

CONFERENCE 'FROM MALNUTRITION TO WELLNUTRITION'

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Chair

- Heidi Hautala, former Member of the European Parliament, a member of the Parliament of Finland

Setting The Scene

10.30

Opening: The Concept of Wellnutrition

- Mrs. Liisa Hyssälä, Minister of Health of Finland (invited)

Social and Economic Impact

- The BAPEN study – Professor Marinos Elia – chair BAPEN – United Kingdom

Clinical Impact

- Alfonso Cruz-Jentoft – European Union Geriatric Medicine Society

State of Policies: Reports from Member States

- Helsinki City case – Merja Suominen – project Manager, The Central Union for the Welfare of the Aged – Finland
- The Belgium case – Representative Ministry of Health – Belgium

Empowerment

- AGE, The European Older People's Platform

Parallel sessions

11.30

Session 1: Community: Social Care, Public Health, Primary Healthcare

- European Public Health Alliance
- Jan Arie Dekker – Amsterdam City Case
- Health First Europe
- Standing Committee of European Doctors
- Jan van Emelen – Association Internationale de la Mutualité

Session 2: Care for Older and Dependent People – Nursing Homes

- Mary-Ann Soerensen – European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians
- Nicky Hayes – European Federation of Nurses Associations
- Alzheimer's Europe

Session 3: Hospitals

- Claude Pichard – European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism
- Michael Hiesmayer – European Hospital and Healthcare Federation
- Caroline Lecko – National Patient Safety Agency – London

13.00

- Lunch

14.00–15.30

- Continuation parallel sessions: discussion and recommendations

15.30

- Tea break – Preparation recommendations by rapporteurs

16.00

Plenary session

- Reports by rapporteurs
- Reflection and closing debate with
 - Ulla Rahkonen – European Nursing Directors Association
 - Marcel Smeets – Association Internationale de la Mutualité
 - EU Commission
 - WHO

Chaired by Heidi Hautala

- Call for action and next steps

17.00

- Reception



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Dear colleague,

Please help us to stop malnutrition.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to our conference "From Malnutrition to Wellnutrition" on 22 November 2006. The conference will take place at Le Méridien Hotel, Carrefour de l'Europe, in Brussels. It is run aligned to the Finnish Presidency of the EU.

This is the second conference hosted by the European Nutrition for Health Alliance. We are delighted to be partnering with the European Nursing Directors Association.

The European Nutrition for Health Alliance brings together a wide group of stakeholders from different areas of health, ageing and nutrition across Europe. We share a common objective: to stop malnutrition and raise awareness of the importance of 'wellnutrition' in all clinical and community settings.

Why the focus on malnutrition?

- Malnutrition is a critical problem of public health, yet it is absent from the European policy agenda
- The burden of malnutrition to our health care systems and society in general is considerable: in the UK, it costs in excess of £ 7,3 billion per year
- Malnutrition is highly prevalent: up to 46 % of all hospitalised patients are malnourished on admission
- Malnutrition is still under-recognised and under-treated by health and social care professionals
- Awareness amongst the general public, and particularly among people at risk (eg. older people), is very low.

Our aim with this conference is to create an interactive forum that allows very diverse stakeholders to come together and discuss the relevance and implications of poor nutrition. We hope that this conference will act as a catalyst to build an active nutrition and health platform and turn recommendations into action at both the EU and national levels.

We very much hope that you will be able to participate. If you cannot attend, please feel free to forward this invitation to a colleague who might be interested in attending on behalf of your organisation.

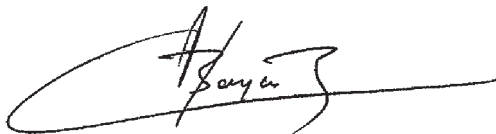
A draft programme and booking form are provided in attachment. Information may also be found on **www.stopmalnutrition.com**.

Attendance of the conference is free, however travel and accommodation are at your expense. We have blocked a number of hotel rooms for the conference at the Méridien. Please be sure to make your reservation directly to the hotel (tel. + (32) (2) 548 4211 and email: severine.stoquart@lemeridien.com) by 20 October 2006, citing 'Stop Malnutrition'.

We hope to welcome you to this exciting debate.

Sincerely,

Professor Jean-Pierre Baeyens



(Co-Chairs, European Nutrition for Health Alliance)

Professor Claude Pichard



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BOOKING FORM

Please complete one registration form per delegate.

Please register the following delegate

Name.....

Position

Company

Address

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Tel

Email

WORKSHOP SESSION (list in order of preference)

Community: Social Care, Public Health, Primary Healthcare

Care for Older and Dependent People – Nursing Homes

Hospitals

Dietary Restrictions – Please advise

Wheelchair access required - Yes No

Signed.....

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You can also register on web address: www.stopmalnutrition.com