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)

   ♦ 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?
  - **Panelists:** Manuel Pizarro (MEP); John Ryan (European Commission), tbc; Marian Schaanman (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