

## EPF Spring Conference 20, 21 March 2007

Building on the success of our previous conferences, the European Patients' Forum is hosting a third EU conference on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 in Brussels. The themes for this year's meeting include: the empowerment of patients and their role at EU level; 'the Informed Patient'; and 'the sustainability of patient organisations into the future'.

High level speakers with a wide range of EU expertise and experience will stimulate discussion and result a call for action at various levels to enhance the patients' opportunity to be heard and impact in the policy debate.

EPF has invited all its member organisations and patient group allies, together with national patient representatives from a representative platform or coalition from all 27 Member States. Crucially, other health stakeholder allies and partners with whom we work together in Brussels, including representatives from the EU Institutions health professional organisations, industry federations, health NGOs, agencies and think-tanks will participate and contribute their views and ideas on how patients group can be most effective.

A comprehensive report will be made available shortly after the conference on the EPF website. In the meantime, should you have any queries about the meeting, please contact the conference coordinator:  
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Please find attached:



[EPF Spring Conference 2007 Programme](#)

## Presentations



### [Introduction](#)

Mr Anders Olauon, EPF



[The Regulatory Perspective: What Role Should the EMEA Perform With Regard to the Provision of Information on Medicines?](#)  
Mr Noel Wathion, The European Medicines Agency



[The Empowered Patient: A benefit or a liability?](#)  
Dr. Daniel Mart, President of CPME



[Empowering patients across Europe: an economic perspective.](#)  
Mr. David Mc Daid, London School of Economics



[Patient organisations - standing and funding.](#)

Richard Bergström, Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry

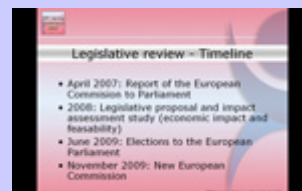


[The prevailing environment in 2017. How well informed will patients be ten years from now and from what sources will information be available?](#)

Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Senior Health Policy Advisor and WHO Consultant.



[Workgroup: Who really represents patients](#)  
Facilitator: Ms Mel Read  
Rapporteur: Mr Mike O'Donovan



[Workgroup: Is ignorance bliss or is an informed patient a sound economic investment?](#)

Facilitator: Mr Jorgo Chatzimarkakis  
Rapporteur: Mr Jean Georges



[Workgroup: Are patient organisations viable and sustainable? If so, by whom?](#)  
Facilitator: Ms Celine van Doosselaere  
Rapporteur: Mr Rodney Elgie



[The Patients' Perspective](#)

Ms Susanna Palkonen, European Federation of Allergy and Airways Disease Patients' Associations



[Conclusions](#)

Ms Nicola Bedlington, EPF