



Launch event of EFA Allergy Awareness Project

22 November 2011, 17:00-18:30

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli - room A5E-3
Rue Wiertz 60, B-1047 Brussels

- 16.30 - 17.00 Registrations
- 17.00 - 17.05 Welcome and opening speech, host **MEP Elisabetta Gardini**
- 17.05 - 17.10 Introduction, **Breda Flood, EFA President**
- 17.10 - 17.25 EFA Book on Respiratory Allergies and Call for Action, **Erkka Valovirta**
- 17.25 - 17.35 The EU response in addressing growing trends in allergies, **Michael Hübel, European Commission**
- 17.35 - 17.45 Patient testimony, **Joanna Bottema**
- 17.45 - 17.55 The Polish Presidency priority on respiratory allergies, **Prof Bolesław Samoliński**
- 17.55 - 18.05 EU Surveillance Network, **Prof Torsten Zuberbier, GA²LEN**
- 18.05 - 18.25 Panel discussion Allergy project partners: **EAACI Pascal Demoly, Moises Calderon, ERS Francesco Blasi, ARIA Jean Bousquet, IPCRG Dermot Ryan**
- 18.25 - 18.30 Concluding remarks, **MEP Nessa Childers**
- 18.30 - 19.30 Networking cocktail.

Chairperson: Susanna Palkonen, EFA Executive Officer

Acronyms:

ARIA: Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma

EAACI: European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

ERS, the European Respiratory Society

GA²LEN: the Global Allergy and Asthma European Network

ICPRG: International Primary Care Respiratory Group

EFA is a non-profit network of allergy, asthma and COPD patient organisation representing 32 member organizations in 20 countries, and over 400.000 patients. EFA aims to substantially reduce the frequency and severity of allergies, asthma and COPD, minimise their societal implications; improve health-related quality of life of patients; and ensure full citizenship of people with these conditions. Further information at <http://www.efanet.org/index.php>