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### Investing in prevention is the most cost-effective approach to healthcare

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- Dr. Wolfgang Doneus, President, Council of European Dentists (CED)
- Prof. Frauke Müller, University of Geneva Dental School and Secretary, European College of Gerodontology
- Dr. Paula Vassallo, Chair, CED Working Group Oral Health
- Dr. Katrín Fjeldsted, President elect, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)
- Ms. Jurate Svarcaite, Pharmaceutical and Professional Affairs Advisor, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)
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- Ms. Elizabeth Manero, Director of Health Link, an independent patient interest group



Dr. Wolfgang Doneus

# Dr. Wolfgang Doneus, President, Council of European Dentists (CED)

Dr. Doneus has been the President of the Council of European Dentists (CED) since 2009 (and between 2003 and 2006).

Dr. Doneus received his Doctor of medicine degree from the University of Innsbruck in 1979 and his Specialisation in odontology degree from the University of Vienna in 1981. Since 1981, he has been a self-employed dental practitioner in Bad Leonfelden in Upper Austria. He has been active in local and national dental politics since 1985, and is currently the President of the Dental Chamber of Upper Austria and the Vice-president of the Austrian Dental Chamber. In 2006, Dr. Doneus was awarded the "Medizinalrat" honorary title by the President of the Republic of Austria for his service to profession. He has served as first observer and later Austrian delegate and member of different working groups in the Dental Liaison Committee to the EU (DLC, since renamed CED) since 1993 and has represented Austria in the World Dental Federation (FDI) and European Regional Organisation (ERO) of FDI since 1994.



Prof. Frauke Müller

### Prof. Frauke Müller, University of Geneva Dental School and Secretary, European College of Gerodontology

Frauke Müller is professor and chair for gerodontology and removable prosthodontics at the University of Geneva.

She was born in Kiel, Germany and studied dentistry in Bonn, where she received her Dental and Doctorate Degree. Until 2003, she worked at the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry of the University of Mainz, Germany where she received her habilitation (PD) in 1996. Thanks to fellowships, she had the opportunity to spend several years at the London Hospital Medical College, England (1988 and 1993/94). Professor Müller served on the board of several professional associations: ECG (European College of Gerodontology), GORG of IADR (Geriatric Oral Research Group) and the SSRD (Swiss Society for Reconstructive Dentistry). (SSRD). Since 2010 she is President of the Swiss Society for Dentistry for elderly and handicapped persons (SGZBB). She is Associate Editor of Gerodontology and the textbook "Oral Healthcare and The Frail Elder". Her research activity is mainly related to gerodontology, oral function as well as complete and implant prosthodontics.



Dr. Paula Vassallo

## Dr. Paula Vassallo, Chair, CED Working Group Oral Health

Dr. Paula Vassallo received her B.Ch.D. degree in Dentistry from the University of Malta in 1992. She also holds a Diploma in Dental Public Health from the Royal College of Surgeons of England, a Master of Science in Dental Public Health from the University College London and an MBA from the Warwick Business School. In 2011 she was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

Dr. Vassallo has been a practising dentist since 1993 and is a lecturer and course co-ordinator in Preventive and Community Dentistry at the University of Malta. She also holds an appointment as Consultant in Dental Public Health with the Government of Malta. Dr Vassallo was elected as President elect of the Council of European Chief Dental Officers in 2011. As the chair of the CED Working Group Oral Health, she is responsible for guiding the development of CED policies related to oral health issues.



Dr. Katrín Fjeldsted

# Dr. Katrín Fjeldsted, President elect, Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

Dr. Fjeldsted completed her general practice training in 1979 in London, United Kingdom after receiving her Medical Degree from the University of Iceland in 1973. She has been a family physician at Efstaleiti Health Centre since 1980 and was the medical director from 1980 to 1982 and again from 1997 to 2003. She has furthermore held inter alias the following offices: Chairman of the Icelandic College of Family Physicians 1995-1999, Member of National Parliament from 1999-2003, Member of the Icelandic parliamentary delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 and 2000, CPME Vice President for 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 and CPME Treasurer for 2010-2012.

At the CPME General Assembly in May 2012, Dr. Fjeldsted was elected CPME President for 2013-2015.

