



# NECTM8

Northern European  
Conference on Travel Medicine  
The Netherlands 2020  
June 3-5 De Doelen - Rotterdam



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**8th Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine (NECTM8)**

## **Welcome message from the chair of the NECTM8 Local Scientific Committee**

Before the Christmas holidays will commence, I would like to inform you that from June 3-5, 2020, the city of Rotterdam in the Netherlands will host the 8<sup>th</sup> 'Northern European Conference on Travel Medicine', or NECTM8 in short, in the conference center De Doelen.

Facilitating for the multifaceted interests and needs regarding up-to-date, state-of-the-art prevention, diagnosis and treatment of travel medicine and adjacent fields and for the first time enfolded in three parallel session tracks, the conference aims to attract professionals from all travel-medicine-related trades, namely nurses, general practitioners and medical specialists as well as students and trainees with a particular interest in the field.

The motto chosen '**Setting sail towards the future of travel medicine**' encompasses two aspirations of the conference: There will be a strong local flavour capitalising on the host city's prominent position as major harbour and hub of trading and travel, spanning from history to the future; as well as that the conference will be a forum to discuss the future of travel medicine itself, as it is shaped by the quest for sustainability, societal and environmental changes, and an ever-evolving emergence

of infectious and non-infectious disease challenges.

Aiming to cater for the various interest groups' educational needs, there will be a broad mixture of offerings ranging from keynote lectures on hot topics, industry-sponsored sessions, overview symposia presenting state-of-the-art knowledge in the field, as well as a broad range of workshops, poster sessions, and free communication sessions to engage the lively and multifaceted travel medicine community.

Whilst the programme anticipates upon the diverse information needs of students and experienced professionals as well as for hospital clinicians, general practitioners, nurses, as well as public health experts, it aims at making offerings appealing to people beyond their own field of expertise. Collaboration sessions organized with the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) and an integrated afternoon focusing on the immune-compromised travellers highlight networking activities across groups and interests.

As an example, keynote speakers on the opening day will include **Professor Lin Chen** (ISTM President) on the future of travel medicine, **Professors Patricia Schlagenhauf and Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith** on state-of-the-art overviews on malaria and arboviral diseases, as well as an **overview on Rotterdam's harbour, history and health**. The scientific programme will be flanked by opportunities to socialize and meet in an exciting environment, including a conference dinner boat cruise.

Happy holidays and I hope to see you all in Rotterdam!

Prof. Dr. Martin P. Grobusch



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### **Extension early bird registration**

If you haven't registered yet, there's good news: we've extended our early bird registration deadline! That means you can still save up to € 140 if you register by February 2. We encourage everyone to take the chance and register soon. Do not forget to sign up for the Conference dinner whilst enjoying a boat trip through Rotterdam's harbour. For more information please visit the [NECTM8 website](#).

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### **Submit your NECTM8 abstract now!**

Contribute to the scientific programme of NECTM8 by submitting your abstract for an opportunity to present your work. Abstracts must be submitted through the [online abstract submission portal](#) until February 28, 2020.

We encourage submissions within the following topics:

- Pre-travel consultation
- Post-travel care
- Vaccines
- Special travellers (migrants, business travellers, chronically ill, elderly, immunosuppressed, paediatrics etc.)
- Maritime medicine
- Sustainability and travel
- Other

### **Important dates**

**2 December 2019:** Abstract registration open

**2 February 2020:** Early bird registration deadline

**28 February 2020:** Abstract submission deadline

**20 May 2020:** Regular registration deadline

**21 May till 3 June 2020:** Late and on-site registration

**Feel free to share our NECTM8 newsletter or ask your colleagues in the field of travel medicine to sign up for future updates through our [NECTM8 website](#).**

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