

Opening Session

Dr. Günther Leiner (59), Austria, President of the International Forum Gastein. Dr. Leiner, an internal specialist, is medical superintendent at the Institute of Rheumatology, Rehabilitation and Psychosomatic Medicine at Bad Gastein, and Member of the Austrian National Council for the Austrian People's Party.

Hajdu Gabor, Minister for Health, Romania

Sylvie Stachenko, Director of Health Policy and Services in the European Office of WHO. Prior to joining WHO, in 1997, she held a number of positions in Health Canada, including Director of Preventive Services Division where she was responsible for the development of national initiatives in heart health, diabetes, breast and cervical cancer. She was also the Director for the WHO CINDI Canada Programme and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre in Policy Development in Non-Communicable Disease Prevention.

Jarkko Eskola, Director General, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Finland

Mark Cantley, Adviser in the Directorate for Life Sciences Research in DG XII, the Directorate-General for Science, Research and Development of the European, currently involved in launching the new Research & Technological Development Programme on Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources; 1993 to 1998 he headed the Biotechnology Unit within the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD; 1984-1992 Head of "CUBE" (Concertation Unit for Biotechnology in Europe), European Commission; degrees in Mathematics (B.A. Cambridge), Economics (M.Sc. London), Operational Research (Dip., London) and Accounting and Finance (C.Dip.A.F., ACCA).

Opening Session II

Prof. Rolf Krebs, Vice President, International Federation of Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA) and Vice President European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), Germany

Prof. Jean-Pierre Poullier, World Health Organisation, Geneva

Mary Mc Phail, Irish, Public Services Manager; MBA (Health Management), B. Humanities, B. Social

Sciences. Currently General Secretary of the European Public Health Alliance. Previous professional experience, in both non governmental and statutory sector, providing strategic, operational and financial management to multi-disciplinary teams delivering local and national services in the fields of mental health, drugs and alcohol. Member of the European Advisory Group of the WHO Health and Environment Process, Member of the Steering Committee of the Platform of European Social NGOs.

Plenary Session

Dr. Christian Thomeczek (41), German, Physician; Deputy Director of the Agency for Quality in Medicine (Joint Institution of the German Medical Association and the National Association of the Statutory Health Insurance Physicians); Training in Aerospace Medicine and as Airline Transport Pilot; Member of the Scientific Council of the „Zeitschrift für Ärztliche Fortbildung und Qualitätssicherung“ (ZaeFQ).

Dr. David Somekh (54), English; Forensic Psychiatrist; Medical Director, specialist health services division, Westminster Healthcare; Chair of Council Association for Quality in Healthcare; Member of Partners Council, NICE; Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Paul Hoffacker, Former Spokesman of the CDU/CSU for health Policy, Germany

Dr Spencer Hagard (56); British; Public health, health policy, and health promotion; Health Promotion research Unit, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; President, International Union for Health Promotion and Education, 1996-2001.

Dr. Albert Bakker, Dutch, Professor in Medical Informatics Leiden University Medical Centre, Mathematics at Free University Amsterdam (1961), PHD at Delft Technical University; was responsible for the main development of a Hospital Information System in The Netherlands; independent consultant on ICT application in health care (Addabit B.V.); chairman of IMIA WG4 (Security in Health Information Systems)

Marlene Haffner, M.D., M.P.H., has served the FDA as Director of the Office of Orphan Products Development since 1987, and is responsible for the leadership and management of the FDA orphan products development program. This includes coordination of FDA's scientific and regulatory activities for treatment or mitigation of diseases or conditions affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the

US. Dr. Haffner is a career Public Health Clinician and Administrator, holds the rank of Rear Admiral in the US Public Health Service, and is Assistant Surgeon General.

