

EULAR WAD Conference 2019

A sustainable and effective EU health policy for citizens: Focusing on chronic diseases and inclusion in social and economic life

Thon EU Hotel (Brussels), 16 October 2019 (9:00 — 17:00)

Draft agenda

Chair: Prof. Iain McInnes, EULAR President

8:00 – 09:00: Registration and networking breakfast

9:00 – 9:40: Opening session – RMDs, work and society?

- Prof. **Iain McInnes**, EULAR President
- **Roberta Metsola**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Theresa Griffin**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Antonio Cammarota**, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (European Commission)

9:40 – 10:40: Key note speeches: Current and future challenges in chronic diseases.

- ◆ **Rapid evolution of prevention and innovative therapies and their implications for health care systems in Europe?**
 - Prof. **Oscar H. Franco** (Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine — ISPM), tbc
- ◆ **Should health policy goals and priorities evolve from past imperatives? Individual, economic and political perspectives in future health policies**
 - Prof. **Jan de Maeseener** (Ghent University)

10:40 – 11:00: The EU's contribution to the health of citizens: Achievements, lessons and pending issues

- ◆ **Interview with John Ryan**, Director General for Public Health, country knowledge and crisis management (European Commission) (Jennifer Baker)
- ◆ Q&A

11:00 – 11:20: Coffee break

11:20 – 12:50: Workshops

Workshops would focus on refining and operationalizing our draft recommendations to the new Commission on key issues:

- ◆ Access to health care
 - Partner organisation: Health First Europe (HFE), tbc
 - Moderators: **Elsa Mateus** (EULAR) & **Melina Raso** (HFE)
- ◆ Managing chronic diseases in the life course
 - Partner organisation: European Paediatric Association (EPA), tbc
 - Moderators: **Prof. Tanja Stamm** (EULAR) & EPA, tbc
- ◆ Coordination between health and social affairs policies
 - Partner organisation: European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
 - Moderators: **Prof. Loreto Carmona** (EULAR) & **Fiona Godfrey** (EPHA)

12:50 – 13:50: Lunch

13:50 – 14:20: Report of workshops

14:20 – 15:05: Economic impact of chronic diseases and the contribution of health policies: Two reflections from the same mirror?

- ◆ **Health and economic benefits of the participation of people with chronic diseases in the labour market. The economists view**
 - Prof. **Olivia Wu** (Glasgow University)
- ◆ **Can health policies help people with chronic diseases participate in the labour market? The Patient's perspectives**
 - **Peter Boyd** (Arthritis Ireland)

15:05 – 15:25: Coffee break

15:25 – 16:25: Panel debate:

- ◆ **Do we need to redefine the role and priorities of EU health policies?**
 - **Panellists:** **Manuel Pizarro** (MEP); **John Ryan** (European Commission), tbc; **Marian Schaapman** (European Trade Union Institute — ETUI), tbc; **Fiona Godfrey** (European Public Health Alliance — EPHA); **Neil Betteridge** (EULAR)
 - **Moderator:** **Jennifer Baker** (Journalist)

16:25 – 16:40: Messages to the new Commission

16:40 – 17:00: EU Health policies: the way ahead

- ◆ **Jana Hlaváčová**, Head of Unit of Patient's Rights Support, Ministry of Health, Czech Republic
- ◆ **José A. Valverde**, DG CNECT, Unit eHealth, Wellbeing and Ageing (European Commission)

17:00 – 17:15: Closing session

- ◆ **Leen Meulenberg**, WHO Regional Office for Europe, tbc
- ◆ **Mgr. Mr Adam Vojtěch**, Minister of Health, Czech Republic, tbc
- ◆ **Prof. Tanja Stamm**, EULAR Vice-President
- ◆ **Prof. Iain McInnes**, EULAR President

17:15 – 18:30: Networking reception