



7TH EPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ANTIBIOTICS, POLITICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

RESISTANCE!

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9.00 - 18.30
RENAISSANCE HOTEL
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About this conference

Drug-resistant infections are becoming Europe's biggest public health threat, already causing tens of thousands of deaths every year in the EU. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the test case for Europe's ability to protect public health and national health systems from a threat which could cast us back to the "dark ages of medicine". Is Europe up to the challenge? Public health and prevention have long been politically ignored, under-appreciated and underfunded, calling into question Europe's ability to effectively counter cross-border threats to health.

If AMR is to be effectively tackled in time, political resistance to public health approaches and investments must be overcome now. Despite rising awareness and concern, and current attention at international (e.g. UN, WHO, G7/G20, European Commission, ECDC), national (e.g. the UK AMR Review, national action plans) and sub-national level, there is a marked absence of concrete solutions and commitments to tackle it. Without a coordinated, international response, progress made in one country will be undermined by lack of action across borders.

Tackling AMR poses urgent questions of the EU's commitment to global solidarity, health equity and human rights. The EU's relative agility in decision-making and its leadership role on global challenges of similar magnitude (climate change, HIV / AIDS), together with solid experience in several member states of tackling drug-resistance, obliges the health community to look to Europe to lead the way.



Key Questions

Among other issues, the conference will explore the following questions:

- Can the policy response to AMR provide a blueprint for policy coherence and inter-sectoral action to protect and improve health in Europe?
- How can the EU best support national governments and demonstrate its added value?
- How to transfer targets and good practices – and above all enforce them, so there are no holes in the protective net?
- What political changes may need to ensue in order to improve governance for health?
- Can the EU take on the necessary global leadership role?
- What contributions are needed from the public health community, relevant industries and sectors in the quest for effective solutions?

Expected Outcomes

EPHA's conference seeks to identify barriers to effective decision-making in Europe to protect health and discuss how to overcome resistance to tackling public health threats in policy and legislation.

AMR is a challenge to which all sectors of society and departments of government must commit to solving. The public health imperative needs to be implemented in several relevant policy areas.

We aim to create a public health centred set of recommendations for the revision of the European Commission's Action Plan on AMR.

Resistance!

Antibiotics, politics and public health

- 09:00 **OPENING SESSION**
Antimicrobial Resistance: What is the role for Europe?
- 09:00 **WELCOME**
Archie Turnbull, President, EPHA
- 09:15 **AMR: A MULTIFACETED GLOBAL HEALTH THREAT**
• Prof Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England
• Angelique Berg, Director-General Health, Ministry of Health, The Netherlands
• Prof Johan Struwe, Antibiotics and Infection Control Analyst, Public Health Agency of Sweden
- Q&A WITH AUDIENCE**
- 10:15 Tea and Coffee break
- 10:45 **SESSION 1**
Investing in Public Health *Debate with Audience*
- 12:00 **SESSION 2**
AMR and Prevention *Debate with Audience*
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:15 **SESSION 3.1** **SESSION 3.2**
AMR and Innovation *Debate with Audience* AMR and Animal Welfare *Debate with Audience*
- 15:30 Tea and Coffee Break
- 16:00 **SESSION 4**
Moving towards a One Health approach - Developing a Global Vision and Taking Policy Action
Debate with Audience
- 17:30 **EPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**
Archie Turnbull, President, EPHA
Nina Renshaw, Secretary General, EPHA
- 18:00 Networking Refreshments

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE: WHAT IS THE ROLE FOR EUROPE?

9:00 – 10:15

How big is the scope of the problem? What are the current actions at national and European level? Is the scale and urgency of the AMR threat being taken seriously enough?



Archie Turnbull

President, EPHA - @EPHA_EU

Turnbull retired in 2013 after some 30 years of directing and managing international medical organisations: The International Union Against Cancer (IARC) 1985 – 1999 and the European Respiratory Society (ERS) 2000 – 2007 and 2010 – 2013.



Nina Renshaw

Secretary General, EPHA - @ninawren

Nina joined EPHA as Secretary-General in 2014 after eight years as Deputy Director for Transport & Environment. She has been a delegate to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

AMR: A MULTIFACETED GLOBAL HEALTH THREAT

9:15 – 10:15

Keynote addresses



Prof Dame Sally C. Davies

Chief Medical Officer for England - @CMO_England

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for England, Chief Medical Advisor to the UK and author of “The Drugs Don’t Work,” Dame Sally is a global advocate for solutions to the phenomenon of drug-resistant infections. Dame Sally also sits on the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board.



Dr Angelique Berg

Director General Health, Ministry of Health, The Netherlands

Director General of Public Health since 2014, Berg has also worked in the areas of fiscal policy, transport and housing with a focus on the environment.