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Ms. Jūratė Švarcaitė

### Ms. Jūratė Švarcaitė, Pharmaceutical and Professional Affairs Advisor, Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)

Ms. Švarcaitė is responsible for Pharmaceutical and Professional Affairs at PGEU.

She has been working in PGEU since 2010. The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) is the European Association representing community pharmacists in 31 European countries.

Her main tasks encompass representation of PGEU in professional fora and contacts with members as well as with external parties; responsible for issues relevant to pharmacy practice, including the activities of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and European Commission (EC), the PGEU activities on patient safety, pharmaceutical policy and e-health. Additional responsibility includes management of Professional Issues WG of PGEU. She is also a member of the eHealth Stakeholder Group.

Qualified as pharmacist and in possession of MSc in Pharmacy Practice, her previous experience includes work in a community pharmacy in Lithuania and project manager's post in the London School of Pharmacy, University of London.



Ms. Mervi Jokinen

# Ms. Mervi Jokinen, President, European Midwives Association (EMA)

Mervi Jokinen RM, RN, MSc (Distinction), PGCert, BSc (Hons), is the President of European Midwives Association (EMA), since 2009 after being elected from the role of EMA Vice-President. As President of EMA she has strategic lead in maximising the representation and influence of EMA in the EU and at European level and opportunities in promoting women's general and reproductive health by disseminating best practice and advancing all aspects of midwifery. This involves supporting all members of EMA; communicating and co-operating with other organisations representing health care professions and non-professional NGOs in the EU and wider Europe.

EMA does not remunerate officers and Mervi's main employment is within a professional organisation in UK; the Royal College of Midwives as Practice and Standards Development Adviser. Mervi's role involves developing national standards and clinical guidelines, as well as representing the RCM and midwives on several external advisory and working groups. Her current interests are in looking at the Government's agenda of public health priorities in health care and promoting a social model of midwifery practice.



Mr. Paul De Raeve

### Mr. Paul De Raeve, Secretary General, European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)

Paul De Raeve is born in Belgium on the 23rd December 1963. Paul De Raeve graduated as registered nurse in 1984. He obtained a Master degree in Nursing Science at the Free University of Brussels in 1989. In 1996 he received a Master degree in Statistics from the Catholic University of Brussels. He is actually Doctoral Student at the Kings College University of London.

Since 1984 Paul De Raeve worked full time as a Registered Nurse in a centre for children with muscular disease. He was a Head nurse Neonatology in the Al Hada Hospital in Saudi Arabia from 1990 up to 1992. On his return from the Middle East, he was appointed as a staff manager at the Free University hospital of Brussels, part-time delegated to the Belgium Ministry of Health and Environment. He was responsible for developing a national comparable data warehouse for nursing, introducing qualitative indicators within the hospital financing system and providing data for the political decision-making process.

In 2002, Paul De Raeve was appointed as General Secretary of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN). EFN activities relate to the promotion and protection of nurses and the nursing profession with particular reference to the EU and European Integration. Working towards this mission includes ensuring that nursing is central in the development, implementation and evaluation of the European Health Policy in the field of education, workforce, and quality and safety. Innovation Partnership and Joint Actions with Member States become the main playground for advocacy action. Consequently, policy outcomes are achieved in partnership with other European stakeholders such as the sectoral professions, the European Patient Organisation and the European Public Health Alliance to name a few.

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Ms. Elizabeth Manero

# Ms. Elizabeth Manero, Director of Health Link, an independent patient interest group

A solicitor by background, Elizabeth Manero chaired Barnet Community Health Council (independent statutory organisations made up of local people inputting into healthcare strategy and service monitoring) from 1996 to 1999, when she set up and chaired the association of 29 London Community Health Councils, London Health Link.

A London Health Commissioner from 1999 to 2008. chaired the Elizabeth Manero Commission's Community Development Forum and has advised the Greater London Authority Scrutiny Committee on various health topics. She set up Health Link, a not for profit social enterprise in 2004, to involve patients in policy development and implementation, training patient representatives and develop innovative ways to try and address health inequalities. They have worked closely with the Department of Health on choice and have developed special skills in seeking the views of 'marginalised' groups and bringing them into policy and practice, particularly with homeless people. They undertook consultation with 36 such groups across London on the Healthcare for London proposals.

Elizabeth Manero is lay representative on the Medical Education England Board which oversees the Dental Programme Board.