



European Association for the Study of Obesity

Provisional Agenda
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)
Michele Cecchini, Senior 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:
- **Senior Representative**, WHO Regional Office
 - **John F Ryan**, Director, Public Health, Country Knowledge, and Crisis Management, DG SANTE, European Commission
 - **Alfonso Lara Montero**, Chief Executive, European Social Network
 - **Patient Representative**, providing response from patient perspective
- 12:15-13.15** **Panel discussion II: The impact of obesity on employment**
Moderated by John Bowis with Panellists:
- **European Commission**, (TBC)
 - **Stephen Bevan**, Director of Employer Research, Institute for Employment Studies, UK
 - **Patient Representative**, 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:

- **Professor Harry Rutter**, Co-Chair, EASO Prevention and Public Health Task Force
- **Senior representative of the incoming EU Presidency, Finland (TBC)**
- **Professor Gerhard Prager**, President IFSO-European Chapter
- **Patient Representative**, providing response from patient perspective

16.30-17.00 **Concluding Remarks and Interactive Quiz (part II)**

- **Professor Jason Halford**, EASO President-Elect and Head of the Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Liverpool, UK
- **Vicki Mooney**, EASO ECPO (quiz, part 2)
- **John Bowis**, Conference Chairman

17:00-17:45 **Networking Reception**