

# **Meet the Speakers**

## **We Introduce you to the Speakers of ESPID 2025!**

Get ready to hear exclusive sneak-peeks on the presentations taking place in Bucharest and Online, from the speakers themselves!

### **Prof. Pere Soler Palacín**

#### **Understanding Immune Defects to Optimize Antiviral and Antimycobacterial Prophylaxis**

Currently head of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunodeficiencies Unit at Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron and leader of the Infection and Immunity research group at Vall d'Hebron Research Institute

### **Prof. Asha C. Bowen**

#### **Skin & Soft Tissue Infections**

Clinician scientist working across the Perth Children's Hospital as a paediatric infectious disease specialist and The Kids Research Institute Australia (formerly Telethon Kids Institute) as Head of the Healthy Skin and ARF Prevention Team.

### **Prof. Susanna Esposito**

#### **New Perspective in Treatment and Prevention of RSV Infection in Children**

Full Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Parma,

Director of the Pediatrics Residency Program, Director of the Pediatric Clinic at the Parma University Hospital, and President of the World Association for Infectious Diseases and Immunological Disorders (WAidid)

## **Dr. John Kinsman**

### **Understanding and Addressing the Reasons for Sub-Optimal Levels of Childhood Vaccination Acceptance and Uptake**

Dr. Kinsman works at European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and has conducted social and behaviour change research globally since 1996, including on the social determinants of health, health system strengthening, public health emergency preparedness, and the prevention and control of specific diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Ebola, Zika and polio.

## **Prof. Avraham Beigelman**

### **Azithromycin and Preschool Wheezing**

Prof. Avraham Beigelman, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Tel Aviv University, is the director of the Kipper Institute of Allergy and Immunology at Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel. Prof. Beigelman's research interests include the role of interactions between early life infections and the microbiome in the inception of childhood asthma and approaches for childhood asthma management and prevention.

## **Prof. Camille Locht**

### **Live Attenuated Pertussis Vaccine**

Prof. Camille Locht, PhD, is currently a Research Director Emeritus at the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm) and was the founding director of the

Center for Infection and Immunity of Lille at the Institut Pasteur de Lille. After a 3-years post-doctoral stay at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, USA, where he started to work on pertussis and cloned the pertussis toxin genes, he joined SmithKline-Beecham (now GSK) to help developing acellular pertussis vaccines.

## **Prof. David Greenberg**

### **Parallel Symposium 02: Antibiotic Use in Ambulatory Practice – Short Rx Pneumonia**

David Greenberg is the Director of Saban Children's Hospital and the director of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Unit of the Soroka University Medical Center, Beer-Sheva, Israel. Prof. Greenberg is the founder and served as the chief medical officer for Beyond Air Inc., as a medical consultant for Beyond Cancer and a founder of ENOX Biopharma.

## **Dr. Marco Safadi**

### **Perinatal and Congenital Infections: Challenging Clinical Cases from Europe and Latin America**

Dr. Safadi is renowned for his work on vaccine-preventable diseases, particularly meningitis. He has authored more than 120 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and he frequently presents at national and international conferences. His research focuses on epidemiology, prevention, and management of infectious diseases in children, with a strong emphasis on vaccination strategies.