



European Cancer Summit 2020 18 & 19 November 2020, Virtual Edition Programme

Wednesday 18 November 2020

09:00-09:15 Opening Session

President of the European Cancer Organisation, Matti Aapro and Summit Co-Chairs, Isabel Rubio and Stefan Gijssels open the Summit with their introductions for the coming sessions.

09:15-10:45 Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer

No area of cancer care has been left undamaged by the impacts of COVID-19. Harm has been inflicted on prevention efforts, such as vaccination, through to screening, treatment and follow up care. While rapid catchup is required, so too is frank debate and resolution about what lessons must be learnt and applied most quickly to place Europe on a stronger footing for the likely 'next time'. We invite Europe's cancer community to join us for this critical exchange.

The Co-Chairs of our [Special Network on the Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer](#) **Mirjam Crul** and **Mark Lawler** lead this important discussion with interventions from **Jens Spahn** Federal Minister of Health in Germany, **Bente Mikkelsen** (Director for Non-communicable Diseases, World Health Organization) and **Veronique Trillet-Lenoir MEP** (Co-Chair of the MEPs Against Cancer Group). Joining them in the debate will be **John Ryan** (Director of Public Health, DG Sante), **Kathy Oliver** (Co-Director of the International Brain Tumour Alliance and Vice Chair of the Patient Advisory Committee) and **Nicoletta Luppi** (Senior Vice President and Managing Director, MSD Italia) with moderated questions from Summit delegates.

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Health Systems and Treatment Optimisation

In 2020 the European Cancer Organisation established a Health Systems and Treatment Optimisation Network with the aim of bringing about a reorientation of health systems and research approaches in cancer in order to achieve the twin aims of:

1. **Treatment optimisation:** optimising cancer treatment for the benefit of the patient
2. **Health systems optimisation:** optimising cancer care delivery for the benefit of the healthcare system.



Working with members of the European Cancer Organisation, patient advocates, members of Community 365 and invited experts, the Network has developed propositions to support re-engineering of approaches towards research, use of real world data and the pervading market and post market regulatory framework.

Co-Chairs Denis Lacombe and Yolande Lievens invite you to join them as they share assessments of the challenges and opportunities associated with such a reform agenda with speakers including:

- **Bengt Jonsson**, Professor Emeritus of Health Economics, Stockholm School of Economics
- **Benjamin Besse**, Head of the Medical Oncology Department, Institut Gustave Roussy
- **Bartosz Arlukowicz MEP**, Chair of the European Parliament's Special Committee for Beating Cancer
- **Jan Geissler**, CML Advocates Network and Patient Advisory Committee member
- **Lydie Meheus**, Managing Director, Anticancer Fund

12:30-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:15 How to implement Quality Cancer Care in Europe: *From good intentions to patient benefit*

2020 is an eventful year for the Quality Cancer Care agenda in Europe. The run-up to the European Cancer Summit marks the publication of a new [European Code of Cancer Practice](#), new [Essential Requirements for Quality Cancer Care](#) for Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Lung Cancer, and the launch of our new [Quality Cancer Care Network](#) at the European level. The Organisation of European Cancer Institutes has also published 100 European core quality standards for cancer care and research centres and the European Cancer Organisation is now in the process of developing Essential Requirements for Quality Cancer Care for Pancreatic Cancer, Ovarian Cancer and Glioma. The European Cancer Summit will give the opportunity to not only reflect on these key developments but also to plan ahead together for an even more impactful 2021. Quality Cancer Care is everyone's concern. We invite you to bring your perspective and make your voice heard.

Co-Chairs **Simon Oberst** and **Philip Poortmans** are joined by **Thierry Philip** (EU Cancer Mission Assembly member and President of OECD), **Frances Fitzgerald MEP**, **Francesca Colombo** (Head of the OECD Health Division), **Sema Erdem** (Co-Chair of the Patient Advisory Committee) and **Peter Luhrs** (Therapeutic Area Head Oncology, Bayer) for focused presentation and discussion on the practical means by which European visions for cancer care can be turned into reality. In so doing, the session will give particular attention to the implementation of comprehensive cancer care infrastructures, and how better use of data can lead to results driven efficacy.



14:15-15:30 Inequalities: Disparities and Discrimination in Cancer Care

Our Inequalities Network aims to identify and highlight the existing disparities in access and delivery of evidence-based care and optimal outcomes for patients with cancer across Europe. Inequalities may discriminate against patients with cancer based on nationality, geography, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, literacy, income, availability of clinical trials and presence of disability. Inequalities are a major source of variation in cancer care for various groups of patients and should be a key topic for policy makers.

This session will provide insight into ongoing initiatives to tackle disparities in cancer care and future directions to ensure equity in cancer care across Europe.

