

# Who is Who

## Biographic Information

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**Elisabeth Baumhoefer**, (1957) Austria, agricultural studies at the University of Agricultural Studies, Vienna; since 1990 general secretary of the Austrian Mountain Farmers Association (OEBV); representing the OEBV in the European Farmers Coordination CPE.

**Dr Robert Beaglehole** (1945), New Zealander, Public Health Physician, trained in medicine in New Zealand and then in epidemiology and public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is on leave from his position as Professor of Community Health at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. He is currently working as a public health adviser in the Department of Health and Development at WHO, Geneva on several emerging

public health issues including the public health implications of the WTO Multilateral Trade Agreements. He has published several books on epidemiology and public health.

**Soren Berg**, Director of Information and Communication in Stockholm County Council, Medical Services Committee. Board member; Information for Medical Purpose (Infomedica). Former positions in The Swedish Federation of County Councils; project manager on structural changes in health care and project director on projects concerning long term challenges for health care. Earlier: senior management consultant and partner, Sinova Management Consultants.

**Philip C. Berman** (1947), British, Director European Health Management Association. Recently completed study for the European Commission on the impact of EU directives on health services in the European Union, focusing in particular on Germany, Spain, the UK and Sweden. A major new 3 year project began in March on managing services for older people". Has been World Bank and WHO consultant, advising on healthcare management strategies in Poland, Hungary, Romania and Turkey. Member of the Editorial Board of International Journal of Health Planning and Management; Fellow Royal Society of Medicine.

**Luigi Bertinato**, M.D., (1955), Italian, Medical Doctor, Director of the Office for International Public Health Projects at the Department of Health of the Veneto Region (Venice, Italy), PhD in Internal Medicine, member of Italian Society for Tropical Diseases and member of IUHPE, focal point for the Veneto Region for the WHO project on health promotion and investment for health called "The Verona Initiative", lecturer in public health at the University of Verona (Italy).

**John Bowis** (1945), British Conservative (EPP/ED) Member of the European Parliament for London; Spokesman Environment, Health & Consumer Committee, Rapporteur on Food Safety White Paper and on the Health Impact of Enlargement, Member of the Development Committee. Member of the British Parliament (1987 – 1997), Health Minister (1993 – 1996), Transport Minister (1996 – 1997), Policy Adviser to the Institute of Psychiatry and the WHO Collaborating Centre. WHO Global Campaigns on Mental Health and Epilepsy.

**Nick Boyd** (1952), British, Government Official; Head of International Affairs at the Department of Health in London (since 1997). Leads a team of 25 people with responsibility for the UK for international health policy both in Europe and globally. From 1991-3

worked on EU public health policy within the Federal Ministry of Health in Bonn.

**Prof. Dr. Anne Brunner**, MPH (1961), German, Medicine, Public Health, Continuing Education; Professorship for Social Medicine and Public Health (Catholic University of Eichstaett) in Eichstaett; Dean of Studies; Consultant of the Academy of Medicine and Health in the Media, Munich; Member of the German Society for Social and Preventive Medicine.

**Dr. Gabi Burgstaller**, Deputy Governor of Salzburg, member of the Government responsible for health affairs.

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**Dr. Reinhard Busse MPH** (1963), German, Medicine and Public Health; head of the Madrid hub of the European Observatory on Health Care Systems ([www.observatory.dk](http://www.observatory.dk)); "Profesor Visitante" at Escuela Nacional de Sanidad in Madrid and "Privatdozent" (adjunct associate professor) for epidemiology, social medicine and health system research at Medizinische Hochschule Hannover ([www.epi.mh-hannover.de](http://www.epi.mh-hannover.de)); working in comparative European health system research and health technology assessment (HTA).

**David Byrne** (1947), Ireland, Law, Barrister, Member of the European Commission, Health & Consumer Protection, Member of Cabinet Subcommittees on Social Inclusion, on European Affairs, and on Child Abuse, Member of the Council of State, 1997-1999 Attorney General, 1990-1997 Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris, 1995-1996 Member Constitution Review Group, 1988-1997 Member, National Committee, International Chamber of Commerce, 1974-1992 Member Executive Committee, Irish Maritime Law Association.

**Dr. Mojca Gruntar Cinc** (1960), Slovenian, MD, State Under-secretary, Ministry of Health, Ljubljana, Slovenija; responsible for Public Health, Health Promotion and Prevention Policies and Programmes.

