

CONFERENCE AGENDA

EASO Policy Conference

The Social and Economic Impact of Preventing and Treating Obesity

16 May 2019 - Renaissance Hotel, Brussels

09.15-10.00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

10.00-10.15 OPENING SESSION: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman: **John Bowis**

Professor Jason Halford, EASO President-Elect

10.15-10.30 THE MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS OF OBESITY

Interactive Quiz

Presented by Vicki Mooney, General Secretary of the EASO European Coalition for People living with Obesity (ECPO)

10.30-11:00 OBESITY UPDATE

Latest obesity statistics from the OECD (and discussion / Q&A)

Yevgeniy Goryakin, Health Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD

11.00-11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15-12.15 PANEL DISCUSSION I: THE IMPACT OF OBESITY ON PATIENTS AND SOCIETY

Moderated by John Bowis with Panellists:

- **Dr Amélie Schmitt**, Senior Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office
- **Professor Harry Rutter**, Co-Chair, EASO Prevention and Public Health Task Force
- **Alfonso Lara Montero**, Chief Executive, European Social Network
- **Melanie Bahlke**, providing response from patient perspective

12.15-13.15 PANEL DISCUSSION II: THE IMPACT OF OBESITY ON EMPLOYMENT

Moderated by John Bowis with Panellists:

- **Yevgeniy Goryakin**, Health Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Zofia Bajorek**, Research Fellow, Institute for Employment Studies, UK
- **Audrey Roberts**, providing response from patient perspective

13.15-14.15 **LUNCH BREAK**

14.15-15.15 **PANEL DISCUSSION III: THE IMPACT OF OBESITY ON THE MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY**

Moderated by John Bowis with Panellists:

- **Professor Kirsi Pietiläinen**, Helsinki University Central Hospital, Department of Medicine
- **Pat Hughes**, C3 Collaborating for Health
- **Dr Stephanie De Giorgio**, providing response from the perspective of a practising doctor and patient

15.15-15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

15.30-16.30 **SESSION IV: THE WAY AHEAD AND A BETTER APPROACH FOR HEALTH POLICY**

Moderated by John Bowis with Panellists:

- **John F Ryan, Director**, Public Health, Country Knowledge, and Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission
- **Senior representative** of the incoming EU Presidency, Finland
- **Professor Gerhard Prager**, President IFSO-European Chapter
- **Sólveig Sigurðardóttir**, providing response from patient perspective

16.30-17.00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND INTERACTIVE QUIZ (PART II)**

- **Vicki Mooney**, EASO ECPO (quiz, part 2)
- **Euan Woodward**, Executive Director, European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)
- **John Bowis**, Conference Chairman

17.00-17.45 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

