

Who is Who

Biographic Information

Ain Aaviksoo (1974), Estonian, MD; Head of Public Health Department of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia;

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Dr. Claudine Attias-Donfut, Directeur de Recherche, CNAV (F)

Vida Augustinien (1953); Lithuanian; Engineer, Graduate, Vilnius Civil Engineering Institute (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University); President of the Lithuanian Diabetes Association (person with Diabetes Type 1 since 1986); Chairwoman, Council Of Representatives Of Patients' Organisations Of Lithuania; Member, National St. Vincent Declaration Committee; Editor - in chief, Diabetes Newspaper; Member, European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD); Member, International Committee of Diabetes Magazines (ICDM) Steering Committee, 2001 – 2003; Member, Programme Committee Life With Diabetes, IDF Congress Paris 2003; Member, Council Of Obligatory Health Insurance Of Lithuania; Special expert of Patients Organisations in Health Committee Of Seimas (Parliament) Of Republic Of Lithuania.

N. Azzopardi-Muscat, Ministry of Health (MT)

Mary Baker, MBE, is serving her fifth term in office as President of the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA), a position she was elected to in 1992 when the EPDA was first formed. With a membership of 35 European Parkinson's Patient Organizations, the EPDA is a non-profit making organization dedicated to the promotion of the international understanding of PD. Mary retired as Chief Executive of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom in 2001 where she had worked for 18 years, advocating the needs of people living with Parkinson's and their families and developing methods of good practice. Mary is also President of the European Federation of Neurological Associations and Vice President of the European Brain Council. She is the newly appointed patient editor of the BMJ, member of the ABPI Code of Practice and has received an Honor-

ary Doctorate from the University of Surrey in recognition of her work within the world of Parkinson's disease. Mary has also received numerous awards in recognition of her work in the field of Neurology, and PD in particular, including the European Woman of Achievement Award 2000, and the Human Communication International Award 2001.

Dr. Patricia Barry (1941), American, Physician, Geriatric Medicine, is the founding Executive Director of the Merck Institute of Aging & Health, a non-profit organization in Washington, DC, funded by the Merck Company Foundation. BS in chemistry, College of William and Mary in Virginia; MD from the University of South Florida; MPH from Boston University. Clinical Professor of Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Past President of the American Geriatrics Society. Previously Chief of Geriatrics and Professor of Medicine at Boston University Medical Center, and Director of the Boston University Gerontology Center.

Paul Belcher (1966). British. Consultant in EU health public affairs; European adviser to the Royal College of Physicians (London), European Health Management Association (EHMA) and United Kingdom Public Health Association (UKPHA), Senior editorial adviser to 'Eurohealth' – LSE Health. Educated in international law, politics and economics. Previous posts include head of the Brussels office of the European Health Management Association, editor of 'Eurohealth', information and research officer at the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), consultant to WHO Europe (Tobacco-Free Europe) and health & pharmaceutical policy researcher.

Philip C. Berman (1947), UK, Director of the European Health Management Association (EHMA), He has completed two major multinational studies for the European Commission: one study evaluated the effects of the introduction of market forces in health systems and the second assessed the impact of EU directives on health services in the European Union. He is now directing a project on managing services for older people, involving 40 organisations from 11 EU countries. He has acted both as a World Bank and WHO consultant, advising on healthcare management strategies in Poland, Hungary, Romania and Turkey. He is a member of the Editorial Board of

International Journal of Health Planning and Management. He is a member of the EU's High Level Committee of Reflection on patient mobility and health care developments in the European Union. He is a member the Board of the Adelaide and Meath Hospital in Ireland, and he is also a member of the Irish Health Services Accreditation Advisory Council.

Dr. Luigi Bertinato (1955), Italian, graduated in medicine in 1982 at the University of Padua, and got his PhD in Internal Medicine at the University of Verona in 1987. He joined WHO in Zimbabwe from 1988 to 1990. From 1990 to 1997 he worked in Rome at the Italian National Institute of Health in Rome and the Italian Agency for Regional Health Care Services. Since 1998 he has been Director of the Office for International Affairs at the Department of Health and Social Services of the Veneto Region, based in Venice. Member of the Italian Society for Tropical Diseases, member of the IU-HPE and of the ALASS. Board member of the WHO Regions for Health Network.

