

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

## *Tackling the economic & societal impact of COPD in the EU*

*Reception hosted by Catherine Stihler, Member of European Parliament*

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 18:30 - 20:30**

**Brussels, European Parliament, Members’ Salon**

### RECEPTION PROGRAMME

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).

*A cocktail and finger food will be served throughout the event*

#### **18:00 – 18:30: Registration**

**18:30 – 18:35: Welcome & opening remarks** by Catherine Stihler MEP, Chair of the event

#### **18:35 – 18:45: Chronic Respiratory Diseases & COPD in the EU (clinical aspects)**

*Speakers:* David Halpin, Consultant Physician and Senior Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, UK

#### **18:45 – 18:55: The COPD sufferer: patient impact and inequalities in care**

*Speaker:* Marianella Salapatras, Past President, European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients’ Associations (EFA)

#### **18:55 – 19:05: Challenges for healthcare systems & providers: Research and Roadmap for the future**

*Speaker:* Monica Fletcher, Chair of the European Lung Foundation (ELF)

#### **19:05 – 19:15: Societal and economic burden of COPD**

*Speaker:* David Halpin, Consultant Physician and Senior Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, UK

#### **19:15 – 19:35: Questions & Answers to the panel** - moderated by Catherine Stihler MEP

#### **19:35 – 19:40: Closing remarks** by Catherine Stihler MEP

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