Dr. Erik Tambuyzer, Belgian, Bio-engineer & Ph.D. in bio-industrial sciences. Vice President of Genzyme - Corporate Affairs Europe. Before joining Genzyme working with Baxter Health Care (various European health care management positions), Innovi NV (Technology consulting to industry, academic technology transfer and entrepreneurship in high tech technology businesses & biotechnology in particular) and co-founder and general manager of Innogenetics NV. Other positions include: Founding board member & treasurer of EuropaBio; Founder & Chairman of the EuropaBio Platform on Ethics; member of several European Commission expert panels; board member of the European Platform for Patient Organizations, science & industry.

Forum I

Chair:

Bernhard Merkel (49), British; DGV of the European Commission on the development of public health policy; was Civil servant in the UK Department of Health from 1975 to 1991, including a period as a private secretary to the Secretary of State and another leading a team reorganising the management of the NHS. His education is in the social sciences and he has a doctorate in political thought. He is a Visiting Fellow of the London School of Economics and an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the London School of Hygiene. He has written a number of articles on health policy matters and pharmaceuticals and he is on the editorial board of Eurohealth.

Rapporteur:

Dr. Fons M. Dekkers, Netherlands, Lawyer; Director National Foundation for client-centered-care/Dutch Federation of Patients and Consumers Associations; Previous experience: journalist, lawyer, publisher, State-Attorney, director of different institutions in public health and psychiatry; Many books and articles on patients' rights, communication, health-care policy and criminal law; Dissertation on patients' right to know.

Speakers:

Prof. Doutor António Correia de Campos (56), Portuguese, President of the National Institute for Public Administration, Full Professor of Health Economics at the National School of Public Health, The New University of Lisbon, Degree in Law (Coimbra University), Master of Public Health (The Johns Hopkins University), General Secretary of the Ministry for Social Affairs (1978-79), Secretary of State for Health (1979-80), Member of the Parliament (1991-1992), Senior Health Care Management Specialist of the World Bank (1992-1995), Chairman of the White Paper Commission on Social Security Reform, Portugal (1996-1997)

László Gulácsi MD, Hungary, MSc (health econ.), works as senior public health advisor of the Public Health Institute, Hungary. By profession he is a qualified physician (social medicine), having a university degree of mathematical economics, master degree on health economics (York), and a university degree of sociology and programming mathematics. He is the President of the Hungarian Wound Healing Society Secretary; General Secretary of the Hungarian Society for Quality Assurance in Health Care and Board Member of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel. He has involved in a number of international projects in Hungary supported by the European Union, various Hungarian bodies, industries, and USAID. He has acted as consultant to the World Bank and World Health Organization.

Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Preuß (49), German, physician and assistant pharmacist; Director of healthcare policy and managed care of Europe's leading private healthcare insurer DKV in Cologne; had 15 years of in depth experience in the pharmaceutical industry and 10 years of hands on experience in the OTC business in the high street pharmacy; worked during his career for Ciba-Geigy, Bayer and Rhone-Poulenc-Rorer in Germany, Switzerland and Italy; gained experience with Ethical-, OTC-, Consumer- and Generic-Products; worked as president for ReSound/Viennatone in the med-tec industry; holds lectures about managed care and disease management at the Institute for Socio-Economics, Medicine and Society (University of Cologne); member of many national and international advisory boards; author of many publications about management, strategy development and medicine; Co-editor of the "Handbook of Pharmaceutical Management" and the book "Managed Care"; Founder of "TAKECARE"- The HealthCare Strategy Web (a constancy specialised in the healthcare sector).

Dipl. Kaufmann Peter M Ruetsch (48), German, Management Studies at the University of Cologne; Medical consultant services; Management seminars and software development for the health sector; CEO of the Konzept PMR AG.

Angela Lupton, public representative; Previous Mayor of Galway City, Member of Galway Borough Council for 15 years, member of regional Authority for 6 years, alternate Member of Committee of Regions, Member of Vocational Educational Committee, Vice Chairman of Galway/Mayo IT

Dr. Ulrich H. Bode, (57), German, Economics; President, Pharmig, Association of Pharmaceutical Companies, Vienna; General Manager, GlaxoWellcome, Vienna; Vice President, Austrian Society of Health Economics.