Prof. Dr. Axel Börsch-Supan is Director of the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA) and Professor for Macroeconomics and Public Policy at the University of Mannheim, Germany. He is member of the Council of Advisors to the German Economics Ministry, co-chairs the pension reform group of the German Sustainability ("Rürup") Commission, coordinates the new EU-financed Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe, and is member of the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

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, British, Government Official; Head of International Affairs at the Department of Health in London (since 1999). Leads a team of 25 people with responsibility for the UK for international health policy both in Europe and globally. Member of the

EU High Level Committee on Health, the Public Health Committee and of the "sherpas" group of the High Level Process of Reflection on Patient Mobility and Health Care Developments in the EU. From 1991-3 worked on EU public health policy within the Federal Ministry of Health in Bonn.

Dr. Gregor Breucker (1956), German, Psychologist, Deputy Head of the Health Department at the Federal Association of Company Health Insurance Funds (BKK) in Essen; Educated at the University of Münster/Germany; Project co-ordinator of the European Network for Workplace Health Promotion (ENWHP) supported by the European Commission; Co-ordinator of the European Network of Enterprise for Health (EfH); Chairman of the European Network of Social Insurance Institutions for Health (ENSIfH); Head of the WHO-Collaborating Centre for Workplace Health Promotion.

Professor Dr. Reiner Buchegger, Assoc. Prof. of Economics (Johannes Kepler University, Linz), Head of the Institute of Health Systems Research; studies of Business Administration (Vienna) and Economics (Buffalo, N. Y.); research interests: applied econometrics, economics of the family, European Union, health economics, labour economics.

Paul Bundgaard (1943), Danish, Pharmacy, President of the Danish Pharmaceutical Association, President of The Nordic Pharmacy Association, President of the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union. Teaching pharmacy subjects in various educational institutions like the Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, Aarhus University, and the Aarhus County Hospital.

Mag. Gabi Burgstaller (1963) Austria, Lawyer, Deputy Governor of Land Salzburg responsible for health affairs; legal studies, Member of the Provincial Parliament of Land Salzburg; Leader of the social democratic faction in the Provincial Parliament, Chair of the social democratic party of Land Salzburg.

Professor Dr. med. Reinhard Busse MPH (1963), German, Medicine, Public Health; professor and department head for health care management at Technische Universität Berlin; pursues research in three areas: analysis of European health systems and EU health policy, health technology assessment, and hospital management with particular emphasis on health outcomes; until April 2002,

head of the Madrid hub of the European Observatory on Health Care Systems.

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. Hong-jen Chang (1956), Taiwanese, President and CEO of the Bureau of National Health of Taiwan; member of Taiwan SARS Task Force; former Vice Minister of Department of Health; former Director General of Centre for Disease Control of Taiwan.

Mukesh Chawla, Ph.D., Indian, Health Economics, Health Financing; Senior Human Development Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region, The World Bank; currently leading and actively participating in health projects in Slovakia, Poland, Turkey and Georgia, and managing economic analysis and advisory activities in Albania, Turkey, Georgia and Slovakia. Dr. Chawla has written extensively on health and economics, and his work has been published in a number of leading international journals.

Chien-Jen Chen Minister, Ministry of Health, Taiwan.

Professor Dr. Dr. hc Werner CLEMENT, Univ. Professor (ret), (1941), Austrian, Chairman Institute for Pharmoeconomic Research, Managing Director "Foresee Ltd". Professor of Economics 1973 – 2000 at Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Visiting Professor Cambridge (UK), Stanford, HEC – Paris, Paris XI, Bangkok, Ha Noi, Former expert OECD, EU, UNIDO, ILO, IBRD. Founder and Director of IWI (Industriewissenschaftliches Institut Vienna including its branch Health Economics) 1985 – 2002, Some 250 publications.

James Copping currently working in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise with responsibility for competitiveness in pharmaceuticals policy. Previously he worked for the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory

Agency (MHRA) in the UK on policy issues relating to advertising, patient leaflets, packaging and reclassification. His primary responsibility is to support the work of the G10 Medicines Group. This is a small group of high level decision-makers representing member states, industry, health funds and patients. This Group produced a report in May 2002 on Innovation and the Provision of Medicines. It included a number of recommendations on a range of issues concerning competitiveness and public health. The Commission responded to the report with a Communication which it adopted in July 2003. He is currently working on the implementation strategy to take forward the proposed actions in the Communication.

