

European Patients' Forum eNewsletter

A strong patient's voice to drive better health in Europe



EPF E-NEWSLETTER: A NEW LOOK TO BETTER SERVE OUR MEMBERS AND ALLIES

You will certainly notice a brand-new "look and feel" of the EPF mailing that arrives in your in-boxes today. We see this new "EPF monthly e-newsletter" as a vehicle to share our news and stories more regularly and more succinctly on key developments linked to our policy priorities and our project portfolio. All of this, at a glance. We made a deliberate choice to focus this newsletter only on the latest news in order to help you to scan it quickly. More in-depth analysis will be available on our website thanks to the option "Read more" and to the numerous available links.



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FOLLOW US AND MAKE THE PATIENTS' VOICE LOUD!



EPF launches into the social media sphere! We want to make sure you have the opportunity to connect with and contribute to our work, to understand the dynamics of our policy and project work to patient-centred healthcare and, most importantly, to promote unity across the EU patients' movement.

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USER ACCEPTANCE OF EHEALTH: HYPE, HOPE OR REALITY?

SUSTAINS PROJECT SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR



The SUSTAINS project, which has officially started this year, held its second consortium meeting on 7 May in Copenhagen. The main objective was to get an update of the state of play of SUSTAINS' services implementation in the 11 participating countries/regions and to take decisions on important horizontal issues that are relevant to the work EPF is leading as a member of the SUSTAINS consortium.

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EPF BRINGS A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE TO BELGIAN HEALTHCARE

UPCOMING EVENTS

23/05/2012 | "The Future of Health Research and Innovation in Europe: The need for Strategic Action"

European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
Patients' perspective on future of health research

EPF attendance :
Nicola Bedlington, speaker

24-25/05/2012 | [InterQuality Meeting](#)

Catania, Italy
Presentation of the EPF work done in dissemination since January and establishment of some collaborative work with partners.

EPF attendance :
Giulia Evolvi

24-25/05/2012 | Kick-Off meeting of the Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Copenhagen, Denmark
EPF is an associate partner in this project which overall aim is to create a permanent platform for future cooperation between Member States in the area of Patient Safety and Quality of Care.

EPF attendance :
Nicola Bedlington
Kaisa Immonen-Charalambous

29/05/2012 | Access to Medicines Platform on Transparency and Independence



The [eHealth week](#) - from 7-9 May in Copenhagen, Denmark - closed its doors last week after three days of discussion on how to tackle the future healthcare challenges Europe is facing. The focus of this year's conference was how to create an optimal patient journey through our healthcare system.

Anders Olauson, EPF President, took part as a panelist in the session entitled "eHealth for the chronically ill patient – hype, hope or reality?" Discussions have touched upon some of the remaining barriers that are still hampering the large deployment of eHealth services in Europe.

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EPF: "NO REFORM OF HEALTH SYSTEMS WITHOUT PATIENTS"



Nicola Bedlington, EPF Executive Director, and Robert Johnstone, EPF Board Member, took part in the 1st European Conference on Patient Empowerment, Copenhagen, 11-12 April 2012. The conference was organized under the auspices of the Danish Committee for Health Education, Careum, WHO/Europe and ENOPE – the European Network for Patient Empowerment. The purpose was to explore the contribution and the empowerment of patients and citizens to the future of health and social care in Europe.

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Nicola Bedlington, EPF Executive Director, introduced a European perspective on 17 April at the Belgian Pharmaceutical Conference 2012 in La Hulpe, Belgium. During her presentation, she valued meaningful patient involvement and empowerment in healthcare through two main projects of EPF: Value + and EUPATI. Organised by both the Belgian Association of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Pharma.be, this conference aimed at translating a strong resolve to build the future of the Belgian healthcare system. The focus was "the impatient patient". Impatience is inherent to patients, mostly because of their medical needs. They are at the centre of healthcare but their possible contribution is not taken enough into account in healthcare policy.

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EPF STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE INNOVATION



Anders Olauson, EPF President, and Nicola Bedlington, EPF Executive Director, participated in the conference "[Innovation in Healthcare without borders](#)", on 16-17 April, in Brussels, Belgium. The main objective of the conference was to act as an innovation in healthcare policy forum involving the key actors and policy-makers. Mr Olauson highlighted his conviction that "Patients can play a key role in providing some answers to the question how to foster innovation and its adoption in healthcare in an equitable and sustainable way."

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European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
Drafting group for Charter on Transparency

EPF attendance :
Nicola Bedlington, speaker

[29-31/05/2012 | 3rd EU Societal Impact of Pain symposium](#)

Copenhagen, Denmark
Already 150 international organisations have confirmed their support towards the scientific aims of the "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP). SIP is an international, multi-stakeholder platform created in 2010 which aim is to raise awareness of the impact that pain has on our societies, health and economic systems, exchanging information and sharing best-practices across all member states of the European Union.

[30/05/2012 | IMI Stakeholder Forum](#)

Brussels, Belgium
Introduction of the EUPATI project

EPF attendance :
Nicola Bedlington, speaker

[31/05/2012 - 01/06/2012 | Nordic Conference on cross cooperation on rare diseases](#)

Reykjavik , Iceland
Focus on co-operation to improve knowledge within the Nordic countries regarding Rare Diseases.

EPF attendance :
Anders Olauson - speaker

[11-13/06/2012 | Hospage Conference](#)

Berlin, Germany
Ageing Health Workforce - Ageing patients: Multiple challenges for hospitals in Europe

EPF attendance :
Anders Olauson - speaker

[14-15/06/2012 | Gender and Health through Life](#)

Copenhagen, Denmark
A conference to mark the Danish Presidency's EU agenda of gender, equality and healthy ageing.
Susanna Palkonen – speaker

EPF attendance :
Nicola Bedlington – Co-chair

EIP-AHA: FROM PLAN TO ACTION



On 3 April, DG SANCO held the conference of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA): "From Plan to Action" in Brussels. The title speaks for itself: the objective was to present the Strategic Implementation Plan of this pilot European Innovation Partnership, to provide information on the next steps and allow stakeholders willing to put the plan into action through working together in close collaboration.

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