Moderated by the Co-Chairs of our Inequalities Network, **Nicolo Battisti** and **Hein Van Poppel**, we are delighted to have a panel of speakers that will speak on different aspects of the Inequalities issue:

- **Lori J. Pierce**, President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology
- **Richard Sullivan**, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Cancer Policy, and Director, Institute of Cancer Policy, King's College London
- **Robert Greene**, Member of the European Cancer Organisation's Patient Advisory Committee
- **Kateřina Konečn MEP**, Member of the Special Committee for Beating Cancer
- **Masum Hossain**, President, International Developed Markets, Pfizer
- **Katie Reeder-Hayes**, Chair, Health Equity Committee, American Society of Clinical Oncology

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:00 Early Detection Saves Lives: Taking European Cooperation on Cancer Screening to the Next Level

With Europe's Beating Cancer Plan trailed to have a distinct section devoted to improving early detection and diagnosis of cancer, how can existing European level recommendations on cancer screening achieve a better implementation in practice? What are the routes to improving quality assurance of screening? How should Europe's Beating Cancer Plan take account of new options on screening, including risk stratified approaches? How can cost effectiveness of screening be best understood in the decision-making process?

Our Prevention Network which is led by Co-Chairs **Isabel Rubio** and **Jan Van Meerbeeck** addresses itself to such matters, with a team of experts to present and debate issues around early detection and screening, including:

- **Tit Albreht**, Coordinator of the Joint Action, the Innovative Partnership for Action Against Cancer – IPAAC



- **Partha Basu**, Head, Screening Group, International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organisation
- **Dolors Montserrat MEP**, Member of the European Parliament's Special Committee on Cancer
- **Harry De Koning**, Professor of Public Health & Screening Evaluation, Erasmus MC University
- **Stefan Gijssels**, Co-Chair, Patient Advisory Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Digestive Cancers Europe
- **Padraic Ward**, Head of Commercial Operations, Roche

17:00-18:00 Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

Stella Kyriakides, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety will join the @EuropeanCancer community to share the latest progress on Europe's [Beating Cancer Plan](#), due to be finalised before the end of 2020. This follows months of consultation after the launch of the Plan at the EU Parliament on World Cancer Day, 4 February 2020. The plan should provide actions to accelerate and improve country coordination in combatting cancer. The European Cancer Summit 2020 is ideally timed to hear the latest information about the plan and to discuss together its implementation in 2021. The Commissioner will be joined "on stage" by the European Cancer Organisation's Executive Committee, as well as the co-chairs of this year's Summit, for questions and discussion.

Thursday 19 November 2020

09:00-10:30 Mission-Driven Cancer Research: All Together as One

The European Cancer Summit will shine a spotlight on the concluding work of the European Cancer Mission Board, ahead of the formal commencement of [the EU Cancer Mission](#) in 2021.

The session will open with a keynote address from **Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**, in which the overall approach of the European Commission 2019-24 towards cancer research will be outlined.

Thereafter, **moderated by Matti Aapro, President of the European Cancer Organisation and Member of the Cancer Mission Assembly**, panelists will explore key targets and actions of the forthcoming Mission, including its focus on areas such as Prevention, Quality of Life and Survivorship and other major challenges to be tackled within its programme of action.



Panelists include:

- **Walter Ricciardi**, Chair of the EU Cancer Mission Board
- **Manfred Weber MEP**, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- **Christine Chomienne**, Vice-Chair of the EU Cancer Mission Board
- **Bettina Ryll**, Member of the EU Cancer Mission Board and Founder of the Melanoma Patient Network Europe
- **Caroline Dive**, President of the European Association for Cancer Research
- **Nathalie Moll**, Director General at European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Cancer Survivorship: The Physical and Psycho-Social Legacies

The inclusion of a specific section of [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan dedicated to Survivorship and Quality of Life issues](#) represented a landmark in confirming the high political recognition this agenda has now achieved. Supporting this, [our Survivorship and Quality of Life Network](#) is devoted to pushing policy-makers to go further faster in tackling issues such as discrimination against cancer patients and survivors, providing better quality supportive care and to beating cancer stigma and fear.

Building on the Network's focus on both physical and psycho-social needs of cancer patients and survivors, Co-Chairs **Andrew Davies** and **Csaba Degi** will lead this session including presentations on:

- **Psychosocial and behavioral issues: addressing the challenges of cancer survivorship** with **Anja Mehnert**, Head of Psychosocial Oncology, Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology, University Medical Center Leipzig
- **Physical symptoms in cancer survivors – the “iceberg” phenomenon** with **Andrew Davies**, President of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC)

and a discussion with:

- **Janina Ochojska MEP**, herself a breast cancer survivor
- **Alexander Zehnder**, Global Head of Oncology, Sanofi
- **Sarunas Narbutas**, Chairman, Youth Cancer Europe

The session will end with an update from **Francoise Meunier** (Vice President, Federation Of European Academies Of Medicine) on progress made since the resolution passed at the [European Cancer Summit in 2018 on Financial Discrimination](#) and the “Right to be Forgotten” which, thanks to Francoise's leadership, has already been adopted by some European countries.