Kirill Danichevski, London School of Hygiene / Moscow Medical Academy, Russia.

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.

Professor Mia Defever, (1945), Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Leuven. Professor, School of Public Health, Medical School, University of Leuven. Editor-in-Chief, International Refereed Journal "Health Policy" (Elsevier Science Publishers), Member of the Flemish Health Council (Vlaamse Gezondheidsraad), and Fellow, Kellogg International Fellowship Program in Health, W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Experience in comparative health policy analysis of European healthcare systems and health care reforms. Author and co-author of international refereed publications. Collaborator in national and international research projects. Key-note speaker at international conferences and study-visits in Europe, the United States, Latin-America and The People's Republic of China.

Professor Don E. Detmer (1939), American, Vascular Surgeon, Medical Informaticist, Health Policy Researcher; Gillings Professor of Health Management, Judge Institute of Management, University of Cambridge and Prof. Emeritus, Prof. Med. Educa-

tion, University of Virginia; Education and training at Kansas U, Johns Hopkins, NIH, Duke, Institute of Medicine, Harvard Business School; Fellow, AAAS, Am.Coll.Surgeons, Am.Med.Info.Assn, Acad.Health; member, IOM, National Associate, National Academies, USA; Past Chair of following Boards: Health Care Services, IOM; NCVHS, DHHS; National Library of Medicine, NIH, DHHS.

Rodney Elgie (1944), British, former lawyer, now President of GAMIAN-Europe (Global Alliance of Mental Illness Advocacy Networks) and President of The European Patients' Forum. Life Vice President of The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Vice President of The European Men's Health Forum, member of the Board of The European Brain Council, the International Society of Bipolar Disorders, EPPOSI and the UK Health Coalition Initiative, member of the EU Health Policy Forum and the High Level Reflection Group on "Patient Mobility".

Dr. Hannes Farnleitner, Member of the EU Convent, Federal Minister (ret.).

Dr. Armin H. Fidler (1958), Austrian, MD, MPH, MSc. (Health Policy and Management, Public Health, Health Economics); Health Sector Manager, World Bank: Head of the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia Health Group at the Bank's Headquarters in Washington DC. Responsible for overall strategy, management and the Bank's portfolio in Health, Nutrition and Population in 28 client countries in the Europe and Central Asia Region. Adjunct faculty, George Washington University, Washington DC.

Carola Fischbach-Pyttel (1950), German, Secretary General, European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU). Member European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) Steering and Executive Committee. Former Chair of European Sectoral Trade Union Network. Former European Regional Secretary for Public Services International (PSI). Former National Health Policy Officer German Union OTV (now Ver.di).

Antoine Flahault, Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Electronic Disease Surveillance, INSERM, France.

Silvio Garattini, Instituto Mario Negri, and Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products, EMEA

Roy L. Gentry (1954) - US citizen, over 20 years residency and professional experience in Europe (Belgium, Spain, France) - European Government Affairs Specialist - Linguistics / Soviet and Eastern European Studies, University of Oregon (USA) - EU Affairs Director, Consilient Health, Ltd. Previous activities include: European Affairs Manager, the EU Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium; parliamentary aide in the European Parliament.

Flora Giorgio-Gerlach, Secretary General, Pharmaceutical Group of the EU.

George Gouvras, PhD, MSc, DIC, DiplEng, (1948), Greek-British, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (Athens), Nuclear Reactor Science and Engineering, Radiation Protection (London); European Commission, Directorate- General for Health and Consumer Protection, Head of Health Threats unit, previously Head of Task Force on Health Security. Head of unit and adviser (since 1989) in public health and health and safety at work. Seconded to Greek Ministry of Health and Welfare (2000 – 2001), Head of Task Force on the Reform of the Greek National Health System. Publication of over 50 scientific papers, articles and reviews in the areas of radiation protection, health and safety at work, and public health.

Professor Hilary Graham (1950), British, Social Sciences, Professor of Social Policy, Lancaster University in England; director of the UK's health variations research programme, 1996-2001; member of Independent Inquiry into Inequalities in Health (Acheson report).

