

AGENDA

THE JOINT EURO-AMERICAN FORUM ON CANCER, DUBLIN, IRELAND “CANCER HAS NO BORDERS – TOGETHER, STRONGER”

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024, FARMLEIGH HOUSE, DUBLIN

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8:00 - 8:30 **Light Refreshments & Networking**

Welcome to The Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer

8:30 - 8:35 Compere for Day 1: **Ruth Freeman**, Director of Science for Society at Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)

8.35 – 9.15 **Session 1: Transatlantic Cooperation for Cancer: Prime Time for Action**

8.35 – 8.55 Opening remarks from Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer Co-Chairs **Mark Lawler**, European Cancer Organisation (ECO) Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast (QUB); Co-Lead All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI); **Julie Gralow**, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Executive Vice President, American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

8.55 – 9.05 **Launch of Forum Stephen Donnelly TD, Irish Minister for Health**

9.10 – 9.15 Welcome Message **Claire Cronin**, US Ambassador to Ireland

9.15 – 10.00 **Session 2: Time to Accelerate: Together against Cancer**

Co-Chairs: Gilly Spurrier-Bernard, Patient Advocate; Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee (ECO-PAC)
Cathal Crowe TD, Member, National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action.

9.15 – 9.20 **Introduction to session 2**
Cathal Crowe TD, Member, National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action.

9.20 – 9.30 **Bringing a continent together against Cancer: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**
Philippe Roux, Acting Director, Public Health, Cancer & Health Security; Head of Unit Cancer, Health in all Policies; Directorate-General for Health & Food Safety, European Commission.

9.30 – 9.40 **Ensuring Global Cancer Care: From Comfort to Cure**
Lynn Schuchter, President, ASCO.

9.40 – 9.50 **We need to be comprehensive about cancer**
Simon Oberst, Director of Quality & Accreditation, Organisation of European Cancer Institutes.

9.50 – 10.00 **Changing the Mindset to address the global challenge of cancer**
Richard Sullivan, Director, Institute for Cancer Policy, Kings College London, UK.

10.00 – 10.30 **Tea/Coffee Break**

Co-Chairs: David Collingridge, *Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology* and **Amanda Drury**, Associate Professor School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, Dublin City University (DCU); Board Member European Oncology Nurses Society, Board Member EU Cancer Mission, Brussels, Belgium.

10.30 - 10.35

Introduction to Session 3

Amanda Drury, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, DCU; Board Member, European Oncology Nurses Society, Board Member EU Cancer Mission, Brussels, Belgium.

10.35 - 10.45

Time to Accelerate: Together against Cancer - A Manifesto for Change

Csaba Dégi, President ECO and **Kathy Oliver**, Patient Advocate; Co-Chair ECO-ECO Patient Advisory Committee and Chair International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA).

10.45 - 10.55

The Ireland - Northern Ireland - US National Cancer Institute Cancer Consortium – An international exemplar of the Health Dividend of Peace

Satish Gopal, Director, Centre for Global Health, National Cancer Institute (NCI), USA.

Mark Lawler, ECO Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, QUB; Co-Lead AICRI; Joint Chair, Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.

10:55 - 11:05

EU-US Collaboration on Cancer

Alberto Costa, Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO European School of Oncology (ESO) and **Henry Rodriguez**, Office of The Director, NCI, USA.

11:05 - 11:25

Launch of Policy Document and Recommendations

Time To Accelerate – empowering transatlantic co-operation

Csaba Dégi, President, ECO.

Lynn Schuchter, President, ASCO.

Satish Gopal, Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI.

Kathy Oliver, Patient Advocate, Co-Chair ECO-ECO Patient Advisory Committee & Chair IBTA.

Mark Lawler, ECO Special Network Co-Chair, Professor of Digital Health, QUB, Co-Lead AICRI; Co-Chair Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.

11:25 - 12:10

Panel Discussion; Participants:

Csaba Dégi, **Lynn Schuchter**, **Kathy Oliver**, **Mark Lawler**, **Alberto Costa**

Moderated by: **David Collingridge**, *Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology*.