Forum II

Chair:

Paul Hoffacker, Former Spokesman of the CDU/CSU for health policy, Germany

Rapporteur:

Günter Danner, M.A.; Ph.D. (43), Germany; economics, history, international relations. Personal counsellor of the Board of Management of the Techniker Krankenkasse (Hamburg). Deputy Director of the European Liaison Bureau of the joint associations of German social insurance (Brussels). Comparative analysis of international systems of health care and health insurance, health policy and health economics. European and global developments and their repercussions for health insurance systems and markets. The socio-political consequences of the accession of new Member States and the social reform in CEEC. Cooperating with PHARE and TACIS projects. 11 modern languages.

Speakers:

Gediminas Cerniauskas, Health Economic Centre, Lithuania

Dr Anna Ritsatakis (57), Greek/British, Social Scientist; Head, WHO European Centre for Health Policy in Brussels (health impact assessment, target setting, partnerships for health, policy consultation); previously Regional Adviser for Country Health Policies

and Equity in Health, WHO/EURO in Copenhagen, and senior researcher, Centre for Planning and Economic Search, Athens, Greece.

Michael Lafay, Committee of the Regions.

Christian Molt (30), German, Health Insurance, Vice President International, Vereinte Krankenversicherung AG (Allianz Group), Diplom-Wirtschaftsmathematiker (equiv. M.Sc. (Business Mathematics)), M.Sc. (Applied Mathematics), worldwide responsibility for strategic and technical support of business development initiatives of Allianz Group in health insurance and organization of know-how transfer in health care for Allianz Group

Walter Baer is working in the unit responsible for public health policy development and co-ordination of the European Commission in Luxembourg. Mr. Baer is working in the public health area within the Commission services since 1994, where he is responsible for the secretariat of the High Level Committee on Health, the enlargement issues as well as information activities including all organisational and budgetary matters in the field of public health. After finishing his studies in public administration and legal affairs in Germany, he worked for 2 years at the German Ministry of Economics before he joined the European Commission services in 1984.

Pina Frazzica, Centre for Training and Research in Public Health, Italy

Forum III: Joint Session

Chair:

Dr. Hans Stein (60), Germany, lawyer, government official; European liaison officer at the Federal Ministry for Health (Bonn); Member of a big number of committees and groups of the European Union.

Rapporteur:

Michael Hübel, M.A. (37); Germany; political science, law and history; European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General, Public health analyses, policy development, and health in other policies, Luxembourg. He works on public health policy development and on the links between health policy and other health-related Community

policies. Previously, he was European representative of the German Red Cross.

Speakers:

Michael Hübel, Directorate General for Employment, Industrial relations and Social Affairs (DGV), European Commission

Paul Lincoln, Health Education Authority, United Kingdom

Elmar Bechter, Province of Vorarlberg, Austria

Mrs Vicky Claeys, (46), Belgian; studied Family Sciences; profession Advocacy Manager; present position IPPF-EN Liaison Officer responsible for the relations with the European Union institutions; former director of the Belgian (Flemish) Family Planning Association, involved with the IPPF-EN since 1981.

Forum IIIA

Chair:

Jaakko Tuomilehto (52), Finnish, Epidemiologist, Professor at the Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion of the National Public Health Institute, Helsinki, Finland; Formerly the Principal Investigator of the North Karelia Project, the first community-based prevention programme for cardiovascular diseases; WHO Medical Officer for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases; Professor of Community Health at the University of Kuopio, Finland. Currently a board member of the European Working Group of Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases; President of the International Diabetes Epidemiology Group.

