&T and EurasiaHealth Web sites. These include:

- *The Pocket Guide to Adult HIV/AIDS Treatment, 2010-2011*, J.G. Bartlett
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/rus/health/resources/82726>
- *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1-Infected Adults and Adolescents*, January 10, 2011. Developed by the DHHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents – A Working Group of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC), United States
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/rus/health/resources/82719/>

With support from the Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD), AIHA is translating the latest version of the textbook *HIV Medicine 2011* by J.K. Rockstroh and C. Hoffmann; this book will be available in December 2011. AIHA is also planning to translate the next issue *Medical Management of HIV-infection* by J.G. Bartlett, G. Gallant. The latest versions of these textbooks can be found respectively at:
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/rus/health/resources/82169/> and
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/rus/aids/health/resources/82168/>

A series of Medinars — medical webinars — for healthcare specialists in Russia and the CIS began in the spring of 2011. All Medinars are available through the Web site:
<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/health/resources/100244/>.

AIHA plans to continue conducting at least one Medinar a month on different topical issues.

*These events were hosted by the Knowledge Hub or affiliated centers
in June-August 2011*

July 17-20

The 6th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention (IAS 2011), Rome, Italy

With support from WHO and GTZ, an AIHA/KH C&T representative took part this event, which provided the latest evidence-based data and scientific results. The resulting information will be reflected in updated versions of AIHA/KH courses, training materials, and other products.

Russia

June 1-3

IX Congress of Russian TB Specialists, Moscow

Representatives from AIHA/KH C&T took part in this event and the resulting information will be reflected in updated versions of AIHA/KH courses, training materials, and other products.

June 6

KH C&T Working Meeting, Moscow

AIHA/KH C&T experts from Russia and Germany met in Moscow to discuss further KH C&T plans and activities. They also discussed and approved training materials newly developed through the project, including detailed written descriptions of the topics presented in the course “Organ and System Complications in Patients with HIV-Infection.”

Belarus

June 7-10

Training on Advanced Adult ART and Adherence to Treatment for Multidisciplinary Teams, Minsk

This 3.5-day training was conducted by AIHA/KH C&T with support from the EU-BLR WHO Country Office. Through a multidisciplinary approach, experienced faculty from St. Petersburg taught 21 physicians, nurses, psychologists, and social workers from Belarus advanced adult ART and management of opportunistic infections for provision of comprehensive care and treatment to PLHIV, as well as improvement of adherence to treatment.



