



First annual conference of the Scientific Panel for Health

‘Better research for better health’ *A holistic approach to challenges & opportunities*

Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi, 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Thursday, 21st January 2016

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.00 – 09.30	Registration and welcome coffee
09.30 – 09.45	<i>Keynote speech: Addressing challenges in EU health research- the Scientific Panel for Health</i> Carlos Moedas , EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission
09.45 – 10.00	<i>Strengthening European biomedical and health research for better health - Introduction & Key messages from SPH vision paper</i> Karin Sipido , Professor of Cardiology, KU Leuven; President, Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe; SPH Chair
10.00 – 11.30	Session 1: Cross-border research: collaboration in Europe and beyond <i>Aim of session: To discuss the opportunities and highlight barriers for cross-border research within and beyond Europe.</i> Moderators: Maciej Banach , SPH Member Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Breaking down the barriers: the example of the Cancer Core Europe-</i> Ulrik Ringborg, Senior Professor in Oncology, Karolinska Institute• <i>Cross-border collaboration in infectious disease-</i> Nedret Emiroglu, Deputy Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, Health Security and Environment, World Health Organisation

- **Global public health and prevention programmes-**
Valentin Fuster, General Director, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) Madrid, Spain

*Discussion (panel & public): **How to sustainably support cross-border collaboration?***

- **The European Commission: Ruxandra Draghia-Akli**, Director, Directorate for Health, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Member State funding organisations' initiatives: Stig Slordahl**, CEO, The Central Norway Regional Health Authority
- **Research Institutes: Iain Mattaj**, Director General, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)

Q&A session

11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Session 2: Cross-border research: academia, innovation and health care

Aim of session: *To discuss challenges and opportunities in multidisciplinary / mixed model collaborations*

Moderators: **Ruxandra Draghia-Akli**, Director, Directorate for Health, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission & **Michael Manns**, SPH Member

Speakers:

- **Breaking down borders between public and private research- Elias Zerhouni**, President, Global Research and Development, Sanofi-aventis Group (TBC)
- **Health technology research alliances- Andrzej Rys**, Director, Health Systems and products, DG Health and Food safety, European Commission
- **Research within the health care system- Dame Sally Davies**, Chief Medical Officer, United Kingdom (TBC)

12.15 – 13.00 *Discussion (panel & public): **Fostering multidisciplinary and mixed models***

- **European Institute of Technology (EIT) Health & Academia- Helen Ward**, Director of Education for the School of Public Health, Imperial College, United Kingdom; Interim Director EIT-Health UK-Ireland

- **SME's and Academia-** Helga Ruebsamen-Schaeff, Chair, Scientific Advisory Board, AiCuris GMBh & Co. KG & SPH member

Q&A session

13.00 – 14.00	Networking lunch
14.00 – 15.15	Session 3: The regulatory framework as a facilitating environment for innovation

Aim of the session: To discuss specific regulations in the process from target discovery to patient, focusing on the path to market approval and new technologies.

Moderators: Bente M. Stalknecht & Laurent Degos, SPH Members

Speakers:

- **How to ensure excellent clinical research-** Speaker TBD
- **Innovative treatments-** Hans-Georg Eichler, Chief Medical Officer, European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- **Enabling and disruptive technologies –** Paul Timmers, Director, Digital Society, Trust & Security, DG Connect European Commission (TBC)

14.30 – 15.15 **Discussion (panel & public): Implementation of regulations as facilitators and not barriers**

- **Clinical Trial co-ordination-** Francoise Meunier, Director General, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC)
- **Technology in health care and patient interaction:** Speaker TBD

Q&A session

15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 17.00	Session 4: A comprehensive biomedical research policy - value-based, health-centred and science-led

Aim of the session: To discuss the different actors and their role as stakeholders in guiding research policy – The current state of play and future expectations

Moderators: Frank Luyten & Martin Buxton, SPH Members

Speakers:

- **Who sets the research agenda?** Speaker TBD
- **Patient expectations for and participation in research-** Anders Olauson, President, European Patients' Forum (EPF)
- **Big projects and Darwinian principles for successful science-** Francis Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) (TBC)

16.00 – 17.00

Discussion (panel & public): **Sharing perspectives and expectations**

- **Juleen Zierath**, Professor, Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery, Karolinska Institute
- **Patrick Bauerle**, Chief Scientific Officer, Micromet Inc. (TBC)
- **Rudi Balling**, Director, Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine, University of Luxembourg

Q&A session

17.00 – 17.30

Closing of conference & final words

Aim of the session: To present ideas for the future that would capture the concepts of the previous sessions: how to ensure a research policy and vision that is value-based, health- and people-centred, and science-led?

A need for action & a vision for the future

Detlev Ganten, President, World Health Summit & SPH Member

The SPH as a driver – final words and next steps

Karin Sipido, Professor of Cardiology, KU Leuven; President, Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe; SPH Chair

17.30 – 18.30

Networking reception