



## **COPD – The Epidemic of the Working Population**

### **Workshop 1: Prevention and diagnosis to stall a debilitating disease**

**29 June 2011, 15.00-18.00h, EP ASP 8F388**

Hosted by the European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients Association (EFA) with the kind support of Mr. Seán Kelly MEP, Ms. Catherine Stihler MEP, Ms. Françoise Grossetête MEP and Ms. Eva-Britt Svensson MEP

An event endorsed by the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the European Lung Foundation (ELF) and the International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG)

**15.00-15.10h**

#### **Welcome and introductory remarks**

- *Ms. Breda Flood*, EFA President

**15.10-15.40h**

#### **Setting the scene**

Interventions by

- *Mr. Michael Wilken*, “Patientenliga Atemwegserkrankungen”, Hannover, Germany  
COPD Patient Testimonial
- *Professor Ronald Dahl*, Pulmonologist, University of Aarhus, Denmark  
“COPD: facts about the disease and its management”
- *Ms. Monica Fletcher*, Chair European Lung Foundation, Board Member European Respiratory Society  
“The burden of COPD”

**15.40-16.20h**

#### **Discussion: How to improve the prevention of COPD**

Issues to be discussed include

- *Is the danger of developing COPD adequately referenced by the tobacco labelling?*
- *Is second-hand smoke sufficiently regulated?*
- *How can smoking cessation be promoted?*
- *How can programmes to promote health at the workplace help raise awareness of COPD and prevent smoking?*

**16.20-16.35h**

**Coffee**



**16.35-17.05h**

### **How to improve the diagnosis of COPD**

Interventions by

- *Dr. Tim McDonnell*, Irish Health Service Executive (HSE)  
“Experiences from the HSE working group on improved COPD management”
- *Dr. Tjard Schermer*, Department of Primary and Community Care, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, the Netherlands, Member of the IPCRG  
“Dutch learnings of providing support to GPs as regards COPD diagnosis”
- *Professor Ronald Dahl*, University of Aarhus  
“The COPD recommendations of the Danish Health Board to get COPD diagnosed early through spirometry tests provided free of charge”

**17.05-17.50h**

### **Discussion**

Issues to be discussed include

- *How can those in primary care be supported in the diagnosis of COPD?*
- *How can the education of healthcare professionals be furthered?*
- *How can good practice be disseminated?*

**17.50-18.00h**

### **Conclusion and outlook on *Workshop 2* on COPD management and research needs**

The workshop will be facilitated by Mr. Christoph Thalheim.

Please don't hesitate to contact Katharina Ossenberg to register for this event at [kossenbe@hillandknowlton.com](mailto:kossenbe@hillandknowlton.com) or call +32 (0) 27391604

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