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# NECTM10



## PROMOTIONAL SYMPOSIUM – NECTM10

**Sponsor (level):** Valneva (Gold Sponsor)

**Session Type:** Lunch Symposium

**Date:** Friday, 5 June 2026

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Session Title:**

From Risk to Protection: Real-World Perspectives on Mosquito-Borne Diseases;  
Promotional session.

**Session Description:**

This lunch symposium will provide practical, case-informed perspectives on mosquito-borne disease risk assessment and prevention in travel medicine. The first segment will review recent outbreak patterns and evolving risk dynamics as well as traveller profiles encountered in clinical practice. The second segment will highlight the potentially severe neurological consequences associated with certain mosquito-borne infections and the under-recognized risk for individual travellers and families in endemic regions, where exposure can be difficult to predict. Faculty will provide real-world perspectives on how vectors and local hosts/amplifiers shape transmission dynamics and seasonality—factors that are not always visible at the point of care—and translate these considerations into practical prevention strategies, including vaccination. The session will conclude with a moderated Q&A focused on real-world implementation in travel-health practice.

**Agenda and faculty:**

Moderator

Brief introduction.

**Dr. George Kassianos**, GP; National Immunisation Lead, Royal College of General Practitioners; President & Fellow, British Global & Travel Health Association, UK.

**First Segment**

Epidemiology, traveller profiles and prevention considerations.

**Dr Charlotte E. B. Saretzki**, Senior registrar in General Internal Medicine (FMH) with a focus on emergency medicine, based in Switzerland. She serves on the Board of Directors of the German Society for Travel Medicine (DFR) and is affiliated with RWTH Aachen.

**Second Segment**

Impact, under-recognized traveller risk, prevention discussions for travel to endemic regions.

**Professor Derek Evans**, Independent Travel Medicine Specialist; Vice-Dean, Faculty of Travel Medicine (RCPSG); Fellow, International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM), UK.

**Moderated Q&A**

Audience Q&A facilitated by the Moderator, focused on practical application and traveller counselling.

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