Prof Johan Struwe

Antibiotics and Infection Control Analyst, Public Health Agency of Sweden - @Folkhalsomynd

Prof Struwe is an Associate Professor specializing in infectious diseases. At Folkhälsomyndigheten, his primary focus is on antimicrobial stewardship, surveillance of antimicrobial use, antimicrobial resistance and health-care associated infections.

SESSION 1 | INVESTING IN PUBLIC HEALTH: AMR AS A CASE STUDY

10:45 – 12:00

A focus on the socio-economic dimension and broader public health policy-making context: challenges and obstacles to wider public health policy-making, dramatic under-investment in prevention and health promotion, and cost cutting in health systems. Is AMR a symptom of the absence of a Health in All Policies approach?

MODERATOR



Nicoline Tamsma

President, EuroHealthNet - @NicolineTamsma @EuroHealthNet

President of EuroHealthNet since 2014, Tamsma is Coordinating Advisor International Affairs at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands.

SPEAKERS



Prof Helen Lambert

Reader, Medical Anthropology Department, University of Bristol - @HelenSLambert

Prof Lambert is the Research Champion on AMR for the Economical and Social Research Council (UK) leading initiatives to highlight the importance of social science research evidence in tackling AMR globally and to engage social scientists in collaborative AMR research.



Michele Cecchini

Policy Analyst, Health Division, OECD @OECD_Social

A health economist and policy analyst in Public Health Programme of the OECD Health Division since 2007, he is responsible for the work on antimicrobial resistance and on risk factors for chronic diseases. Prof Cecchini is also adjunct professor in applied health economics at the School of Public Health of the University of Siena.



Tajda Miharlja Gala

Vice-President, European Association of Hospital Pharmacists - @EAHPtweet

A practising hospital pharmacist since 1981, Miharlja Gala has been Vice-President of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) since 2012. She is responsible for activities and projects in the fields of antimicrobial resistance and off-label use of drugs.



Prof Giovanni Sotgiu

European Respiratory Society - @ERSTalk

A specialist in Infectious Diseases and Medical Statistics, and Associate Professor in Sassari University Medical School, he has collaborated with the World Health Organization to implement and monitor projects in several countries and with different USAID funded organizations in programme monitoring and evaluation in Eastern Europe and Africa.

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SESSION 2 | AMR AND PREVENTION

12:00 – 13:15

What policies, good practices and new thinking is required to scale up public health and AMR prevention at European, national and health institutional level? How can there be better transfer of knowledge and experiences on prevention, infection control and best practices between European countries and regions? What needs to happen for successful policies to be implemented across all Member States?

MODERATOR



Dr Josep Figueras

Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies - @OBShealth

Figueras has worked for major multilateral organisations such as WHO, the European Commission and the World Bank, serving as advisor within Europe and beyond. He is also a visiting professor at Imperial College London.

SPEAKERS



Dr Dominique Monnet

Head of Programme Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infections, ECDC - @ECDC_EU
Monnet joined the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control in October 2007, to lead their programme on Antimicrobial Resistance. He also represents ECDC in the EU-US taskforce on AMR (TATFAR).



Rose Gallagher

Professional Lead, Infection Prevention and Control, Royal College of Nursing - @gallagher_rose @theRCN

As well as her current role, Gallagher is currently a Scientific Advisor to the European Public Health Alliance on AMR. Gallagher was recently awarded an MBE in the Queens 90th birthday honours list for services to Infection Prevention and Control in her role at the Royal College of Nursing.



Prof Silvio Brusaferr

Practical Lead, EUPHA; EUNETIPS; University of Udine - @EUPHActs

Professor of Hygiene and Public Health, Director of the Department of Medical and Biological Sciences Department at University of Udine and Director of the Accreditation, Clinical Risk Management and Healthcare Performances Evaluation Unit in the Academic Hospital of Udine and Coordinator for Clinical Risk Programme in Friuli Venezia Giulia.



Jurate Svarcaite

Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group in the European Union - @PGEU

Previously Head of the Pharmaceutical Care Department for a major Lithuanian pharmacy chain, Svarcaite is Secretary General of PGEU, providing strategic direction and leadership while managing the day to day operations of PGEU. She represents the pharmacy sector community in various European and national forums.

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SESSION 3.1 | AMR, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

14:15 – 15:30

While excess use of antibiotics remains a huge problem, global access to life-saving antibiotics needs to be safeguarded. What are the research needs and possible innovation and business models for antibiotics?

What needs to happen for successful policies to be implemented across all Member States?

MODERATOR



Carmen Paun

Reporter, POLITICO - @carmenpaun @politicoEurope

A health care reporter for POLITICO, based in Brussels, she was previously a freelancer covering regulatory and international affairs. Paun has reported on a wide range of topics, including money laundering, food production, chemicals, terrorism and foreign affairs.