**Alain Coheur** (1964), Belgian, Degree on Public Health (specialization on hospital management) and economics. Projects director at the International Association of Mutual Health Funds (AIM), leader of

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**Prof. Angela Coulter** (1948); British; research and policy analysis; Chief Executive, Picker Institute Europe, based in Oxford, England responsible also for branch offices in Hamburg, Zug and Gothenburg; Visiting Professor in Health Services Research at University of Oxford.

**Dr Mehtab Currey**; British; Public Health and Population; Deputy Chief Adviser, Health and Population, DFID. Formal training in India and the US in Public Health and Population; over 25 years experience in developed and developing countries, working in the public sector, in Academic and Research Institutions as well as in multilateral and bilateral institutions; particular interest in management and in the health of the poor.

**Dr. Marc Danzon**, (1947), France, medical doctor, specialisation in public health, psychiatry, health administration and economics, WHO Regional Director for Europe, 1992 – 1999 Director of the Department for Country Health Development, subsequently Director of the Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 1989 – 1992 Director of the French Health Education Committee, 1985 – 1989 responsible for communication and public information at WHO Regional Office for Europe.

**Jürgen Dolle**, M.Phil., Senior Project Manager. After his graduation in political Philosophy in Aberystwyth, Wales, in 1991, Mr Dolle worked as a research and personal assistant for members of the German parliament. Beside this he was lecturer and training teacher for the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation. He joined the GVG in January 2000. Since then he is coordinating the Health Telematics Action Forum for Germany (Aktionsforum Telematik im Gesundheitswesen, ATG). Mr. Dolle is fluent in English.

**Rodney Elgie** (1944), British, formerly a commercial lawyer; President of Gamian-Europe (Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks) and responsible for European-wide political activities and training programmes of the organisation; Life Vice-President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Board member of the European Brain Council, the European Federation of Neurological Associations and The Men's Health Forum.

**Dr. Rolf Engelbrecht** (1944), German, Senior re-

searcher in medical informatics, Head of department "Telemedicine and electronic health care records" at GSF National Research Centre for Environment and Health in Munich-Neuherberg, President of EFMI (European Federation for Medical Informatics), coordinator and partner in several European and German research projects in telemedicine and knowledge management, e.g. TOSCA, DIABCARD, DIADOQ. Member of the board of GMDS (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Informatik, Biometrie und Epidemiologie), AIME (European Association for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine), Advisor to WHO, Honorary member of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences.

**Dr. David B. Evans**, Director Evidence for Health Policy, WHO, Geneva.

**Dr. Armin Fidler**, Economics, Health Sector Manager, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank.

**Dr. Mag. Ursula Fronaschütz** (1966); Austrian; Studies of Economics and Business Administration; Federal Ministry of social Security and Generations: 1993-1996: Health Attaché at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the E.U. (Brussels); since 1998: Head of Department VII/B/8-Health Economics and Quality Management (Vienna).

**Bob Gann** is Director of NHS Direct Online, the NHS website for patients and the public. He was until March 2001 Chief Executive of The Help for Health Trust, a registered charity involved in the provision of a range of consumer health information services. Bob has served on a number of national committees and advisory groups and was a signatory to the *NHS Plan*. He has published and lectured extensively on health information topics and has visiting academic appointments at the Universities of Southampton and Brighton in the UK.

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**Andrew Hayes**, European, EU Liaison Officer for the International Union against Cancer and the Association of European Cancer Leagues (advocacy for tobacco control), member of the WHO Committee for a Tobacco Free Europe, President of the European Public Health Alliance.

**Michael Hübel**, M.A. (1962), German, living and working in Luxembourg; Political Science; European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General, Public Health Directorate, Luxembourg. He joined the European Commission in 1995, and started in the DG on Employment and Social Affairs. He is now working on Public health policy development, and on its links to other Community policies related to health. Previously, he was European representative of the German Red Cross and worked for different organisations in the social and youth field.

**Josie Irwin** (1961), British, Trade Union Officer, Senior Employment Relations Adviser for the Royal College of Nursing. National Staff Side Secretary of the Nursing and Midwifery Staffs Negotiating Council. Educated at Oxford University (BA Hons PPE) and currently Warwick (MPA).