Rapporteur:

Dr. Otto Rafetseder, MPH, 35, Austrian, Public Health physician, Health Promotion Officer at the Fonds Gesundes Österreich (Austrian health promotion foundation)

Speakers:

Gunnar Agren, Ministry of Health, Sweden

Maurice B. Mittelmark (53), Norwegian, Professor,

Ph.D in psychology, Fellow, American College of Epidemiology; Director, Research Centre for Health Promotion, University of Bergen (UB); Director, UB World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion; Vice President, International Union for Health Promotion and Education.

Professor Gordon Macdonald, specialist in health promotion and public health. He teaches and researches at the University of Glamorgan in the UK. He has been active in this field for 15 years and has published a lectured widely. He is editor of Health Promotion International, and a member of the EU Advisory Committee on Cancer Prevention, and the International Union for health Promotion and education.

Professor Sirkka-Liisa Kivelä, (52), Finnish, professor in General Practice, Department of Public Health Science and General Practice, University of Oulu and chief physician, Unit of General Practice, Oulu

University Hospital. Educational background: Doctor of Medicine, specialist in general practice, specialist in geriatrics. Has published about 200 scientific articles in international journals and about 100 scientific articles in Finnish journals. The main research areas include epidemiological longitudinal studies about depression, falls, chronic pulmonary diseases and cardiovascular diseases in old age.

Luciano Catani, Pharmindustria, Italy

Forum IIIB

Chair:

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Speakers:

Professor Ken Judge (51), British, health and social policy researcher, Professor of Social Policy and Director of the PSSRU, University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K. His principal interests are most closely related to economic and financial aspects of health and social care delivery systems and to evaluating equity of access to services and welfare outcomes. His current research activities include: the national evaluation of Health Action Zones in England; a cohort study evaluating community-based services and outcomes for elderly people; and, a study of poverty dynamics and health inequalities.

Dr Linda Bauld (29), British, health policy researcher and gerontologist, Research Fellow at the PSSRU, University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K. Current research includes a longitudinal study examining community care services for older people across England and Wales, and the national evaluation of Health Action Zones in England. Previously a lecturer in Social Policy at the University of Edinburgh.

Miriam Wiley, Economic and Social Research Institute Dublin, Ireland

Mary Mc Phail, Irish, Public Services Manager; MBA (Health Management), B. Humanities, B. Social Sciences. Currently General Secretary of the European Public Health Alliance. Previous professional experience, in both non governmental and statutory sector, providing strategic, operational and financial management to multi-disciplinary teams delivering local and national services in the fields of mental health, drugs and alcohol. Member of the European Advisory Group of the WHO Health and Environment Process, Member of the Steering Committee of the Platform of European Social NGOs.

Forum IV

Chair:

Dr. Albert Bakker, Dutch, Professor in Medical Informatics Leiden University Medical Centre, Mathematics at Free University Amsterdam (1961), PHD at Delft Technical University; was responsible for the main development of a Hospital Information System in The Netherlands; independent consultant on ICT application in health care (Addabit B.V.); chairman of IMIA WG4 (Security in Health Information Systems)

Rapporteur:

Jean-Claude Healy, M.D., PhD. (57), France; Professor of Biophysics and Medical Informatics (Paris, Strasbourg, St. Etienne, 1965-95), Head of Nuclear Medicine Department (St. Etienne, 1978-94), Director of the Biophysics and Medical Informatics Laboratory (St. Etienne, 1978-95), Co-ordinator of Biomedical Engineering High Level Courses (1980-95); Expert for the EU Advanced Informatics in Medicine Programme (AIM) (1989-92), Consultant for various International Agencies for Info-Ethics, Standardisation, etc. (Council of Europe, CEN/CENELEC, 1980-95), Member of various international Research Groups and Advisory Board Committees (Nuclear Medicine, Applied Informatics and Telematics, biomedical Engineering, Certification Center, etc.), Head of Unit "Telematics Applications for Health" (4th Framework Programme DGXIII C4) (April 1995-December 1998), "IST Applications relating to Health" (5th Framework Programme DGXIII B1 (January 1999-until now), Deputy of the EU Director in charge of the G-7 Information Society Healthcare Applications project (GHAP) (1995-99)

