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Speaker Biographies

John Martin

Dr Martin, Director of the WHO Office at the European Union since May 2002, steers the collaboration between the WHO and the European institutions, the OECD and the Council of Europe. He has worked at WHO since 1985 holding a range of senior positions. Before joining WHO, he worked for the Save the Children Fund in Bangladesh; as Deputy Community Physician in the Docklands area of London (Newham); as Primary Health Care Adviser, Government of Zambia; as Associate Professor of International Health at the Nordic School of Public Health (Gothenburg, Sweden); and as a consultant to the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA). Dr Martin is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians, UK.

Aleid Bos

Aleid Bos has a background in international human rights law, with both academic and governmental working experience. She studied international law at the University of Amsterdam, with special interest in human rights law, the administration of justice in developing countries and the UN supervisory mechanisms. She started her professional career at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Development. Subsequently, she taught international law and international human rights law for a number of years at Utrecht University and University College Utrecht. Aleid considerably broadened her working experience at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including participation in the Netherlands delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights. During the EU Presidency she organized - in co-operation with Dutch and international NGO's - the 6th Annual EU Human Rights Discussion Forum (The Hague, December 2004) on the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders, resulting in a manual.

Dearbhal Murphy

Dearbhal Murphy is Communications Officer at FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations Working with Homeless People. She is also responsible for FEANTSA's policy work in the area of health and is coordinator of the FEANTSA transnational working group on Health and Social Protection. This group works on issues related to the health of homeless people across Europe and on addressing homelessness from a health perspective. Dearbhal Murphy will be closely involved in coordinating FEANTSA's work in 2006, when the organisation's annual theme will be "making access to health a reality for homeless people". FEANTSA will look at a variety of questions related to health and homelessness in the course of the year and will hold a conference on this theme in Wroclaw in Poland in October 2006.



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Maxim Anmeghichean

A graduate of the Moldovan State University in the field of journalism and communication sciences, Max has linked all of his professional life with the LGBT movement. He has over five years of experience within the Moldovan LGBT movement (Information Centre "GenderDoc-M"), helping to build and develop the organisation. At national level, Maxim was also a member of the NGO Council, founding member of the National AIDS Network, and board member of the National Youth Council of Moldova (NYCM), where his mandate included capacity building and organisational development. For the past three years he has been actively involved with ILGA-Europe as a board member, taking part in development of IE's Eastern European work, lobbying before the Council of Europe and the European Union and fundraising. His new post with ILGA-Europe is combines advocacy work before three major European institutions (OSCE, Council of Europe and the EU), development of the Eastern European LGBT movement and work on transgender issues.

Nele Verbruggen

Nele Verbruggen is coordinator of PICUM, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, since 2000. She is currently responsible for general coordination of the secretariat and for advocacy work.

Cristi Mihalache

Cristi Mihalache is the Program coordinator of the Roma Health Program within the Open Society Institute's Network Public Health Program. He has previously worked for the European Roma Rights Centre in Budapest, an EU-funded program developed by the Romanian Government and Delegation of the European Commission in Romania for the improvement of the Roma situation, as well as for a Roma organization in Romania, Romani Criss.

Ingrid Stegeman

Ingrid Stegeman is policy officer at EuroHealthNet. She has a Bachelor degree in International Studies from Vassar College and a Masters in Political Science from the University of Amsterdam. Her previous research and work experience lie in the areas of globalisation and children's rights (child labour and child participation). She began working at EuroHealthNet three years ago, where she focuses on the issues of health inequalities and social inclusion.

Petra Wilson

Dr Petra Wilson is the Deputy Director of the European Health Management Association (EHMA), a membership organisation committed to improving healthcare in Europe by raising standards of managerial performance in the health sector. EHMA was created in 1980 and has a membership of over 240 institutions active in health service delivery, organisation and support as well as health management research. Petra Wilson is a public health law academic who has published widely on health policy in

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journals and books, on issues such as access to health services, privacy and confidentiality in health care, HIV and discrimination in health care, and on the use of new technologies in health services provision. Prior to joining EHMA she spent 7 years at the European Commission where she was responsible for co-ordination of inter-departmental activities on eHealth, in particular Quality Criteria for Health Related Websites. She also spent a number of years engaged as a lecturer and researcher in public health law at Nottingham University in the United Kingdom.

Georg Fischer

An economist by qualification, Georg Fischer is currently Head of Unit for "Social Protection: Pensions and Health" in the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs. His responsibilities include, among others, the Open Method of Coordination on pensions and health and long-term care. Previously Head of Unit for "Employment Analysis" within the same Directorate General. His responsibilities included: economic analysis of European labour markets, labour market monitoring and projections (Lisbon employment targets); employment impact of community policies; labour markets and employment policies and enlargement. Mr Fisher's previous posts include the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Austrian Government, the Social Science Centre Berlin and for the Economic Cooperation Foundation in Tel Aviv, Israel.

John O'Toole,

John O'Toole is the Health Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union and was centrally involved in the design and delivery of the Irish EU Health Presidency in 2004. He holds a Master's Degree in Economics, as well as a Master's Degree in Public Sector Analysis, and studied at the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration. Prior to his appointment in Brussels, John O'Toole held various responsibilities in the Department of Health in Ireland and previously he worked in the Finance Ministry and in the Revenue. He has written several works on the operation of the machinery of government and has presented papers at many international conferences.

Mia Honinckx

Mia Honinckx is a medical coordinator for FEDASIL, the Belgian federal authority for asylum seekers, and has worked as a physician in centres for asylum seekers for the past 14 years. She is a qualified medical doctor and graduated in 'de heel-genees- en verloskunde' from KU-Leuven in June 1984.