



13TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PREVENTION AND SCREENING OF CERVICAL CANCER

2026, MARCH 19TH - 20TH

ECOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE POLYTECHNIQUE DE
YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON

OBJECTIVES:

- Update knowledge on cervical cancer prevention.
- Share expertise in the diagnosis and management of precancerous and early invasive cervical lesions.
- Introduce the use of artificial intelligence in cervical cancer screening to improve detection and management practices.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce the organization of the 13th international congress dedicated to the prevention, screening, and treatment of precancerous cervical lesions. This event is jointly organized by the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique de Yaoundé, the University of Yaounde, the University Hospitals of Yaounde, the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and the University Hospitals of Geneva.

The congress will provide a platform for medical professionals, researchers, and trainees to exchange knowledge and expertise. It is designed to benefit those involved in cervical cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment-whether you are in training or already experienced. Participants will have the opportunity to explore innovative screening concepts, advanced diagnostic techniques such as artificial intelligence, and the latest strategies in the management of precancerous lesions and early cervical cancer.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important gathering and are confident that it will be both informative and inspiring.
With our best regards,

Pr. Louis FIPPO FITIME, Pr. Jean-Philippe THIRAN, Pr. Zachari SANDO, Dr. Pierre VASSILAKOS, Dr. Sophie LEMOUPA, Pr. Jeanne FOUEDJIO, Pr. Patrick PETIGNAT, Pr. Estelle KOUAKAM, Pr. Pierre-Marie TEBEU, Pr. Jean Dupont KEMFANG NGOWA, Pr. Vincent De Paul DJIENTCHEU.

For the Organizing Committee

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PARTICIPANTS:

Medical doctors, general practitioners, researchers and nurses involve in cervical cancer screening and treatment programs, residents in gynecology, midwife, nurses, gynecologists/obstetricians, laboratory technician, laboratory engineers and anatomical pathologists.

Official Languages are English and French

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1ST DAY - MARCH 19TH

08h00 Welcoming and Registration of participants

Session I: Cervical cancer prevention strategy and epidemiology
Moderators: R Ayissi (ENSPY) / JP Thiran (EPFL)

08h30	Introduction and welcome message	Authorities
09h30	CIESPAC program for cervical cancer elimination	PM Tebeu (CIESPAC)

10h00 Coffee break and poster viewing session

10h30	National strategic plan for cervical cancer prevention and geographic distribution of cervical cancer centers in Cameroon	MinSanté (CNLCA) M Chopard (HUG)
10h50	National strategic plan for cervical cancer vaccination in Cameroon	S Ndoula (MinSante)
11h10	Cervical cancer elimination by 2030: the WHO global strategy	S Baonga (WHO)
11h30	The mother-daughter approach: an innovative pilot model for scaling up HPV vaccination in Cameroon	M Ndzi (CBHS)
11h50	Abstract TBD	TBD
12h10	Abstract TBD	TBD

12h30 Poster presentation (3 minutes per presentation)

13h00 Lunch break

Session II: Emerging technological advances transforming cervical cancer screening
Moderators: Z Sando (HGOPY) / L Fippo (ENSPY)

14h00	Innovating equitable cervical cancer screening	P Vasilakos (HUG)
14h20	Digital cytology for triage of HPV-positive women in same-day cervical cancer screening in Cameroon	L Djommo (3T) M Sidje
14h40	Cytostainer: automated cytology staining - explanation and demonstration	A Abbey (EPFL)
15h00	Telecytology and AI	JP Thiran (EPFL)
15h20	Artificial intelligence and cervical cancer screening: experience from the C3UC3 project	A Assegui (C3UC3) M Tala Fock (C3UC3)
15h40	The role of the vaginal microbiota in HPV progression	F Goffin (CHU Liège)
16h00	Cervical cancer control in Gabon: situation overview in 2024	N. A. Ledaga (CHUL)
16h30	Questions & Answers	Moderators

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2ND DAY - MARCH 20TH

07h30 Sunrise session: operating tour (advanced registration required)

Session III: Artificial intelligence for cervical cancer screening - VIA
Moderators: J Kalibushi (MSF) / E Kouakam

08h30	Establishing ground truth for AI-based VIA in cervical cancer screening	A Dumps (HUG)
08h50	From static to dynamic VIA images: preliminary results of a comparative study	M Cattin (EPFL)
09h10	Device AI for cervix detection and transformation zone classification from smartphone colposcopy images	K Sonfack (ENSPY)
09h30	HPV screening with triage by HPV genotyping vs VIA: a randomized controlled trial	P Petignat (HUG)
09h50	A pilot study of smartphone-based telehealth support for Obstetrician & Gynecologist (OB&GYN) physicians for quality control of cervical cancer screening using VIA	J Kalibushi (MSF)

10h30 Coffee break and poster viewing session

11h00	How to proceed: ECHO program	K Nulah (CBHS)
11h20	How to proceed: conisation device and procedure	F Manjuh (CBHS)
11h40	How to proceed: VIA case review - practical insight, diagnostic challenges and learning point	E Abatsong (3T) S Noupoue (3T)

12h00 Poster presentation (3 minutes per presentation)

13h00 Lunch break

Session IV: Operational research in cervical cancer screening
Moderators: G Halle (UB) / JM Alima (HRB)

14h00	Co-produced community action for cervical cancer screening uptake (Act4CC)	A Wisniak (HUG) V Yakam (3T)
14h20	Comparison of Home vs Hospital-based HPV self-sampling for cervical cancer screening (CASAHO)	S Lemoupa (ISG)
14h40	Age-specific distribution of cervical precancer and cancer in women living with HIV	C Ngalla (CBHS)
15h00	Optimizing cervical cancer screening strategies in women living with HIV: Optitri study	P Debeaudrap (Optitri)
15h20	Impact of telephone reminders on post-treatment follow-up among women treated for cervical precancer in Cameroon	J Nkfusai (UB)
15h40	Questions & Answers	Moderators

16h00 Poster evaluation and prize ceremony

P Vassilakos (HUG)

16h30 Take-home message, attestations and closing ceremony



P Petignat (HUG)