Speakers:

Arno Reith (41), Germany, Director for International Projects and Relations and responsible for the Identification Segment of Infineon Technologies Chip Card ICs world wide; studied Construction and Electronic Engineering with the focus on Energy Production and Distribution as well as Electronics. From 1985 to 1987 he worked at the German Institute for Space Research during the American-German D1 Spacelab Missions in Munich and Cologne. The research projects focused on neurological disorders during space flights. 1987 he started his carrier at Siemens Semiconductor Group (today: Infineon Technologies AG) in the technical marketing group for microprocessors. Working in Munich and the Silicon Valley (CA), he also led his own company (Feger & Reith oHG) publishing application SW, HW and books for microcontrollers ; Member of the Working Groups "German Panel of Health Cards", the European DIABCARD and TRUSTHEALTH projects as well as TELETRUST.

Marjan Suselj (42), Slovene, Psychology and IT; Executive Director of the Slovene HIC Project, member of the Slovene Medical Informatics Society; development and managing of health care and health insurance information systems

Dr. Volker Leienbach (45), a business graduate and German citizen and, is managing director of the Association for Social Insurance Research and Policy (GVG) in Cologne. Responsible for a variety of national and international projects in the field of social security, including co-operation with Central and Eastern Europe and the establishment of a telematics platform in the health service, he is also a member of various national and international expert committees concerned with social protection, and particularly with health care provision.

Thomas Isenberg, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Verbraucher-verbände e.V. Germany

Prof. Dr. Olga Ferrer-Roca MD, PhD Born in Barcelona, Catalonia. Spain. Studied Medicine in the University of Barcelona 1967-1972., with Summa Cum Lauda and first awarded. She is Specialised in Pathology in 1973. Trained in Orthopaedic pathology in the Lariboisiere Hospital in Paris , in Endocrine Pathology in St. Thomas Hospital in London , in General Pathology in St. Lukes Hospital in Milwaukee USA, in Lymph Node pathology in Univ. Kiel. Germany, in Lung Pathology in St. Bartholomew Hospital London. PhD in Medicine, Summa Cum Lauda in 1975 with the Thesis : "Tumor-cariotype correlation", started in 1970 with massive tumour tissue culture and cariotyping. Started computer science applied to Pathology in 1976 developing the Texcan Software of image analysis including densitometry, and highly specialised visual textural analysis. In the field of Telemedicine since 1982, took the Chair of Pathology in the University of La Laguna in 1982. First to do distant telematic DNA quantitation in 1989. Teaching Pathology and new technologies in the Faculty of Medicine ; teaching Telemedicine in the Faculties of Medicine and the Computer Science engineer school since 1995 . Leader of the CATAL Commett/Leonardo projects in Telemedicine; in 1992 founded the CATAL non-profit making association for the promotion of the Information Society.

Forum V

Chair:

Fernand Sauer is a qualified pharmacist from the University of Strasbourg and received a Masters in European and International Law from the University of Paris II. Mr. Sauer held various positions in France as hospital pharmacist and pharmaceutical inspector at the Ministry of Health. He joined the European

Commission in Brussels and became Head of Pharmaceuticals, in charge of European and international harmonisation programmes.

Since 1994 he is the Executive Director of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (EMEA) based in London.

Rapporteur:

Alastair Kent, Genetic Interest Group, United Kingdom

Speakers:

Dr Sandy Thomas, British, Director, Nuffield Council on Bioethics and Senior Fellow, Science Policy and Technology Research Unit (SPRU), University of Sussex, member of the Economic and Social Committee of the

European Communities (Sections: External Relations and Agriculture and Rural Development and the Environment. She was educated at Westfield College, University of London and Brunel University. Her doctoral research in plant genetics was as aShell Research Fellow at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. She lectured for several years in genetics and plant sciences at Goldsmiths' College, University of London before moving to the Science Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex. Over the past decade, she has published widely on the development of public policy for biotechnology, particularly in the area of intellectual property rights and the development and application of genomics.