Baroness Sally Greengross (1935); British; independent member of House of Lords, UK upper parliamentary chamber; member of Lords EU Sub Committee F on social affairs; chair International Longevity Centre since 2000; chair of Experience Corps since 2001; former head of Age Concern England 1987-2000 helping to establish Ageing Well, Eurolink Age (now Age), Employers Forum on Age and Age Resource.

Anders Gustav, Vice-President, Commission ECOS, Committee of the Regions

Maria Haidinger, Member of the Government of the Province of Salzburg

Dr. med. Torsten Hecke MPH (1967), German, physician; Deputy Head of Department „Healthcare Management Systems and Health Service“ at DKV Deutsche Krankenversicherung AG in Cologne, responsible for all projects and activities of the DKV to improve quality of care and to ameliorate health-care services; education: studies of human medicine in Hannover, Germany, and in Paris, France, and Master of Public Health at Hannover; medical relief project in El Fasher (Sudan), experiences in dermatology and orthopedics in various inpatient departments and out-patient services, healthcare management at Bundesverband der Allgemeinen Ortskrankenkassen (Federal Association of AOK Sick Funds); founding member and Chairmen of Public Health Postgraduates Germany (Public Health Absolventen Deutschland PHAD e.V.)

Claus F. Hofmann (1948), German, Economist, Head of the Economics Division of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Security in Bonn.

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.

Duncan Innes, (1956), British civil servant, Department of Health, seconded as Head of Public Policy BUPA, MA Cambridge English, MSc Public Service Management, guest lecturer York University; formerly NHS manager at Westminster Hospital, Bart's/Hackney and Queen Mary's Roehampton. He joined the Department of Health in 1990 in the internal market reforms team, worked on London hospital policy and performance management nationally and in Northern and Yorkshire Region. Appointed Head of Patient's Charter Unit 1998, Head of Patient and Public Involvement Branch 2000, member of Wanless Review Team, HM Treasury(2001) and Healthcare Development Manager as secondee to The Boots Company plc (2002).

Zsuzsanna Jakab (1951), Hungarian, — Permanent Secretary of State at the Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs since 1 September 2002.

Degrees: Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University of Arts and Sciences (Budapest) and Nordic School of Public Health; School of Public Administration (2003, Budapest) Different positions in the Department for International Relations in the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Hungary (1975-1990), Head of Department (1990-1991); Different positions at the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organisation (1991-2002): Health policy adviser of the Regional Director (1991-1992), Programme Manager, EURO HEALTH Programme (1992-1997), Director of Country Health Development (1997-1999), Coordinator, Information, Evidence, Communication (1999-2000), Director of Administration and Management (2000-2002).

Kees de Joncheere is currently responsible for the area of Health Technology and Pharmaceuticals in the WHO regional office for Europe, based in Copenhagen. He holds Master's degrees in pharmacy and business administration. Previously he worked for 10 years with WHO in Latin America. Among others, one of his particular interests and work is on public policy on pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement of medicines in Europe.

Dr. Angelika Kiewel (1952), German, Economics, Social Policy, Public Health. Lecturer and Author. Head of Pharmaceutical Care Policy Unit at the Bundesverband der Innungskrankenkassen / Bergisch Gladbach. Accountable for negotiations with associations of physicians, pharmacists and pharmaceutical industrie. Member of the Federal Committee of Physicians and Health Insurance Funds. Member of the AIM Pharmaceutical Expert Group/Brussels.

Walter Köbele (1948), German, Master of Business Administration, President of Pfizer Deutschland GmbH and Pharmacia. Working in the Pharmaceutical Business for Pfizer Germany since 1983 and Member of the Executive Board since 1994. Delegate of Baden-Württemberg of the German Association of Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies VfA

Dr. Vladimir Kozyreff (1943). Belgian. Medical doctor, clinical biology and nuclear medicine in vitro. Worked in research in molecular biology. Formerly Associate Medical Director in the Central and Eastern Europe region for the American pharmaceutical firm "Pfizer". Now works at the European Commission (EuropeAid, A3, "Private sector

and economical reforms”), particularly in questions of social and economical cohesion and public health matters for the Tacis and CARDS regions.

