Short introduction at the first HPV Prevention and Control Board meeting in Antwerp 27-28 June 2016
Unique expertise: inspired on the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)

- Embedded in the same facilities (University of Antwerp, Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination)
- Based on a similar way of working
- Same scientific secretariat team
- More than 23 years of support to the control and prevention of Viral Hepatitis in Europe:
  - Support implementation of WHO recommendations related to Viral Hepatitis
  - Organising discussion forum and meetings (very fast if needed) with experts on Viral Hepatitis
  - Rapid response on Viral Hepatitis issues that can affect public health
  - Coordination between organisations working on Viral Hepatitis
- Network of advisors in the broad field of Viral Hepatitis
- Dissemination platform
Mission, goal & Objectives

1. **Mission:**
   Generate, multiply and disseminate relevant information on HPV to a broad array of stakeholders.

2. **Goal:**
   Contribute to the control of HPV infection and to the prevention and screening of HPV related cancers.

3. **Objectives:**
   Providing evidence based guidance on key technical and strategic issues.
   Monitoring the progress of HPV control programs at the country and regional levels.
STRUCTURE
A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts (called Advisors)

- Act in their personal capacity, and not as representatives of their institutions
- Are often affiliated with stake holding partners
- This provides open and honest discussions
- Advisors and speakers at HPV Prevention & Control Board meetings are not paid
- No formal organisation with president, vice-president etc: minimal bureaucratic structure

Advisors:

- Marc Arbyn
- Paolo Bonanni
- Xavier Bosch
- Kate Cuschieri
- Silvia de Sanjose
- Joakim Dillner
- Eduardo Franco
- Mark Kane
- Susanne Krüger Kjaer
- Mira Kojouharova
- Heidi Larson
- Pier Luigi Lopalco
- Lauri Markowitz
- Liudmila Mosina/Nedret Emiroglu
- Mario Poljak
- Margaret Stanley
- Pierre Van Damme
- Alex Vorsters
- Susan Wang
Supported by a permanent & dynamic **Scientific Secretariat:**

✓ Team members
  ✓ Emmy Engelen, Brenda Janssens
  ✓ Greet Hendrickx
  ✓ Ina Lodewyckx
  ✓ Alex Vorsters

✓ Executive Secretary: Pierre Van Damme

✓ Located within the facilities of the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp

✓ Independent from:
  • International organisations like WHO/ECDC/EU
  • Ministries of health
  • Professional and scientific societies
  • Industry
Secretariat implements:

- Preparation and organisation of meetings
- Publications
- Media activities
- Website: www.hpvboard.org
- Participation in third party meetings
- All financial issues are done by the rules of the University of Antwerp

Permanent intensive communication between HPV board members and secretariat
Two meetings per year

1. Technical meeting (topics: future vaccines, vaccine strategies, booster doses, health economics, screening technologies and strategies, vaccine safety, dealing with anti-vaccine messages, et cetera)

2. Country meeting: SWOT analysis of a country or a region

Output of the meetings published:
- international scientific journals
- HPV Prevention & Control Board website
Why a HPV Prevention and Control Board?

With the achievements of decades of work on epidemiology, vaccines and test development, clinical trials, and new screening tools coming into public health and clinical use, the past years have been an exciting time for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) prevention community. High income countries and some middle income countries have begun routine use of the HPV vaccine and the newer screening tests in various ways, even low income countries are beginning to establish pilot programs made possible with GAVI funding and dramatically lower prices of vaccine for GAVI eligible countries.

Because of the availability of techniques that facilitate access to prevention, screening and treatment, we believe there is great value added in the establishment of an independent international multidisciplinary HPV prevention and control Board of top experts in the field. Experts who provide evidence based reflection and guidance on strategic, technical, and policy issues that will occur as we move forward in the implementation of our control programs.

The HPV Board will assist in the monitoring and evaluation of national and regional control programs in support of Partners such as World Health Organization (WHO), Centre for Disease control (CDC), and Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI).
27-28 June Meeting (Antwerp): Barriers in HPV Vaccination & cervical screening programmes

Objectives:

• Review barriers that impact vaccination and screening programmes.
• Review adverse events following HPV vaccination.
• Update viewpoints regarding safety issues and describe new developments.
• Discuss the impact of safety issues and crises in an international perspective.
• Review factors impacting adherence to cervical screening programmes.
• Learn from country initiatives.
• Propose strategies to counter vaccination and screening hesitancy and to build public confidence.
27-28 June Meeting (Antwerp):
Barriers in HPV Vaccination & cervical screening programmes

Short programme:

• Session 1: Interpretation of vaccine safety data
• Session 2: Vaccine confidence
• Session 3: Vaccination programmes: country experiences
• Session 4: Barriers & opportunities in HPV screening
• Session 5: HPV-faster, broadening the scope for prevention of HPV-related cancer
• Session 6: Conclusions