**Génon K. Jensen** (1965), American, Journalist/Political Affairs Specialist; General Secretary, European Public Health Alliance; Master's Degree in European Administrative Studies with distinction, College of Europe; BA degree with honours in international affairs, George Washington University; Member of the WHO European and Health Environment Committee ([www.eehc.dk](http://www.eehc.dk)), Pesticide Action Network Europe Executive Board; Frequent contributor to European and international journals on health issues.

**Dr Albert J. Jovell** holds an MD and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Barcelona (Spain); a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology, a Master of Science (MS) in Health Policy and Management, and a Doctor of Public Health (DPH) degrees from Harvard University (USA), and a MA degree in Political and Social Sciences from the Uni-

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**Dr Cecily Kelleher** is the holder of the foundation chair of health promotion at the National University of Ireland, Galway and also a Director of both the national Centre for Health Promotion Studies and the National Nutrition Surveillance Centre in the Republic of Ireland. Projects include the first ever National Health and Lifestyle surveys for the country's Department of Health and Children, a variety of health promotion settings projects in school, workplace, community and primary care and a national Health Research Board research unit for Health Status and Health Gain. She has a longstanding research interest in cardiovascular disease particularly.

She is a member of various national and international committees including the Cross Border Food Safety Promotions Board, National Task Force on Cardiovascular Disease, National Advisory Group on Fluoridation, European Science Foundation Programme on Social Variations, and European Health Risk Monitoring Project.

**Annette Kennedy**, Irish, Nurse, Director of Professional Development, Irish Nurses Organisation (INO). MSc, BNS. Bachelor in Nursing Education, Masters in Science in Public Sector Analysis. Responsible for setting up and development of an education and library and information centre for the INO for registered nurse/midwives. Member of PCN (Standing Committee for Nurses in Europe). Steering Group Member of WENR (Workgroup of European Nurse Researchers). Member of ICN/ANCC Credentialing Forum. Member of several Irish Committees developing strategies on such issues as manpower development, education, recruitment and retention practices, skill mix, research and partnership, transition of nurse education to third level colleges.

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**Prof. Rolf Krebs** M.D., Ph.D. (1940), German, Professor of Pharmacology, Chairman Boehringer Ingelheim; President, International Federation of Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA), Geneva; President (1996 – 1998), European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), Brussels; Honorary Doctor award from the Pharmaceutical Faculty of the University of Athens/Greece; Honorary member of the Bulgarian Pharmacological Society - Section Clinical Pharmacology -; Grand Decoration of Honour in silver for services to the Republic of Austria.

**Dr. Ronald Labonte** (1953), Canadian, Sociologist, Health Promotion and Population Health; Director, Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU); Professor, Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan and Professor, Physical Activity Studies, University of Regina; Board member, Canadian Society for International Health, Advocacy Committee member International Union for Health Promotion and Education; Leader, SPHERU research program on health impacts of globalization.

**Tim Lang** (1948), British, Professor of Food Policy at Thames Valley University's Centre for Food Policy since 1994. Over the last 25 years, he has worked as an academic, a farmer, in NGOs and as a consultant to local, national and international bodies. Director of the London Food Commission, 1984 - 1990 and Director of Parents for Safe Food, 1990-1994. Chair of Sustain, UK's 105 Food NGO Alliance, member of the International Forum on Globalisation. He works on food policy and the public interest, linking public and environmental health with consumers and social justice.

**David Lansky**, PhD (1953), United States, health services and policy research; Director of Outcomes Research and Clinical Information Services for large regional hospital and health system; analyst for Jackson Hole Group; Founding President of FACCT--The Foundation for Accountability, non-governmental organization developing quality measures and communications systems to help consumers make better health care decisions. FACCT was created and has been governed by major consumer organizations, corporate health care purchasers and government purchasers representing 80 million Americans.

**Dr. Petra Laux** (1962), German, Pharmacist, PhD in Neurochemistry, Master of Public Health (Hannover Medical School, Germany), currently Director Pan European Government Affairs at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in Brussels, responsible for liaising with Member States and GSK country organisations with regard to health policies; previously various positions in pharmaceutical industry, including country management team.

