

## EUDF\* Evening Symposium

# From Concept to Coalition: national responses to the diabetes epidemic

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
18.15	Welcome and opening remarks	Professor David Matthews, President EASD Professor Stefano Del Prato, Chairman EFSD
18.25	Introduction	Professor John Nolan, acting lead, European Diabetes Forum, in constitution
18.30	Keynote address: The potential of multi-stakeholder alignment in diabetes	Professor Stefan Sauermaun, Programme Director Medical Engineering & eHealth, University of Applied Sciences Technikum, Vienna
18.45	The Romanian Diabetes Forum	Professor Gabriela Roman, Romanian Federation of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases  Associate Professor Cristian Guja, Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest
19.05	Diabetes cooperation in Belgium	Professor Chantal Mathieu, department of chronic diseases, metabolism, and ageing, UZ Leuven; Board member, EASD  Mr. Bart Torbeyns, member of the Belgium industry diabetes coalition, Head of Public Affairs Europe, CHC and Primary Care, Sanofi
19.25	Diabetes cooperation in Germany	Professor Dirk Mueller Wieland, Past-president of the German Diabetes Association  Ms. Barbara Bitzer, Managing Director of the German Diabetes Association, spokesperson for the German NCD Alliance (DANK)
19.45	Panel Q&A: Establishing National Diabetes Fora	All aforementioned
20.10	Closure	Professor John J. Nolan, acting lead, European Diabetes Forum, in constitution

## SPEAKERS:



**Stefan Sauermann** Professor Stefan Sauermann is Program Director for the Medical Engineering & eHealth Master study program at the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien. He has extensive research experience in e-health and coordinates this topic in the Department for Life Science Engineering at Technikum Wien. He is also active in IT standardisation for health care and medical devices both in Austria and internationally.



**Gabriela Roman** Gabriela Roman is Professor of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic diseases, Chief of Discipline, at the Faculty of Medicine, within the “Iuliu Hatieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy and senior physician at the Clinical Center of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic diseases in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Previous appointments: president of the Romanian Association for the Study of Obesity (2007-18), Vice-President Europe Middle Region of the European Association for the Study of Obesity (2009-16). Currently, she is the president of the Romanian Federation of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic disease.



**Christian Guja** Is Associate Professor at the National Institute of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases “Prof. NC Paulescu” Bucharest, Romania and Senior Physician Diabetes, Nutrition, Metabolic Diseases at “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania. Cristian Guja published 56 full text articles in Clarivate Analytics indexed journals. He is the current Editor-in-Chief of the Romanian Journal of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases. He is Vice President of the Romanian Society of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases, and member of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD).



**Chantal Mathieu** Chantal Mathieu is Professor of Medicine at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, and Chair of Endocrinology at the University Hospital Gasthuisberg Leuven. Her clinical area of interest includes the organization of diabetes care, and she is involved in several clinical trials in type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Her research is focused on the prevention of type 1 diabetes, effects of vitamin D on the immune system and diabetes and functioning of the insulin-producing beta cell. She coordinates the INNODIA project on prevention and intervention in type 1 diabetes in Europe. She is a board member of Biomed Alliance and is senior vice-president and Chair of Postgraduate Education EASD at EASD.



**Bart Torbeyns** Bart Torbeyns holds a master degree in Pharmacy (University Louvain) and a Master in Business Economics (University Louvain). He started his career in the Pharmaceutical industry at Merck & Co where he held various roles in sales, marketing, medical affairs, public policy & government relations. Since 2015, he works at Sanofi Belgium-Luxembourg on public health & policy topics. Since 2019, he is responsible at Sanofi Europe for Public Affairs for CHC and Primary Care.



**Dirk Mueller-Wieland** Dr. Dirk Müller-Wieland is Professor of Medicine, Head of the Clinical Research Center, Department of Medicine I at the University Hospital in Aachen (Germany), and Past-President of the German Diabetes Association. For the latter, he is actively involved in political strategies to improve diabetes care, research and prevention in Germany with potential impact for the European Union.



**Barbara Bitzer** Barbara Bitzer is Executive Director of German Diabetes Association, one of the major medical associations in Germany with almost 9,000 members. Furthermore, she is spokeswoman of German NCD Alliance (DANK), an alliance of 22 medical associations and research institutions. In 2014 she joined German Diabetes Association and became Executive Director in 2017. Qualified pharmacist Barbara Bitzer worked in a pharmacy before she started her career in the pharmaceutical industry (1999 – 2014).