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EU Presidency Conference by the European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR), the Fit for Work Europe Coalition, the Ministry of National Resources (Government of Hungary), Hungarian Association of Rheumatologists (HAR)

Programme

April 20, 2011 Wednesday

19:30 Working Dinner

Transfers leave for the dinner from the Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum at 19.00 and 19.15

Venue: Baroque Hall, Building E, Royal Palace (Budapesti Történeti Múzeum), Buda Castle (1014 Budapest, Szt. György tér 2)

Addresses:

Prof. Dr. Miklós Réthelyi, Minister of National Resources, Hungary

Prof. Dr. Paul Emery, President, EULAR

Mr. Jaime Alejandro, Director General, Ministry of Health, Spain

Mr. Jean-Marc Delizée, Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium

Mr. Janusz Galeziak, Counsellor for Social Affairs, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU

Mr. János Áder, Member of European Parliament, European People's Party

Prof. Dr. Gyula Poór, President, HAR

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April 21, 2011 Thursday

08.30 – 13.30: Conference

Venue: Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum (Budapest, Rákóczi út. 43-45)

Welcome address: Prof. Dr. Gyula Poór, HAR

08.30-10.45 The impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) in the European Union and at national level. What more needs to be done?

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Paul Emery, President, EULAR and Prof. Dr. Gyula Poór, President, HAR

08:30–08:45 Keynote address: Prevention of disabilities – integral part of disability policy
Mr. Miklós Soltész, State Secretary for Social, Family and Youth Affairs, Hungary

08:45–09:00 Keynote address: Musculoskeletal conditions as a challenge for policy making
Prof. Dr. Paul Emery, President, EULAR

09:00–09:15 The burden of RMDs on patients and their families. The value of early intervention, prevention and better management of RMDs
Marios Kouloumas, Chairperson of the EULAR Standing Committee of People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe (PARE)

09:15–09:30 The importance of work for social participation and quality of life in people with rheumatic diseases
Prof. Dr. Alison Hammond, Professor in Rheumatology Rehabilitation, University of Salford

09:30–09:45 The socio-economic burden of RMDs. What policies are needed to improve work capacity and avoid disability in the European Union?
Prof. Dr. Ingemar Petersson, Fit for Work Europe Coalition

- 09:45–10:00 RMDs – A priority at national level in Hungary. What is the current state of play and what more can be done?
Prof. Dr. Gyula Poór, President, HAR
- 10.00–10:15 Calls for national plans on RMDs. Best practice examples on implementation at national level
Prof. Dr. Dame Carol Black, Co-President, Fit for Work Europe Coalition
- 10:15– 10:30 Vitamin-D supplementation in prevention of osteoporosis and in health promotion
Dr. Stefaan Poriau, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)
- 10:30-10:45 Discussion**
- 10.45-11.00 Coffee break**
- 11.00-11.45 Breakout sessions**
To discuss recommendations from EULAR, Fit for Work Europe, European Commission and Hungarian Associations of Rheumatologists and patients concerning improving work capacity and the EU disability strategy 2010-2020
- **Breakout 1: Implementing EULAR/FfW RMD recommendations nationally**
(3 key recommendations)
Moderators: Prof. Dr. Dame Carol Black, Co-President Fit for Work Coalition and Marios Kouloumas, Chairperson of the EULAR-PARE
 - **Breakout 2: Implementing EULAR/FfW RMD recommendations nationally**
(3 key recommendations)
Moderators: Prof. Dr. Ingemar Petersson, Fit for Work Europe Coalition and Prof. Dr. Maxime Dougados, President-Elect, EULAR
- 11.45-12.30 EU disability strategy: Ensuring RMD are given due focus in the workplace across the EU**
Moderators: Mr. Neil Betteridge, Vice-President, EULAR, and Dr. Árpád Gógl, Former Minister of Health, Hungary
- 11:45-12:00 Introduction to the EU disability strategy. Introduction and follow-up plans
Mr. Johan Ten Geuzendam, DG Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
- 12:00–12:15 Implementing the EU disability strategy in Hungary. What can be the next steps at European and national level?
Ms. Ildikó Bernáth, Ministerial Commissioner, Ministry of National Resources, Hungary

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12:15-12:30 The European Parliament's Perspective. The importance of early intervention and better management of RMDs.

Mr. Ádám Kósa, Member of European Parliament, European People's Party (EPP)

12:30-13:15 Conclusion and recommendations

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Josef Smolen, Former-President, EULAR

Report form breakouts and recommendations from EULAR, Fit for Work Europe, European Commission, HAR and patients on improving work capacity and the EU disability strategy 2010-2020

Presentations and moderated discussion

13.15-13.30 Closing keynote speech

Prof. Dr. Gyula Poór, HAR

13:30 Press conference

14:00 Lunch