

WORLD CANCER DAY

Tuesday 4th February,
European Parliament, Strasbourg

The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights; charting a course for equitable care for the European Citizen

The European Cancer Concord (ECC) under the stewardship of the Society for Translational Oncology, Cancer Patient Advocacy Organisations from throughout Europe and Members of the European Parliament against Cancer (MEPs against Cancer) have come together in partnership on **World Cancer Day 2014** at the European Parliament in Strasbourg to launch a special patient-centred initiative for the citizens of Europe. **The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights** represents a catalyst for change, a Charter that provides a framework to deliver optimal standards of cancer research and cancer care for every European citizen. The launch coincides with the publication of two peer reviewed articles on the Bill of Rights in the premier international cancer journals *Lancet Oncology* and *The Oncologist*.

13.00 – 14.00

ECC Lunch

Venue: Saloon, WIC Building, European Parliament

Special Session: Cancer Disparities in Europe; Empowering the Cancer Patient

Chairs: Wendy Yared, Director, European Cancer Leagues; Michèle Barzach, ECC, Former Minister for Health and Family (France) and Chairperson IHU Strasbourg Board of Trustees, Strasbourg, France

13.15 – 13.25

Research and Cancer care; twin collaborators against our common enemy

Françoise Meunier, ECC and Director General, European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer

13.25 – 13.35

Addressing the unequal nature of cancer; patient rights take centre stage

Jan Geissler, ECC and Director European Patient Academy and CML Advocates Network

13.35 – 13.45

Cancer and the European Citizen – it's time to deliver!

Francesco de Lorenzo ECC and President European Cancer Patient Coalition

13.45 - 13.50

Line Out for Cancer

Alin Petrache, President Romanian Rugby Federation and ECPC Ambassador

Press Briefing

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Venue: Press Conference Room LOW N-1/201

Chairs: *Thierry Le Chevalier and Patrick Johnston, Co-Chairs, European Cancer Concord (ECC); Ian Banks ECC, European CanCer Organisation and President, European Men's Health Forum; Daciana Sarbu MEP; Antonyia Parvanova MEP*

14.00 – 14.04

Welcome

Thierry Le Chevalier, ECC; Daciana Sarbu MEP; Antonyia Parvanova MEP

14.04 – 14.08

Delivering effective change for cancer patients in Europe

Peter Selby, ECC and University of Leeds, UK

14.08 – 14.16

Let's put the patient first! The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights: Delivering A Catalyst for Change

Mark Lawler, ECC and Queen's University Belfast, UK and Francesco de Lorenzo, ECC and President European Cancer Patient Coalition

14.16 – 14.20

Mandating an improved cancer care and research agenda for the European Citizen

Alojz Peterle MEP, President of MEPs Against Cancer (MAC)

14.20 – 14.30

Questions and Answers: Led by Patrick Johnston and Ian Banks

14.30 – 14.50

Opportunity for press interviews

- 15.00 - 16.30** **European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights Launch**
Venue: Conference Room N2.1, European Parliament
- Welcome from the Chairs:** *Thierry Le Chevalier, Co-Chair, ECC Steering Committee; Joan Kelly; ECC President, European Cancer Leagues; Daciana Sarbu MEP (2 mins each)*
- 15.10 – 15.35** **A Catalyst for Change: The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights**
Patrick Johnston, Co-Chair, ECC and Queen's University Belfast, UK and Ian Banks, Official Representative of the European Cancer Organisation (ECCO) and Chair ECCO Patient Advocacy Committee
- 15.35 – 15.55** **Moving forward in partnership: Developing a roadmap to promulgate and implement the European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights**
Mark Lawler, ECC and Queens University Belfast, UK and Francesco De Lorenzo, ECC and President European Cancer Patient Coalition
- 15.55 – 16.05** **Keynote Address: Addressing cancer disparities for the European Citizen**
Commissioner Tonio Borg, European Commissioner for Health
- 16.05 – 16.15** **A Call to Action: A Mandate for improved cancer care in Europe**
*Alojz Peterle MEP(Slovenia) and President MEPs against Cancer (MAC)
Peter Liese MEP (Germany) and Spokesperson of the EPP in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety*
- 16.15 – 16.25** **Signing Ceremony** *Patrick Johnston, Thierry le Chevalier, Mark Lawler, Françoise Meunier, Michèle Barzach, Ian Banks, Francesco de Lorenzo, Sema Erdem, Jan Geissler, Joan Kelly; Peter Liese MEP; Alojz Peterle MEP ; Antonya Parvanova MEP; Daciana Sarbu MEP; Marisa Matias MEP; Sean Kelly MEP*
- 15.00 – 16.30** **Signing of European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights by MEPs**
Venue: Entrance to Plenary Session, European Parliament Building
- 16.30** **End of Launch**