12.10 - 12.15

Award presentation:

Presentation of award to **Kathy Oliver** for her outstanding work on cancer patient advocacy globally.

Presented by: **Alberto Costa**, Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner.

12:15 - 12:25

European partnerships towards precision cancer medicine

Maeve Lowery, Professor of Translational Cancer Medicine, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and Academic Director Trinity St James's Cancer Institute.

12.25 – 13.20

Lunch

13.20 – 15.10

Session 4: Cancer Inequalities: We must Act NOW!

Co Chairs: Csaba Dégi, President, ECO

Debbie Keatley, Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice.

13:20 - 13:25

Introduction to Session 4

Debbie Keatley, Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice.

13:25 - 13:35

Working together to bridge the cancer disparities divide

Nicolò Battisti, Co-Chair of the ECO Inequalities Network & President of International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG)

Julie Gralow, CMO and Executive Vice President, ASCO.

13:35 - 13:45

We need to stop talking about US cancer disparities and do something about them

William Dahut, Chief Scientific Officer, American Cancer Society.

13:45 - 13:55

Cancer patients should not have to pay twice: Embedding the Right To Be Forgotten Across Europe

Françoise Meunier, Founder of the European Initiative on Ending Discrimination Against Cancer Survivors, Brussels, Belgium.

13:55 - 14:00

Cancer inequalities – an Irish perspective

Averil Power, CEO, Irish Cancer Society.

14:00 - 14:10

European Cancer Pulse Ireland

Mark Lawler, ECO Special Network Co-Chair, Professor of Digital Health, QUB Co-Lead AICRI and Co-Chair Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer

Panel Discussion

William Dahut, Françoise Meunier, Averil Power, Julie Gralow, Mark Lawler

Moderated by **William Gallagher**, Professor of Cancer Biology, University College Dublin(UCD) & Co-Lead AICRI

14:10 - 15:00

15:00 - 15:10

Award presentation:

Presentation of Award to **Francois Meunier** for her significant commitment to cancer survivors in Europe by **Csaba Dégi**, President ECO

Presentation of Award to **Julie Gralow** for her key leadership in global cancer control by **Michael Clausen**, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy to Ireland

15:10 - 15:40

Tea/Coffee Break

15:40 - 17:35

Session 5: The Island of Ireland as a nexus for cancer cooperation

Co-Chairs: Richard Spratt, CEO Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
Mairead O' Driscoll, CEO, Health Research Board of Ireland (HRB).

15:40 - 15:45

Introduction to Session 5

Mairead O' Driscoll, CEO, HRB

15:45 - 15:50

The All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) – an innovative partnership to accelerate cancer research

William Gallagher, Professor of Cancer Biology UCD & Co Lead AICRI

15:50 - 15:55

Cancer research in the digital age

Aedin Culhane, Professor of Cancer Genomics, University of Limerick & Co Lead eHealth Hub for Cancer Emerging Hub of Excellence

15:55 - 16:00

Upholding Paddy's legacy – translating discovery science to benefit patients

Dan Longley, Director, Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research, QUB

16:00 - 16:05

Making the most of blood samples for diagnosing and treating cancer

Lorraine O Driscoll, Professor of Pharmacology & Biomedicine Trinity College Dublin (TCD) & Lead All-Ireland Cancer Liquid Biopsies Consortium Emerging Hub of Excellence

16:05 - 16:10

The transatlantic odyssey that offers hope for cancer patients

Bob Ladner, Queen's University Belfast & CEO CV6 Therapeutics

16:10 - 16:25

How the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium has advanced understanding of the aetiology of cancer

Keynote Address - Stephen Chanock, Office of the Director, National Cancer Institute, USA

16:25 - 17:15

Panel Discussion; Participants:

William Gallagher, Aedin Culhane, Lorraine O Driscoll, Bob Ladner, Stephen Chanock, Dan Longley
Moderated by: Richard Spratt, CEO, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

17:15 - 17:20

Award presentation:

Presentation of Award to **Stephen Chanock** by **Irish Ambassador to the United States, Geraldine Byrne Nason** for his unwavering support of the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium

17:20 - 17:30

Closing remarks

Mark Lawler, European Cancer Organisation (ECO) Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast (QUB); Co-Lead All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) and **Julie Gralow**, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Executive Vice President, American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

17:30 - 17:35

Ruth Freeman, Director of Science for Society at Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)

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8:30 - 9:00 **Registration and Welcoming Refreshments**

Welcome to The Joint Euro - American Forum on Cancer Day 2

9:00 - 9:05 Comperer for Day 2: **Jonathan McCrea**, Whipsmart Media

9:05 - 9:15 **Opening Day 2 remarks from Forum Co-Chairs:**

Mark Lawler, ECO Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, QUB; Co-Lead AICRI; Co-Chair Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer

Julie Gralow, CMO and Executive Director ASCO; Co-Chair Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.

9:15 - 9:25 **Address by Robin Swann MLA**, Minister for Health for Northern Ireland.

9:25 - 9:40 **In Memoriam:**

In memory of John Ryan, Deputy Director of DG Sante, for his leadership and role as a public health champion of the EU's Covid-19 response and EU Cancer Mission.

Delivered by: **Mike Morrissey**, Chief Executive of the European Cancer Organisation, President of the European Society of Association Executives and Executive Director of the European Cancer Community Foundation

In memory of Véronique Trillet-Lenoir for her outstanding leadership in delivering Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

Delivered by: **Vincent Guérend**, French Ambassador to Ireland

In memory of Norman Coleman for his support of the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium and his global leadership in radiation oncology.

Delivered by: **Mary Coffey**, TCD and European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO).

9:40 - 10:30 **Session 6: Recognising Euro-US-Ireland leadership in cancer control**

Co-Chairs : Tony Holohan Adjunct Full Professor of Public Health, UCD and **Tracy Robson**, Head of School of Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI); President, Irish Association for Cancer Research.

9:40 - 9:50 **Launch of European Cancer Organisation's International Committee**

Csaba Dégi, President, ECO.

9:50 - 10:00 **Welcome address Micheal Martin TD**, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

10:00 - 10:05 **Presentation of Award to Micheál Martin, Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Defence** for his vision and courage in introducing the first national smoking ban in the workplace in the world (20th Anniversary).

Presented by: **David Byrne**, Former European Union Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection

- 10:05 - 10:15 **Launch of “Cancer Knows No Borders - an all-island blueprint for cancer research and care” Supported by the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame & the Royal Irish Academy Analysing and Researching Ireland North and South (ARINS) project.**
- Deirdre Heenan**, Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University
Mark Lawler, ECO Special Network Co-Chair, Professor of Digital Health QUB, Co-Lead AICRI and Co-Chair Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.
- 10:15 - 10:20 **A Patient Journey**
Stewart Dickson MLA, National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action, Oesophageal Cancer survivor and member of the Northern Ireland Parliament Assembly All Party Group on Cancer.
- 10:20 - 10:30 **Keynote Address: Mairead McGuinness**, European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union.

10.30 – 12.15 Session 7: Time to Accelerate – Putting the Focus on Lung Cancer.

- Co-chairs: Alberto Costa**, Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO ESO.
Jarushka Naidoo, Professor of Medical Oncology and Consultant Medical Oncologist, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI University of Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland, Adjunct Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.
- Lung Cancer – is there light at the end of the tunnel?**
- 10:30 - 10:35 **Introduction to Session 7**
Alberto Costa, Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO ESO.
- 10:35 - 10:45 **Neal Freedman**, Chief of the Tobacco Control Research Branch, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI, USA.
- 10:45 - 10:55 **Isabelle Soerjomataram**, Deputy Head at International Agency for Research on Cancer / World Health Organisation, Lyon, France.
- 10:55 - 11:05 **Miroslav Samaržija**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia.
- 11:05 - 11:15 **Jarushka Naidoo**, Professor of Medical Oncology and Consultant Medical Oncologist, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI University of Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland; Adjunct Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.
- 11:15 - 11:25 **Torsten Blum**, Co-Chair ECO Prevention, Screening & Early Detection Network.
- 11:25 - 11:30 **Richard Price**, Head of Policy, ECO, Brussels, Belgium.
- 11:30 - 12:15 **Round Table**
Neal Freedman, Isabelle Soerjomataram, Torsten Blum, Richard Price, Miroslav Samaržija
Moderated by: **Jarushka Naidoo**, Professor of Medical Oncology and Consultant Medical Oncologist Beaumont Hospital and RCSI University of Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland; Adjunct Professor of Oncology Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA .

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

- 13:15 - 13:30 **Spotlight Presentation**
Lung Ambition Alliance: Accelerating Outcomes in Lung Cancer Through Country Collaborations
Caius Kim, Global Director, Lung Ambition Alliance, AstraZeneca.

13:30 - 15:05 Session 8: What does better look like and how do we make it better for all?

- Co-chairs: Deirdre Heenan**, Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University; **Satish Gopal**, Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI, USA.
- 13:30 - 13:35 **Introduction to Session 8.**
Satish Gopal, Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI, USA.
- 5 mins interventions followed by Round Table Discussion.**
- 13:35 - 13:40 **Henry Rodriguez**, Director, Office of Cancer Clinical Proteomics Research, NCI, USA.
- 13:40 - 13:45 **Richard Sullivan**, Director, Institute for Cancer Policy, Kings College London, UK.
- 13:45 - 13:50 **Gilly Spurrier-Bernard**, Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee.

13:50 - 13:55	Lynn Schuchter , President, ASCO.
13:55 - 14:00	Mike Morrissey , Chief Executive of the European Cancer Organisation, President of the European Society of Association Executives and Executive Director of the European Cancer Community
14:00 - 14:05	Mary Coffey , TCD & European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO).
14:05 - 14:10	Kieran Sheahan , Vice-President, International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR); Clinical Professor St Vincent's University Hospital and UCD.
14:10 - 14:15	Catharine Young , White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC.
14:15 - 15:05	Round Table Discussion; Participants: Richard Sullivan, Gilly Spurrier-Bernard, Mike Morrissey, Lynn Schuchter, Catharine Young Moderated by Deirdre Heenan Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University.

15:05 - 15:35 **Tea / Coffee Break**

15:35 - 17:35 **Session 9: And How Can Research Make a Difference?**

	Co-chairs: Donal Brennan , Research Lead, National Cancer Control Programme, Ireland Josephine Hegarty , Professor of Nursing, University College Cork (UCC).
15.35 – 15.40	Introduction to Session 9. Josephine Hegarty , Professor of Nursing, UCC.
15:40 - 15:55	Keynote Presentation: New causes of cancer - international collaboration delivers! Paul Brennan , Branch Head Genomic Epidemiology, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France
15:55 - 16:05	The crucial importance of cancer registries on the island of Ireland Damien Bennett , Director, Northern Ireland Cancer Registry and Deirdre Murray , Director, National Cancer Registry of Ireland.
	5 mins interventions followed by Round Table Discussion
16:05 - 16:10	Don't forget adolescent and young adult cancers Owen Smith , Professor of Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer, TCD and Visiting Full Time Professor UCD.
16:10 - 16:15	Making More Survivors Through Research Orla Dolan , CEO Breakthrough Cancer Research.
16:15 - 16:20	Driving the clinical trial agenda Speaker to be confirmed
16:20 - 16:25	NECRET: How a regional charity supports the fight against cancer Ciaran Briscoe , Patient Advocate & CEO Northeast Cancer Research and Education Trust.
16:25 - 17:10	Round Table Discussion; Participants Paul Brennan, Owen Smith, Orla Dolan, Panelist to be confirmed. Moderated by: Donal Brennan, Research Lead, NCCP Ireland.
17:10 - 17:20	Empowering Transatlantic Cooperation - Next Steps Mark Lawler and Julie Gralow ; Scientific Co-Chairs Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.
17:20 - 17:30	Accelerating the Momentum for Cancer in Europe Csaba Dégi , President ECO. Lynn Schuchter , President, ASCO. Beata Jagielska , Director of the National Cancer Institute, Warsaw, Poland. On behalf of Polish Minister for Health. Piotr Rutkowski , Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center Warsaw, Poland.
17:30 - 17:35	Closing remarks Jonathan McCrea , Whipsmart Media.