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**EP Interest Group on Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases
Meeting IG-4-30.11.2010**

**Health Inequalities and Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases
across Europe**

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building (Brussels), Room A5G305
From 12:30 to 14:00
(Lunch will be served before the meeting)

TIMING	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
12:30-12:40	Welcome and Introduction	MS EDITE ESTRELA, MEP from Portugal and Chair of the Interest Group
12:40-13:00	Health inequalities in the European Union and the European Commission's initiatives in this field	MS PAULA DUARTE-GASPAR, European Commission, Member of Cabinet Commissioner John Dalli
13:00-13:20	Health inequalities and MSKD – evidence from European countries	PROFESSOR INGEMAR PETERSSON, Research Director MORSE (Musculoskeletal Research Centre in Southern Sweden)
13:20-13:40	The patients' perspective on health inequalities	MS KAISA IMMONEN-CHARALAMBOUS, Policy Officer, European Patients' Forum
13:40-13:55	Discussion with participants and concluding remarks	MR JIM HIGGINS, MEP from Ireland and Vice-Chair of the Interest Group
13:55-14:00	Closing session	MS EDITE ESTRELA, MEP from Portugal and Chair of the Interest Group

