

Invitation to reception

“Adult chronic respiratory disease in the EU: A growing epidemic”

Tackling the economic & societal impact of COPD in the EU

Hosted by Catherine Stihler, Member of European Parliament

Wednesday 15th June 2011, 18:30 - 20:30

Venue: Brussels, European Parliament, Member's Salon

You are cordially invited to a reception hosted by MEP Catherine Stihler.

The reception is aimed at highlighting the need for a comprehensive strategy on adult chronic respiratory diseases in the EU with appropriate priority given to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Critical information related to this growing epidemic as well as opportunities to learn more and get involved will be presented by medical experts and patient advocates.

At present, respiratory diseases are ranked second in Europe in terms of mortality, incidence, prevalence and costs, with an estimated yearly financial burden of Euro 100 billion in Europe due to healthcare costs and lost working days.

One highly prevalent, underdiagnosed and undertreated disease is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) – an umbrella term including 'chronic obstructive bronchitis' and 'emphysema'. The WHO predicts that COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2030, with an estimated 12 million annual deaths worldwide by 2020 (20% of total deaths), highlighting the escalating prevalence and urgent need to address COPD as a serious threat to European public health.

RSVP: Kindly confirm your participation to the reception by 6th June 2011 by sending an email to the contact person below.

Important - In order to access the European Parliament, you will need your ID card and an entrance badge. If you do not already hold such a badge, **please indicate your name, first name, date of birth and place of residence** so that it can be prepared in advance.

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