European Scientific Working group on Influenza

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European Scientists Fighting Influenza

2012

A multidisciplinary scientifically independent partnership between:

- **Members**: Independent influenza experts
- **Partner organizations**: Shared goals
- **Associate members**: experts with advisory roles
Members

- Dr. G.A. van Essen, The Netherlands (GP)
- Dr. T. Heikkinen, Finland (paediatrician)
- Dr. P. Openshaw, UK (immunologist; Vice-President)
- Dr. A.D.M.E. Osterhaus, The Netherlands (virologist, President)
- Dr. R. Prymula, Czech Republic (epidemiologist)
- Dr. T.D. Szucs, Switzerland (pharmaco-economist)
- Dr. S. van der Werf, France (virologist)
- Dr. A. Monto, USA (epidemiologist)
- Dr. G. Gabriel, Germany (virologist)
- Dr. B. Lina, France (virologist)
- Dr. M. Ciblak, Turkey (microbiologist)
- Dr. V. Munster, USA (virologist)

Associate Members

- Dr. C. Hannoun - former Institut Pasteur, Paris
- Dr. J.E. McElhaney - Farmington, CT, U.S.A.
- Dr. M. Kunze - University of Vienna, Austria
- Dr. U. Elonsalo - Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
- Dr. M. Fletcher - Education for Health, UK
ESWI’s mission

- Reducing the disease burden and fatal cases of influenza in Europe

Focus on:
- Behavioural change
- Public health policy
- WHO’s and EU’s health protection objectives
- Stakeholder management
  ~ identifying relevant stakeholders
  ~ communicating with them
  ~ facilitating interactions between them

ESWI’s driving motives:

Fact 1: European health care systems among the best in the world
Fact 2: Influenza claims more lives than traffic accidents
Fact 3: Influenza - at least in part - preventable by vaccination and other interventions
Fact 4: Special risk groups identified
Partnership of influenza stakeholders

ESWI as a partnership organization:

- Meets specific objectives
- Addresses problems that no partner could tackle on its own
- Builds on successful common ground long-term partnership
- Common ground in improving public health in Europe

Scientific independence

- All major vaccine and antiviral companies as sponsors
- Equal financial contribution by all sponsors
- Sponsors are non-voting partners
- ESWI has legally formalized its independence: 
  - *articles of incorporation*
  - *rules of practice*
  approved and respected by all parties

*Members gain no personal financial benefit from ESWI*
Structural collaboration with partner organizations (1)

- European Respiratory Society (ERS)
- Pharmaceutical Group to the EU (PGEU)
- World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)
- European Medical Association (EMA)
- European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- International Diabetes Federation-Europe (IDF-Europe)
- European Lung Foundation (ELF)
- European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS)
- European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology (EAACI)

Structural collaboration with partner organizations (2)

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- European influenza vaccines and antivirals manufacturers
- AGE-Platform
- European Fed of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients Association (EFA)
- European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)
- European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID)
- European Association of Hospital Managers (EAHM)
- European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA)
- US National Influenza Vaccine Summit
ESWI links

- info@eswi.org
- www.eswi.org
- www.semiotics.be (management, campaigning and advocacy)
- www.flucenter.org
  (on-line educational tool for HCWs)
- www.flucenter.org/media-library/p/detail/influenza-aiming-at-a-moving-target
  (documentaries and other films)
- www.flucommunity.org
  (facebook-like virtual platform, to be launched soon)
- www.flusummit.org

European Flu Summit

- **Platform for influenza stakeholder organizations**
  - Exchange good practice
  - Initiate concrete actions
  - Inspired by US National Flu Vaccine Summit

- **First edition on 26 May 2011:**
  - Approximately 100 attendees
  - 11 tailor-made lectures
  - Co-operation with DG Sanco and WHO-Europe
  - Educational press workshop, day 2
European Flu Summits

- Second edition:

European Flu Summit, Brussels, 23 May 2012

- Expected number of attendees: 100-120
- From partner organisations
- Conference report published: open access *Vaccine* edition
## Programme

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<td>Viruses: are we winning battles but losing the war? Prof. Dr. A.J.M.H. Wensink, Erasmus Medisch Centrum, The Netherlands</td>
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<td>Is there a doctor in the house? Prof. Peter Openshaw, Imperial College London, UK</td>
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<td>Viruses travel tricky routes Dr. Colin Russell, Cambridge University, UK</td>
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**REGISTRATION:**
You are very welcome to attend the Science Inspired Tales free of charge. Kindly register via www.rucmenet.org/sit

**DATE:** 23 May 2014, start at 18:00 and end at 18:30

**VENUE:** Albert IRII Complex, Waversesteenweg 649-651, Chaussée de Waterloo, Brussels, Belgium

The Science Inspired Tales are an initiative of the European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI), a network of scientific experts who join forces to reduce the burden of influenza in Europe.

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