12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45-14:00 Preparing a Resilient Oncology Workforce for the Present and Future

Without a workforce you have no cancer care. Continual policy attention must be provided to such matters as education and training, labour mobility, professional qualification recognition and addressing workforce shortages. Europe has a role in all these areas. Yet it appears far from clear that, to date, this role has met its full potential.

Opening with a Conversation with **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs And Inclusion, the session will then hear expert perspectives and responses from **Nicolás González Casares**, a nurse and Member of the European Parliament; **Lynda Wyld**, Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Sheffield; **Kathi Apostolidis**, President of the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC); and, **Alexandru Eniu**, Chair of the College of the European School of Oncology.

Moderated by [Workforce Network](#) Co-Chairs, **Andreas Charalambous** (EONS), **Mirjam Crul** (ESOP) and **Geerard Beets** (ESSO), the session builds in open opportunity for exchange with the audience before inviting attendees to participate in the agreement of Network resolution on the topic of professional qualification recognition.

14:00-15:15 Viral Protection: Achieving the Possible. The elimination of HPV cancers in Europe

2020 is the year when the global community committed itself to the elimination of a cancer caused almost entirely by HPV through the World Health Organization's new cervical cancer strategy. What will be Europe's role in this global effort and can it go further and achieve the elimination of all the cancers caused by HPV?

The [HPV Action Network](#), led by **Daniel Kelly** and **Rui Medeiros** has been working hard on the issues around vaccination, screening, treatment and awareness of HPV and in October 2020 produced a report ([Viral Protection: Achieving the Possible. A Four Step Plan for Eliminating HPV Cancers in Europe](#)). They will lead this session which will include:

Andrea Ammon, Director General of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), speaking on 'Time for Action: Overcoming the barriers to HPV cancer elimination'

There will also be presentations and discussions on:

An HPV cancer free Europe by 2030: Is it really possible?

- **Margaret Stanley**, President, International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS)



Advocating for HPV cancer elimination: the role of civil society organisations

- **Tristan Almada**, Co-Founder, HPV and Anal Cancer Foundation and the Noman is an Island: Race to End HPV Campaign
- **Cobi Reisman**, Past President, European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM)

Meeting the challenge of 'fake news' head on

- **Emilie Karafillakis**, European Research Lead, Vaccine Confidence Project, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Alessandra Moretti MEP, Member of the Special Committee for Beating Cancer, will join the panel to discuss how Europe's Beating Cancer Plan can make a real difference in HPV elimination.

Members of the [HPV Action Network](#) around Europe will be in the audience contributing to the debate.

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 The Digital Transformation of Cancer Care

10, 20 and 30 years from now, how will technology have changed cancer care? What preparations for those futures should we already be making? What technologies already at our fingertips are we failing to make best use of? While the sense of urgency in the cancer community about embracing the powers of new technology for better treatment and care grows, persistent barriers remain. What opportunities are presently available to get past these?

Led by [our Digital Health Network](#), this session will hear experience from leading experts, share perspectives from a range of stakeholders on key controversies and open new horizons for attendees about the coming possibilities.

Keynote presentations will examine the current status of cancer care's transformation by digital technology from the perspectives of the clinician, the world of biomedical informatics, as well as imaging.

Join our **Digital Health Network co-Chairs Regina Beets-Tan and Wim Oyen**, as they unlock the crucial points of debate with:

- **Fred Prior**, Professor and Chair, Department of Biomedical Informatics, University of Arkansas
- **Wiro Niessen**, Professor in Biomedical Image Analysis, Erasmus MC/TU Delft
- **Gilly Spurrier-Bernard**, Melanoma Patient Network Europe



- **Sara Cerdas MEP**, Shadow Rapporteur, Eu4Health; Vice Chair of the Special Committee on Beating Cancer and Co-Chair, ENVI Committee Health Working Group
- **Anastassia Negrouk**, Chief Operating Officer, MyData-TRUST
- **Christian Stoeckigt**, Head of Scientific Affairs & Medical Education, Hologic

Audience members too will be key participants as a lively exchange is expected on the controversies and points of solution!

17:00-18:00 Cancer Issues Worldwide

Matti Aapro, President of the European Cancer Organisation will moderate a discussion on the most important issues in cancer facing the world today, with a panel of experts from around the world including:

- **Hans Kluge**, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization (WHO)
- **HRH Princess Dina Mired**, Past-President of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
- **Lori Pierce**, President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
- **Franco Cavalli**, Chair of the World Oncology Forum
- **Catherine Owen**, Senior Vice President, Major Markets, Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS)

18:00-18:15 Closing Session

President of the European Cancer Organisation, **Matti Aapro** and Summit Co-Chairs, **Isabel Rubio** and **Stefan Gijssels** close the Summit with their observations from the previous sessions.

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