SPEAKERS



Prof Anthony So

Director of Centre for a Liveable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Director of Centre for a Liveable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Dr So is also part of the High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines, focusing on issues of globalization and health, particularly innovation and access to essential medicines in developing countries.



Elizabeth Kuiper

Director of European Affairs, EFPIA - @kuiper_em

Director for European Affairs at EFPIA, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations responsible for EFPIA's advocacy and public affairs, Kuiper previously worked as attaché at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU, and as Political Advisor to the Dutch Minister of Health, Welfare and Sports.



Michelle Childs

Head of Policy Advocacy, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi)

Head of Policy Advocacy, DNDi Latin America, Childs has extensive experience in proposing and advocating for solutions to overcome barriers to access and innovation. Previous experience includes roles as expert advisor at the World Health Organization, and Director of Policy Advocacy at Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign



Rohit Malpani

Director Access Campaign, Médecins Sans Frontières - @MSF_access

Director of Policy and Analysis, Access Campaign at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Previously, Malpani was Special Advisor, Policy and Campaigns Unit for Oxfam Hong Kong, and Senior Campaigns Advisor at Oxfam America. He has also worked as a human rights advisor to the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization.

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SESSION 3.2 | AMR AND ANIMAL WELFARE

14:15 – 15:30

Healthy animals should not require antibiotics. Animal welfare in conjunction with improved veterinary incentives could reduce farm antibiotics use. What kind of changes in animal husbandry practices may be required to address antibiotics overuse? A focus on best practices and policy needs at national level, and on their adoption outside of Europe.

MODERATOR



Cólín Nunan

Research Advisor, Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics - @ASOAntibiotics

A Scientific Advisor for the Soil Association for the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics, and anti-antibiotics overuse campaigner in farming for over 15 years, Nunan is the co-author of reports on antibiotic resistance and antibiotic residues highlighting the human-health impact of excessive antibiotic use in intensive livestock farming.

SPEAKERS



Prof Donald Broom

Emeritus Professor Animal Welfare, University of Cambridge - @BroomDonald

Prof Broom has developed concepts and methods of scientific assessment of animal welfare, and led or served on UK (FAWC, APC, Seals) and Council of Europe committees, as well as EU Scientific Committees on Animal Welfare and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) Scientific Panel on Animal Health.



Dr Alessandro Patriarchi

Specialist on Antimicrobial Resistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - @UNFAO

Dr Patriarchi currently works in the Animal Production and Health Division, coordinating the interdepartmental working group on Antimicrobial Resistance, and providing advice to the FAO focal point on AMR in establishing an FAO strategy for action.



Peter Oostenbach

Associate Director Global Public Policy AH at Merck / MSD Animal Health

Associate Director Global Public at MSD Animal Health., he participates in many platforms relating to the responsible use of antibiotics in animals including the European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (EPRUMA), the Animal Task Force and the Advisory Board International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals.



Dr Mette Vaarst

Senior Researcher, Dept. of Animal Science, Aarhus University and International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems

A senior scientist at Aarhus University, with 25 years of experience at the International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems, Vaarst is also a qualified veterinary homeopath.

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SESSION 4 | MOVING TOWARDS A ONE HEALTH APPROACH: DEVELOPING A GLOBAL VISION AND TAKING POLICY ACTION

16:00 – 17:30

The global AMR challenge calls for policy coherence and aligned action at all levels. Lots of action plans and reports have been created over the last two years, but are they compatible enough to be effective? What role is there for stronger legislative mechanisms at EU and national level to support these actions?

MODERATOR



Tamsin Rose

Strategic Advisor to EPHA

With more than two decades of experience in European policymaking, Rose has worked in communications, technical assistance for local and regional authorities and in public health since 2002, specialising in facilitation.

SPEAKERS



Xavier Prats-Monné

Director-General, DG SANTE - @Food_EU

Director-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission since September 2015. He is responsible for EU policies and programmes in health and food safety, including the promotion of public health, the assessment of national healthcare systems' performance, pharmaceutical legislation, animal welfare, and strengthening Europe's capacity to deal with pandemics and with crisis situations in human health and food and plant safety.



Emese Szilagyi

Deputy Head of Department of Epidemiology, Office of the Chief Medical Officer in Budapest, Hungary

Szilágyi has been involved in developing national guidelines and education programmes, and in infection prevention and control at national level.



Dr Marc Sprenger

Director for AMR, World Health Organization - @Marcsprenger4PH

Responsible for the coordination of the Global Action Plan on AMR, Sprenger has been Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and responsible for initiating the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (EARSS).



Richard Bergstrom

Director General, EFPIA - @EFPIA

Director General of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) since April 2011. Previously he served for nine years as the Director-General of LIF, the Swedish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry.

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