Mag. Hans Kratzer (1965), Austrian, Lawyer, Master of Law, University of Vienna, Director External Affairs, MSD Austria; Head of Strategic Planning / Postal Operator (1998 – 2002), Advisor to the Government (1995 – 1998), Experience in the Telecoms Sector (1987 – 1995); Publications and Lectureships: Commentary on the Austrian Telecoms Law, Course of Studies on Integrated Communication (Danube University)

Barbara Kutryba M.A.(1959) Polish, QA Process Engineer/Organization of Healthcare Systems; Senior Adviser at the Accreditation Centre in National Centre for Quality Assessment in Healthcare (NCQA); Honorary Secretary of the Board of the Polish Society for Quality Promotion in Healthcare (SQPH); Board Member of the European Society for Quality in Healthcare (ESQH).

Dr. Jukka Lassila (1951), Finnish, Economics; Research Director at the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA) in Helsinki; Scientific coordinator in the EU 5th Framework research project Demographic Uncertainty and the Sustainability of Social Welfare Systems (DEMWEL).

Ming-Liang Lee, Commander-in-Chief, the Taiwan SARS Task Force (Taiwan)

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

Magdalena Letowska, Director, National Center of Transfusion Medicine and Adviser to the Minister of Health (PL)

Daniel Lighezan, Vice President, Romanian Hemophilia Association (RO)

Dominique Limet was recently appointed Senior Vice President and Area Director for Southern & Eastern Europe, Pharmaceuticals Europe, GlaxoSmithKline, and is now based at GlaxoS-

mithKline’s headquarters in London. Following the merger of SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome in December 2000, Dominique was General Manager of GlaxoSmithKline France until July 2003. He joined Glaxo Wellcome in September 1996 as Marketing and Sales Director for France and served as General Manager Operations from November 98 until his appointment as General Manager of Glaxo Wellcome in January 2000. Prior to Glaxo Wellcome, Dr Limet worked for Ciba-Geigy’s business. During 11 years, he held various marketing and management positions, including at headquarters in Switzerland. In 1985, he joined the French Pharma Division as Product Manager, became Group Product Manager (1985), moved to Basel as International Product Manager (1989), then became Head of Marketing & Sales back in France (1991-1996), position he held before joining Glaxo Wellcome. Prior to Ciba, Dr Limet worked 2 years for Negma Laboratory as a medico-marketing adviser. Dr Limet holds a Doctorate in Medicine, a specialisation in occupational medicine and a Marketing and Management Program earned at Insead.

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.

James Locke was born in 1951 in the United Kingdom. In 1984, he was living and working in the Middle East when he was diagnosed with the HIV-AIDS virus, and given 3 years to live, but has now been living with HIV for 18 years. James experienced a wide range of HIV treatments but in the mid-90s James started to develop resistance and subsequently needed to explore several treatment options. James today sits as a trustee on the board of the Elton John AIDS Foundation, as well as being a tutor with the 'Living Well' programme, a government-run initiative in the Hammersmith and Fulham district of London to help provide guidance to people living with chronic illnesses. He is also active as an advisor to the patients’ panel for HIV planning services in London.

Dr. Sir Alexander Macara, born 1932 UK, Public Health Physician: Chairman, National Heart Forum. Taught Social Medicine, University of Bristol 1963-

97. Secretary General, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) 1975-89, and of World Federation for Education and Research in Public Health 1988-97. CPME (Doctors in Europe) since 1980. Extensive service as visiting Professor, WHO Consultant, etc., in Africa and Asia. Chairman of British Medical Association 1993-98

Akiko Maeda (1959), Japanese national, specialization in health economics, health finance/health insurance, health sector reform, public health, biochemistry and molecular biology. Lead Health Specialist, The World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region, Washington, D.C. Currently responsible for World Bank health projects and health policy analyses in Albania, Croatia, Slovenia and Tajikistan. Previous work experience in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Pacific Islands. Ph.D. in health economics (Johns Hopkins University); M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies Program and M.A. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Harvard University).

Dr. Gudjon Magnusson, Director, Division of Technical Support, Reducing Disease Burden, WHO, Regional Office for Europe

Peggy Maguire, Irish, Political Scientist and Director General of the European Institute of Women's Health. Worked with UN/WHO expert group to create awareness of the need for gender mainstreaming in health policy, has worked with the EU Commission, DG for Research, in preparing wording on gender to be included in the 6th Framework Programme. The EIWH amendments on gender and ageing (Public Health Strategy) were voted through Parliament in April 2001. Was a member of the EU Commission EAG on ageing and Disability, and a member of the WHO expert group on gender mainstreaming. Board member of the European Men's Health Forum.