François C. Schiltz (61), Luxembourg, Vice President of the European Foundation for the Advancement of Medicine in Basel (Switzerland), Studies of Medicine in Nancy (France), Honorary Consul of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg in Basel (Switzerland).

Maryze Schoneveld van der Linde, M.A., (29), The Netherlands; graduated at the University of Leiden in Cultural Anthropology in 1995, was born with a hereditary neuromuscular disorder called Pompe's disease or Acid Maltase deficiency. The diagnosis was made at the age of 8th years; member of the Dutch Association for People with a Neuromuscular Disorder (VSN) since 1979, active member of the VSN since 1997, currently involved in a project concerning the development of a drug for Pompe's disease, member of the board of the Dutch Association for Home Mechanical Ventilation (VSCA), member of the board of the International Pompe Association and involved in several other consumer-oriented activities.

Dr. van der Ploeg, pediatrician in the Sophia Children's Hospital, Academic Hospital Rotterdam, the Netherlands; studied medicine until 1985 at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam. 1989 she finished her PhD on the subject: clinical heterogeneity and enzyme replacement therapy in glycogenosis type II (Pompe's disease) at the department of Clinical Genetics of the Erasmus University. Since then her main topic of research is: development of enzyme therapy for patients. Since 1992 in collaboration with the biotechnological company Pharmig. She is principle investigator for the first clinical pilot trial.

Dr Frans AM de Loos (41), Dutch, Senior Manager Business Development at the Business Unit Orphan Products from Pharming NV. Dr. De Loos was trained as an embryologist with specialization in in vitro bovine embryology. Dr. De Loos managed the Dutch farms of Pharming producing and housing transgenic livestock.

Dr. Niccolo' Contucci (35) Italian; Public Relations and Fund Raising Manager; Managing Director of Comitato Telethon Fondazione ONLUS (Italy); political sciences, international relations, economics.

Lars Uno Larsson (55), Swedish. Founder and Chairman of Swedish Orphan AB. Mr Larsson is also the Co-Founder of an International Network of Pharmaceutical Companies, including Swedish Orphan International, Orphan Pharmaceutical, USA, Orphan Australia, Orphan Japan. 1998 Mr Larsson together with the Swedish Orphan Group of Companies received the International Humanitarian Award by The National Organisation for Rare Disorders. Recently Mr Larsson and Swedish Orphan AB received the ALMI (Swedish Development Foundation) 1999 Commercial Expansion Award. Prior to establishing the Orphan Network of Pharmaceutical Companies, Mr Larsson have held several leading international managerial positions within the multinational pharmaceutical industry

Elizabeth Dickinson, Associate Chief Counsel for Drugs in the Office of the Chief Counsel at the US Food and Drug Administration, provides legal counsel to the Office of Orphan Products Development, the Office of New Drug Development, and the Office of Generic Drugs. has been with FDA for five years; Prior to working at the FDA, she was a judicial clerk in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Her law degree is from Northeastern University in Boston. Undergraduate degree is in Economics from the University of Massachusetts.

