

# AGENDA

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

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024, FARMLEIGH HOUSE, DUBLIN



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
- 14:10 - 15:00 **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
- 15:00 - 15:10 **Award presentation:**  
 Presentation of Award to **Françoise 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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FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024, FARMLEIGH HOUSE, DUBLIN

HOSTING THE  
EURO-AMERICAN  
CANCER FORUM:



An Roinn Sláinte  
Department of Health

nccp National Cancer  
Control Programme



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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY  
KNOWLEDGE CONQUERS CANCER



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INSTITUTE

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

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

9:00 - 9:05 Comperere 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	<b>Lynn Schuchter</b> , President, ASCO.
13:55 - 14:00	<b>Mike Morrissey</b> , 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	<b>Mary Coffey</b> , TCD & European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO).
14:05 - 14:10	<b>Kieran Sheahan</b> , Vice-President, International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR); Clinical Professor St Vincent's University Hospital and UCD.
14:10 - 14:15	<b>Catharine Young</b> , White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC.
14:15 - 15:05	<b>Round Table Discussion; Participants:</b> <b>Richard Sullivan, Gilly Spurrier-Bernard, Mike Morrissey, Lynn Schuchter, Catharine Young</b> Moderated by <b>Deirdre Heenan</b> 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?**

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