**Dr. Günther Leiner** (1939), Austria, M.D., an internal specialist, medical superintendent at the Institute of Rheumatology, Rehabilitation and Psychosomatic Medicine at Bad Gastein, Member of the Austrian Parliament, speaker of the conservative party in the Health Committee. President of the International Forum Gastein.

**Paul Lincoln** (1956), English, Public Health, Health Promotion; Chief Executive of the UK National Heart Forum based in London and Public Health Policy consultant; Has been involved with developing public health policy, strategy and actions in a wide range of areas at international, national and local levels.

**Jeanette Longfield** (1957), English, Co-ordinator of Sustain: The alliance for better food and farming, a network of over 100 British public interest organisations; International Relations and Development Studies; publications and appearances in food, health and consumer media. Recently appointed to Royal Society Inquiry into Infectious Diseases in Livestock.

**Laurie Mac Mahon**, British, Office of Public Management, UK

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**Miguel Ridriguez Mendoza**, Venezuela, Law, Economics, Political Sociology, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization; 1994 – 1998 Chief Trade Advisor at the Organization of American States (OAS); 1991 – 1994, Minister of State responsible for Trade Affairs; 1989 – 1991 Special Advisor to the President of Venezuela on International Economic Affairs.

**Dr. Bernard Merkel** (1949), British, Political Theory, Social Science; Head of Unit in the Public Health Directorate of the European Commission in Luxembourg. Responsible for the development and analysis of policy, in particular in relation to assessment of health interventions and technologies, priority setting, pharmaceuticals and quality assurance and best practice; Visiting Fellow at LSE Health in the London School of Economics and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene; member of the Editorial Board of Eurohealth and author of a number of articles on European health policy.

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**Mag. Wilhelm Molterer** (1955), Austria, Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Supply, Economic and Social Sciences, since 1994 Federal Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, 1993 – 1994 Secretary General of the Austrian Conservative Party (ÖVP), 1990 – 1994 Member of Parliament, 1989 – 1993 Director of the Austrian Farmers Association, 1989 head of cabinet of Minister Franz Fischler.

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**Bosse Pettersson** (1946), Swede, Director of strategic policy development and deputy Director-general at the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) in Sweden. He has academic graduation in social and political sciences and public administration and post-graduate training in public health. He is contracted by the Karolinska institute as a senior lec-

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**Dr. Gyula Pulay**, Administrative Secretary of State, Hungary

**Dr Mike Rayner** (1955) British, Director, British Heart Foundation Health Promotion Research Group, University of Oxford; Chair: Nutrition Expert Group, European Heart Network; Treasurer: Joint Health Claims Initiative, UK; Trustee: National Heart Forum and Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming (UK). (For more details see [www.dphpc.ox.ac.uk/bhfhprg](http://www.dphpc.ox.ac.uk/bhfhprg))

**Dato Dr Ricky J Richardson** (1947), British, Consultant Paediatrician with an honours degree in Cell Biology and Immunology. Chairman of the UK Telemedicine Association, Chairman of T2 eHealth (Working Group of European Health Telematics Association), co-founder and Board Member of International eHealth Association, Founder of Richardson Consulting UK Ltd and co-founder of Whizz-Kidz (National Children's Charity), Consultant Physician at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and Consultant Physician at the Portland Hospital for Women and Children, Personal Medical Adviser to His Majesty The Sultan of Brunei; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine.

**Dr. Carlos Ribeiro**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

**Dr. Aileen Robertson**, (1952), British; Nutrition; Acting Regional Adviser for Nutrition and Food Security, World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Charlotte de Roo** (1965) is Policy Adviser at BEUC, the European Consumer's Organisation, on EU Environment, Health and Safety issues. She is responsible for co-ordinating policy positions with consumer organisations around Europe and for developing and implementing political strategy to force change to EU policy in the consumer interest. Charlotte joined BEUC in November 1999 straight from the European Parliament where she was political adviser for a national delegation on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy Committee. Her six-year experience within the EP began after her traineeship in the European Commission followed by her graduation in Environmental Planning and International Law from a leading Danish University.