David McDaid, Editor, Eurohealth; Research Fellow, LSE Health and Social Care & European Observatory on Health Care Systems, London School of Economics and Political Science

Professor Martin McKee, British, Medicine, Professor of European Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Research Director, European Observatory on Health Care Systems.

Dr. Nata Menabde, Director, WHO, Regional Office for Europe

Dr. Bernard Merkel, British, I am currently Head of the Unit responsible for public health policy and analysis and international issues. Before I joined the Commission I was for many years a civil servant in the UK, working on various health policy issues, including AIDS and reform of the NHS, as well as social policy questions. I have also been a Visiting Fellow at LSE Health in the London School of Economics and am an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene. I am on the Editorial Board of Eurohealth and have written a number of articles on European health policy. My educational background is in social science and political theory in which I have a Doctorate.

Dr. Daniel S. Miller; birth year 1953; nationality United States; current position medical epidemiologist and Senior Public Health Specialist at the World Bank seconded from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with emphasis on disease surveillance and on non-communicable diseases; educational background physician/epidemiologist; professional activities have included clinical medicine, health services management, applied research, global health, surveillance, former Chief of Cancer Epidemiology and Statistics (CDC), of Cancer Surveillance (CDC), and of the US National Program of Cancer Registries (CDC).

Dr. Elias Mossialos (1960) is Co-Director of LSE Health and Social Care and Brian Abel-Smith Reader in Health Policy in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics & Political Science. He is one of the Research Directors of the European Observatory on Health Care Systems, a partnership of WHO, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Governments of Greece, Norway and Spain, the Open Society Institute, the LSE and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has served as an advisor to several agencies including WHO, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the World Bank, Ministries of Health and Social Affairs in Belgium, Brazil, Cyprus, Greece, Russia, Slovenia and Sweden and health insurance funds in Hungary and Croatia. He has contributed to the work of the International Forum on 'Common access to health care services' co-ordinated by the health ministers of Sweden, UK and New Zealand. He has published 10 books and over 100 articles and book chapters on a wide variety of health pol-

icy topics, particularly on the structure and behaviour of European health care systems, cost-containment, pharmaceutical policies, private health insurance and EU law. In 2002 he won the European Health Management Association's annual prize for the best publication in health policy and management in Europe.

Dr. Werner Neudeck (1954), Austrian, Economist, Chair of International Economics at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, formerly Agip Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Bologna, Member: AEA, RES, VfS, NOeG. Research interest and publications in health economics, history of economic thought, macroeconomics

Bente Nielsen (1945). Danish. Nurse. Member of Aarhus Regional Council and member of Danish Regions Presidency. Head of the Socialist People's Party group in Aarhus Regional Council. Member of the Budget Committee in Aarhus Regional Council. Vice-president of the Business Committee the Committee for Equal Rights in Aarhus Regional Council. Vice-president of the Baltic Sea Commission in CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions). Alternate member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR). Rapporteur on CoR opinion on EU action programme in the field of Public Health.

Dr. Henk Nies (1955), Dutch, Psychology/gerontology, Certified Management Consultant; Director NIZW Care, Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare, Utrecht, The Netherlands; Scientific Director CARMEN, The Care and Management of Services for Older People in Europe Network; Member of the Netherlands Society of Gerontology.

Carin Norberg (1946) Swedish, Political Economy, former Head of the Department for Democracy and Social Development of the Swedish international Development Co-operation Agency. Now Executive Director at Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin with responsibility for Knowledge Management and Global Issues.

Darina O'Flanagan, Director, National Disease Surveillance Centre, Ireland.

Dr. Juozas Olekas, Minister of Health (LIT)

Babatunde Owowokure, Consultant Epidemiolo-

gist, Health Protection Agency, UK.

