



## **Old and New Epidemiological Alerts: Prevention and Control of COVID-19, *Candida auris*, Measels, MDR and Other Infectious Diseases**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Medicine, rapidly developing in all its branches, certainly has contributed to a longer and more pleasant human life. Having solved many major health problems, we still have to face some, and are discovering new ones. By this I mean, for instance, new aetiological factors of infectious diseases, such as the COVID-19, the Zika virus, *Candida auris*, or multidrug-resistant (MDR) microorganisms.

Some of the old problems are still recurring. The only infectious disease that has been successfully eradicated is smallpox, whereas other such diseases still pose a threat, which is well illustrated by the epidemic of measles in Europe since 2017. According to a report by the ECDC, large outbreaks with fatalities are ongoing in countries that had previously eliminated or interrupted endemic transmission. As we can see, even the diseases we thought we knew well can surprise us.

MDR microorganisms and healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) remain significant challenges, both in hospitals and in long-term care facilities. They may cause patients or residents to suffer from additional ailments, and sometimes result in death.





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