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**Fernand Sauer** is the Director for Public Health of the European Commission (Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection) since December 2000. He qualified in pharmacy at the University of Strasbourg. He subsequently received a Masters in European and International Law from the University of Paris II and various post-graduate diplomas in public health, pharmaceutical legislation and European Community Studies. From 1972 to 1979 Mr Sauer held various positions in France as a hospital pharmacist and pharmaceutical inspector at the Ministry of Health. In 1979 he joined the European Commission in Brussels and in 1986 became Head of Pharmaceuticals. He has been involved in the completion of the European Internal Market, trilateral harmonisation of regulatory requirements (ICH) between Europe, the US and Japan, the accession of the Community to the European Pharmacopoeia Convention and the development of pricing transparency and industrial policy in the pharmaceutical sector. He became the first Executive Director of the Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (EMA) based in London, from September 1994 to November 2000.

**Dr. Michael Schubert**, Managing Director, Engelhorn Foundation for Rare Diseases.

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**Catherine Stihler** (1973) United Kingdom, Member of the European Parliament, Member Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy and Committee on Fisheries, MA Hons. (Geography and International Relations), St Andrews University (1996); M.Litt. (International Security Studies), St Andrews University (1998). Researcher and facilitator to Anne Begg, MP (1997-1999). President, St Andrews University Students' Association (1994-1995). Young Labour representative on the Labour Party Scottish Executive Committee (1993-1995) and the National Executive Committee (1995-1997). Represented local organisations and women's sections on the Scottish Executive Committee (1997-1999). Parliamentary candidate (1997). Auditor to the European Parliamentary Labour Party (since 1999). President of Public Health Intergroup, 2000. Honorary life member of the University of St Andrews Students' Association.

**Michèle Thonnet**, Ministry of Health, France

**Drs. Bram van der Ende** (1943), Netherlands, disability pension because of a rheumatic disease, social scientist, in former days management consultant and head of a post-academic management school in Amsterdam (until 1993), at the moment member of the board of the Dutch Council of the Chronically Ill and Disabled (portfolio health care and medical devices) and of different boards within or outside the Dutch patient movement and of advisory boards of the Dutch government.

**Albert van der Zeijden** (1942), Netherlands, didactic, teaching management, Chronically Ill and Bechterew patient, Vice - Chair Council of the Chronically Ill and the Handicapped in the Netherlands (CG - Council) and International Alliance of Patients Organisations (IAPO) in London, Member of the Dutch Advisory Council for Health Research.

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**Mikael Vissing**, Chief Strategy Officer, Netdoktor

**Dr. James Walsh**, English, Medicine Member of the Committee of the Regions

**Prof. Dr. Reinhart Waneck** (1945) Austria, medical doctor, specialist for radiology, professor for radiology, Secretary of State for Health, since 1985 Head of the Department for Radiology at the Hospital of the „Barmherzigen Schwestern des Hl. Vinzenz von Paul“, Vienna, 1995-1999 medical Director, member of the Austrian Association for Radiology, American Institut of Ultrasound in Medicine, European Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology, International College of Angiology (FICA), Committee of Austrian Doctors.

**Julius Weinberg** is Director of the Institute of Health Sciences and ProVice Chancellor for Research at City University, London. He qualified in Medicine from the University of Oxford. After completion of specialist training in Infectious Disease and General Medicine he worked in Zimbabwe. This was followed by training in Public Health. He then worked for WHO in Bosnia and the UK Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre as an Epidemiologist. He was responsible for developing international infectious disease surveillance activities, in particular the developing collaborations between the EU Member States. His current research interest is in Policy pertaining to the development of international disease surveillance.

**Shirin Wheeler** (1963), British, Europe Correspondent

BBC Brussels since 1995; Currently presenting political discussion programme Eurofocus for BBC Parliament and regular features for BBC World TV and World Service radio on mainly health, social and environment issues. Previously health Correspondent for BBC South East.

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**Dr. Matthias Wismar**, (1965), German, research fellow, head of the Research Focus on Health Policy, Department of Epidemiology, Social Medicine and Health System Research (Director: Prof. Schwartz), Medical School Hannover, Political Scientist (Frankfurt FRG, Southampton UK, Nuffield College Oxford UK), Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the European Health Management Association, Hannover.

**Dr. Erio Ziglio** (1952), Italian, Regional Adviser for Social and Economic Development at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen; Honorary Professor, University of York; Honorary research fellow, University of Edinburgh, Lecturer at Yale University, USA. Field of expertise: decision-making applied to the area of health and social economic developments, social and economic determinants of health, futures' research and organizational development; degree in medical sociology, post-graduate studies in evaluation research and a Ph.D. in social policy.