Dr. Stefan J. Oschmann (1957), German, Ph.D. Technical University Munich; Managing Director MSD Germany, Vice President Europe, Middle East & Africa Merck Inc.; board member VFA (German association of research based pharmaceutical industry); chairman LAWG (Local American Working Group); chairman American Chamber of Commerce Health Care Committee; guest professor health economics at Vienna Business University

Prof Zilvinas Padaiga (1962), Lithuanian, Medicine, Public Health; Vice Rector for Studies at Kaunas University of Medicine, Kaunas, Lithuania; Advisor, National Health Board, Parliament of Lithuania; responsible for the "Development and Planning of Health Human Resources in Lithuania" project; member of Lithuanian Physician Association.

Dr. Dana Paica (1968), Romanian, Doctor, University of Medicine and Pharmacy Timisoara, responsible for the project health – Cooperation between Veneto and Timis region, vice president of the medical foundation "Christiana" Timisoara, vice director of the "Christiana Nursing College", working for the "Center of Urology and Andrology Timisoara" in problems concerning the infertility of the couple.

Toomas Palu (b. 1963), Estonian, MD (Tartu), MPA (Harvard). Additional studies in health economics in the York University (1993, UK), in medical sociology and social philosophy in the Oxford University (1991-92, UK). In the World Bank since 1995. Senior Health Specialist, Human Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region. Currently Health Program Team leader for Armenia, Ukraine, and Hungary. In the past also health policy advice and project management experience in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Moldova, and Georgia. From January 2001 until September 2002 served as a Member of Management Board of the Estonian Health Insurance Fund while on an external service assignment from the World Bank. Prior to joining the World Bank, Toomas had worked as a deputy medical director of a tertiary care hospital in Estonia and a relief physician in Armenia after the earthquake in 1988.

Marcus Panning, Bernhard-Nocht-Institut of Tropical Medicine, Germany.

Greg Perry (1961) British, Political Economist, Director General, European Generic medicines Association (EGA), Member of the British Institute of Regulatory Affairs, Editor of the Journal of Generic Medicine, Founding Member of the Management Board of the International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance (IGPA), Managing Director of GPA European Public Affairs and Conferences; former activities include: senior EU Affairs consultant for Belgian Law Firm; parliamentary advisor to Members of the European Parliament.

Bosse Pettersson (1946), Swedish, M.A. in public administration and active in public health on national, local/regional and international levels since 1976. Since 2001 Deputy-Director-General at the National Institute of Public Health in Sweden, with special responsibilities for strategy and policy development. Adviser to the National Public Health Committees' Secretariat and contracted senior lecturer in Health promotion at the Karolinska Institute.

Piera Poletti, Italian, Director of CEREF- Centre of Research and Advanced Education, Padua, Italy. Consultant on Quality Improvement in the health sector. Her research refers to health organizations' development and patient, community and associations' involvement in health care. Chair of the 3rd and the 4th European Forum on Quality Improvement. Member of the The Italian Society for Quality in Health Care.

Dr. Anton Pozniak studied medicine at the University of Bristol. He became involved in AIDS in 1983 at the Middlesex Hospital, London. Dr Pozniak worked as Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at the Department of Medicine at the University of Zimbabwe in the early 1990's. He returned to the UK to join the Academic Department of Genito-urinary Medicine at the Middlesex, then moving as Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at King's Healthcare NHS Trust in 1992. In 1998 Dr Pozniak moved to his current position as Consultant Physician and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Dr Pozniak has published widely on HIV and AIDS. He is a member of various medical organisations including the British HIV Association (BHIVA), Medical Society for the study of Venereal Diseases and Chairman of PACT (Providers of AIDS, Care and Treatment).

Maria Rauch-Kallat (1949), Austrian, Politician,

Graduated of Pedagogical Institute as teacher English, Russian, Sports, Geography and Economics, Federal Minister of Health and Women, Secretary General of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) (1995 – 2003), Federal Minister (1992-1995), Managing director „Soziales Hilfswerk“ (non-profit organisation), Running projects for children, families, seniors, handicapped people Social networking in Vienna and international projects in Central America and Eastern Europe (1983-1992). Other functions and memberships: President of the ÖVP-Austria Women's Association, President of Alpha (a political academy specialised on women), President of the Austro-Hungarian Association, Board member of the Dr. Maria Schaubmayer-Foundation, Board member of the ÖVP Political Academy, Board member of „Lobby for children“, Member of the Austrian Management Association, Member of the Christian Teacher's Association of Austria.

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