Conference:
Towards more integrated health care in Europe: Strengthening patients’ access to cross-border care and enhancing health professionals’ mobility.

Experiences, challenges and policy developments in the rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease field

Thon Hotel EU, 13 October 2015 (9:30 – 17:30)

Agenda

Host: Takis Hadjigeorgiou (Member of the European Parliament)
Chair: Prof. Gerd R. Burmester (EULAR President)

9:30 – 10:05: Opening session
♦ Prof. Gerd R. Burmester, EULAR President
♦ Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Member of the European Parliament
♦ Marios Kouloumas, EULAR Vice-President representing People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe (PARE)
♦ Laura Valli, Counsellor for public health and pharmaceuticals, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU, Luxembourg EU Presidency
♦ Annika Nowak, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis

♦ Prof. Gerd R. Burmester, EULAR President

10:15 – 11:15: Cross-border health care – State of play and challenges
♦ Patients’ rights in cross-border health care – Assessment and future developments
  Corina Vasilescu, Policy Officer, Healthcare Systems Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG Sante), European Commission
♦ Treatment pathways across borders: The experience of the rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease community (RMDs)
  Dieter Wiek, Chair of EULAR Standing Committee of PARE
♦ eHealth & cross-border health care: Opportunities and threats
   Dr. Terje Peetso, Programme Officer, Health and Well-Being Unit, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect), European Commission.

♦ Information, quality and safety in cross-border health care
   Dr. Michela Tinelli, Research Fellow, The London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE Health and Social Care

♦ Q&A

11:30 – 12:15: Health Professionals mobility – State of play and challenges

♦ Health professionals’ mobility in the EU: tendencies, policy issues, and impact on health systems
   Dr. Matthias Wismar, Senior Health Policy Analyst at European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

♦ Health professionals’ mobility and patients’ safety: A regulatory approach
   David Hubert, Healthcare Professionals Crossing Borders (HPCB) & EU Policy Consultant

♦ Health professionals in RMDs: Competences, professional standards and mobility
   Prof. Thea Vliet Vlieland, Leiden University Medical Center & EULAR

♦ Q&A

Workshops 03.01

Workshop 1:
Patient journeys in cross-border health care: challenges and policy options
Chairs: Dieter Wiek (Chair of EULAR Standing Committee of PARE) & Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous (Senior Policy Adviser, European Patients’ Forum, EPF)

Workshop 2:
Policy issues in furthering the use of eHealth technologies for enhancing access to health care across borders
Chairs: Prof. Loreto Carmona (Instituto de Salud Musculoesquelética & EULAR) & Marc Lange (Secretary General, European Health Telematics Association, EHTEL)

Workshop 3:
Challenges and policy options in health professionals’ mobility
Chairs: Prof. Thea Vliet Vlieland (Leiden University Medical Center & EULAR) & Dr. Peter Carter (Consultant & European Federation of Nurses, EFN)
Workshop 4: Addressing differences in standards of care in cross-border health care

Chairs: Prof. Anthony Woolf (Universities of Exeter and Plymouth & EULAR) & Birgit Beger (Secretary General, Standing Committee of Medical Doctors, CPME)

15:45 – 17:00: Panel discussion: Towards a further integration/coordination of health care services in the EU: Challenges, competences, and policy options

♦ Karin Kadenbach (Member of the European Parliament); Dr. Roberto Bertollini (Chief Scientist and WHO Representative to the European Union); Marios Kouloumas (EULAR Vice-President representing People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe, PARE), Prof. Anthony Redmond (Chair Standing Committee on Health Professionals in Rheumatology, EULAR); Prof. Lasse Lehtonen (Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health & Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa, University of Helsinki).
Moderator: Geoff Meade (Journalist)

17:00 – 17:30: Closing session

Chair: Prof. Gerd R. Burmester, EULAR President

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