Carol Youngs, European Organisation for Rare Disorders

Prof. Dr Paul Willem Jacques Peters (57), Dutch; Co-ordinator International Public Health Programmes, Office for International Co-operation, National Institute of Public Health & the Environment (NIPH&E), Bilthoven, The Netherlands; 1995 - 98 Seconded National Expert, European Commission, Directorate Public Health and Safety at Work Directorate, Unit V/F/1:Public health: analyses, co-ordination and development of policies and programmes. Main area: Programme Rare Diseases; 1981 Ph.D., Medical Faculty, University of Utrecht. Thesis: „Induced Congenital Malformations of the Central Nervous System –a Teratological Study“; Member of many national and international advisory groups, committees and organizations and (board) member of several International and National Societies; (Co)author of 2 textbooks and about 95 publications published in scientific journals, mostly dealing with (research in) clinical teratology, developmental toxicology and risk assessment;

Paolo Braghin (53), Italian, Consultant for the Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industry; Member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities; Economics, Associated Professor of Sociology, member of the Board of Zambon S.p.A. (Italy), Tecnofarmaci S.p.A. (Italy), Confarma S.p.A. (Italy), SISF (Società Italiana di Scienze Farmaceutiche); COO of Simes S.p.A., an Italian Pharmaceutical Company, from 1984 to 1990 and E.U. Industrial and Corporate Affairs Manager in Zambon Group S.p.A. till 1995; member of Farindustria's Giunta from 1986 to 1991, and of many study groups in Farindustria and EFPIA

Alastair Kent, Genetic Interest Group, United Kingdom

Forum VI

Chair:

Mark Cantley, Adviser in the Directorate for Life Sciences Research in DG XII, the Directorate-General for Science, Research and Development of the European, currently involved in launching the new Research & Technological Development Programme on Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources; 1993 to 1998 he headed the Biotechnology Unit within the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD; 1984-1992 Head of "CUBE" (Concertation Unit for Biotechnology in Europe), European Commission; degrees in

Mathematics (B.A.Cambridge), Economics (M.Sc. London), Operational Research (Dip., London) and Accounting and Finance (C.Dip.A.F., ACCA).

Rapporteur:

Dr. Richard Braun (66), Swiss, Molecular Biologist. Until 1998 Professor of Microbiology and Head of the Department of General Microbiology at the University of Bern. Chairman of the "GenSuisse" – Foundation and Vice Chairman of the Task Group on Public Perceptions of Biotechnology, European Federation of Biotechnology. Member of the EMBO, the European Molecular Biology Organisation. Consultant in communication biotechnology, owner of a one-man company called "BIOLINK".

Speakers:

Dr. Richard Braun, Biolink, Switzerland

Dr. Erik Tambuyzer, Belgian, Bio-engineer & Ph.D. in bio-industrial sciences. Vice President of Genzyme - Corporate Affairs Europe. Before joining Genzyme working with Baxter Health Care (various European health care management positions), Innovi NV (Technology consulting to industry, academic technology transfer and entrepreneurship in high tech technology businesses & biotechnology in particular) and co-founder and general manager of Innogenetics NV. Other positions include: Founding board member & treasurer of EuropaBio; Founder & Chairman of the EuropaBio Platform on Ethics; member of several European Commission expert panels; board member of the European Platform for Patient Organizations, science & industry.

Lars Reuter, ph.d., lic.theol (34), Danish, Theology/Bioethics, Assoc. prof. in ethics at Aarhus University in Denmark, President of Niels Steensens Gymnasium, Business manager of private foundation, Secretary for Societas Ethica, member of Society of Christian Ethics, Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin and Nordisk Teologisk Netværk for Bioetik, previous positions at the University of Copenhagen and St. Louis University.

Mag. Dr. Daniel Alge (34), Austrian, Patent Attorney, Partner of European and Austrian Patent and Trademark Attorneys Sonn, Pawloy, Weinzinger & Wolfran, Vienna; degree (Mag.rer.nat.) in biochemistry at the University of Vienna in 1988, doctor degree in 1990 (specialization in molecular biology and biotechnology), research work at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg,

Germany; European Qualifying Examination (European Patent Attorney) in 1995 and Austrian Patent Attorney Examination in 1997, tutor in the CEIPI training seminar under the auspices of Strasbourg University since 1995, lector on intellectual property (especially biotechnological inventions) at the Vienna Biocenter (University of Vienna) and at the University of Salzburg since 1998; member of the Austrian Association for Industrial Property and Copyright ("Österreichische Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht"), FICPI, AIPPI and LES:

Dr. Bill Albert (56), USA (British resident for 35 years), university professor (retired), chairperson of the International Committee of the British Council of Disabled People and Representative of Disabled Peoples' International (Europe), BA (Economics) University of California Berkeley 1964, PhD (Economic History) University of London 1968.

