

NEAT ID President's Update – November 2025

I'm pleased to welcome you to this edition of the NEAT ID President's update.

As we move through another productive chapter of our journey together, I want to take a moment to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every site across the NEAT ID network. Your ongoing dedication, attention to detail, and collaborative spirit are the foundation of our shared success. I also want to thank those who dedicate their time to NEAT ID, our Officers, Executive and those on our committees. It is because of all your commitment that we continue to make meaningful progress and deliver high-quality data that will inform and improve care for patients everywhere.

Since our last update, we've seen encouraging momentum across multiple fronts - from recruitment milestones to manuscript publications. These outcomes are a direct reflection of the effort, coordination, and professionalism shown at each participating site. Thank you for the crucial role you play in this work.

This newsletter offers a chance to reflect on what we've accomplished together so far, and to spotlight the individuals and initiatives that make NEAT ID thrive.

I hope some of you managed to attend our NEAT ID Special Session during the 2025 EACS conference. I wanted to thank Professor Georg Behrens for his presentation on our landmark study, LAPTOP. I'm pleased to share that the NEAT ID Special Session was a real success, with great attendance and lively participation throughout. Professor Georg Behrens gave an engaging presentation on the LAPTOP study, which inspired thoughtful discussion and exchange. He reminded us of the continuing challenge posed by late presenters, who still make up a considerable share of new HIV diagnoses, and the importance of finding better ways to ensure earlier testing and prompt access to treatment.

During our session, we also proudly announced Dr Geoffroy Liegeon of Saint-Louis Hospital (Paris), as our NEAT ID Young Investigator of the Year. Dr. Liegeon received the highest score from the NEAT ID review panel for his exceptional submission, which demonstrated scientific rigour, innovation, and clear potential to impact clinical practice.

We also funded and supported the EACS prize for the best peer-reviewed clinical and/or epidemiological paper in HIV research. The award is named in honour of NEAT ID founder and past-president, Professor Anton Pozniak, on the occasion of his retirement from NEAT ID, and celebrates his lifelong contributions to HIV clinical research. The award was presented to Professor Steve Grinspoon for the paper titled "Performance of the pooled cohort equations and D:A:D risk scores among individuals with HIV in a global cardiovascular disease prevention trial: a cohort study leveraging data from REPRIEVE".

EACS 2025 in Paris was a great success, featuring strong participation from NEAT ID investigators whose presentations sparked valuable discussions on clinical management, implementation challenges, and future research, while the conference overall highlighted major advances in long-acting HIV treatments, high-resistance regimens, and quality-of-life studies.

Thank you to the hard work of our CRO, ROKC, and all participating sites and centres for the submissions and successful abstracts presented at EACS 2025. MASH 1 was accepted as a rapid oral abstract presentation, and the DREW Extension was presented as an e-poster.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment and collaboration.

Regarding our current study portfolio, I'm pleased to share the following updates:

- **FOST Switch:** Recruitment has now closed.
- **DREW Amendment:** Recruitment closed, and data was presented as an e-poster at EACS 2025.
- **MASH 1:** Data was presented as a Rapid Oral Abstract at EACS 2025.
- **CAB PrEP:** Recruitment expected to begin in 2026.
- **HIV CoCo:** Final Manuscript published in HIV Medicine.
- **Upcoming Manuscripts (expected in 2025):** *COMBINE-2*, *WISARD*, and *LAPTOP*.
- **Integration Grant:** 2025 Annual reports for 2022 awardees have been issued and received. We thank awardees for their hard work on research.

Dr Merle Henderson - Longitudinal changes in plasma neuronal markers in persons with HIV commencing ART

- CROI Conference 2025 (San Francisco, USA) – poster presentation
- HIV CNS Day 2025 (London, U.K.) – oral abstract presentation
- BHIVA Spring Conference 2025 (Brighton, U.K.) – oral abstract presentation
- Manuscript submitted May 2025 for publication

Dr Linos Vandekerckhove-

- IAS 2025 (Kigali, Rwanda) - Oral Presentation
- Awarded the IAS/ANRS Lange/van Tongeren prize for Young Investigators, recognizing innovation, originality, and scientific quality in HIV research
- Manuscript submitted for publication

For full details on our studies, please visit our website: <https://www.neat-id.org>.

With Best Wishes,
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President of NEAT ID

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