Ferenc Rudan (56), Hungarian; Horticultural Sciences, Biotechnology, Regulatory aspects. General Director of the Department for Bio-, Health and Agricultural Technologies in the National Committee for Technological Development in Hungary. Responsible for the co-ordination of participation of the Hungarian scientist in the relevant key actions of the EU V. FP and the national science programs. Member of the Board of Governors in the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (Trieste), the Working Party Safety in Biotechnology of the EFB and different OECD working parties related to biotechnology. Secretary of the Advisory Committee of the Hungarian Competent Authority in biotechnology.

Perspectives

Albert van der Zeijden (58), chairman of the United Patients' Organizations of the Chronically Ill (WOCZ), The Netherlands,

In 1980 he was being diagnosed as having Crohns' disease and ankylosing spondylitis. Since 1982 Mr. Van der Zeijden is active as a board member of patients organizations. His involvement with patients' organizations is on as well a national as an international level;

Member of the board of a numerous number of organizations, including: National Commission for the Chronically Ill; Dutch Council for Health Research; The Week of the Chronically Ill; Central Programm Commission for the Chronically Ill; Organization for Scientific Research, Medical Sciences; The editorial board of The Patients' Network

Prof. Dr. Herbert Budka (53), Austrian, Medical Doctor, Professor of Neuropathology, University of Vienna; Director, Clinical Institute of Neurology, University of Vienna, and Head, Clinical Department of Neuropathology and Neurochemistry, University Hospital Vienna; licensed specialist (*Facharzt*) in Neurology and Psychiatry, Neuropathology, and Neurobiology.

1982 Moore Award, American Association of Neuropathologists. 1987 Billroth Prize, Medical Doctors' Union Vienna. 1998 Europe & Medicine Senior Award of the Institut des Sciences de la Santé. 1999 Austrian "Scientist of the year 1998".

Caspar Einem, Minister for Science, Austria

Erwin Jordan, (46), German. He is Secretary of State in the federal ministry for health. He finished high school in Rotenburg/ Fulda, worked as an employee for the city of Hannover in the capacity of rapporteur of the political fraction from 1981 to 1987. In 1981 he co-founded the GABL (Green-Alternative List of Hannover). From 1986 to 1990 he worked in the council of the capital of the Land Hannover. He was a member of the regional Parliament of Lower Saxony in the 12th and 13th election period. From 1991 to 1996 he was vice-president of the regional Parliament of Lower Saxony. Ever since 1996 he is chairman of the political fraction / Alliance 99/ the Green Party. He worked self-employed in the fields of project management and project development.

Hans Kronberger, Member of the Committee on Environment, Health and Consumer Protection of the European Parliament

Dr. Tapani Piha (44), Finland, medicine; Counsellor on health affairs at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union in Brussels; Regional Adviser at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Lifestyles and Health Department, responsible for the Action Plan for a Tobacco-free Europe.

Dr. Günther Leiner (59), Austria, President of the International Forum Gastein. Dr. Leiner, an internal specialist, is medical superintendent at the Institute of Rheumatology, Rehabilitation and Psychosomatic Medicine at Bad Gastein, and Member of the Austrian National Council for the Austrian People's Party.

Lunch Sessions

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Prof. Dr. J.-Matthias Graf von der Schulenburg

(59), German; Professor for Business Management and Director of the Institute for Insurance Economics at the University of Hannover (also teaches at the University of Köln, Ulm and the University of Technology Berlin)

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