

# AGENDA

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

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024, FARMLEIGH HOUSE, DUBLIN

HOSTING THE  
EURO-AMERICAN  
CANCER FORUM:



An Roinn Sláinte  
Department of Health



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

	<b>Co-Chairs:</b> <b>David Collingridge</b> , <i>Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology</i> and <b>Amanda Drury</b> , 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	<b>Introduction to Session 3</b> <b>Amanda Drury</b> , 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	<b>Time to Accelerate: Together against Cancer - A Manifesto for Change</b> <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President ECO and <b>Kathy Oliver</b> , Patient Advocate; Co-Chair ECO-ECO Patient Advisory Committee and Chair International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA).
10:45 - 10:55	<b>The Ireland - Northern Ireland - US National Cancer Institute Cancer Consortium – An international exemplar of the Health Dividend of Peace</b> <b>Satish Gopal</b> , Director, Centre for Global Health, National Cancer Institute (NCI) , USA. <b>Mark Lawler</b> , 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	<b>EU-US Collaboration on Cancer</b> <b>Alberto Costa</b> , Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO European School of Oncology (ESO) and <b>Henry Rodriguez</b> , Office of The Director, NCI, USA.
11:05 - 11:25	<b>Launch of Policy Document and Recommendations</b> <b>Time To Accelerate – empowering transatlantic co-operation</b> <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO. <b>Lynn Schuchter</b> , President, ASCO. <b>Satish Gopal</b> , Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI. <b>Kathy Oliver</b> , Patient Advocate, Co-Chair ECO-ECO Patient Advisory Committee & Chair IBTA. <b>Mark Lawler</b> , 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	<b>Panel Discussion: Participants:</b> <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , <b>Lynn Schuchter</b> , <b>Kathy Oliver</b> , <b>Mark Lawler</b> , <b>Alberto Costa</b> Moderated by: <b>David Collingridge</b> , <i>Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology</i> .
12:10 - 12:15	<b>Award presentation:</b> Presentation of award to <b>Kathy Oliver</b> for her outstanding work on cancer patient advocacy globally. Presented by: <b>Alberto Costa</b> , Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner.
12:15 - 12:25	<b>European partnerships towards precision cancer medicine</b> <b>Maeve Lowery</b> , Professor of Translational Cancer Medicine, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and Academic Director Trinity St James's Cancer Institute.
12:25 – 13:20	<b>Lunch</b>
13:20 – 15:10	<b>Session 4: Cancer Inequalities: We must Act NOW!</b>
	<b>Co Chairs:</b> <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO <b>Debbie Keatley</b> , Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice.
13:20 - 13:25	<b>Introduction to Session 4</b> <b>Debbie Keatley</b> , Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice.
13:25 - 13:35	<b>Working together to bridge the cancer disparities divide</b> <b>Nicòlò Battisti</b> , Co-Chair of the ECO Inequalities Network & President of International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) <b>Julie Gralow</b> , CMO and Executive Vice President, ASCO.
13:35 - 13:45	<b>We need to stop talking about US cancer disparities and do something about them</b> <b>William Dahut</b> , Chief Scientific Officer, American Cancer Society.
13:45 - 13:55	<b>Cancer patients should not have to pay twice: Embedding the Right To Be Forgotten Across Europe</b> <b>Françoise Meunier</b> , Founder of the European Initiative on Ending Discrimination Against Cancer Survivors, Brussels, Belgium.
13:55 - 14:00	<b>Cancer inequalities – an Irish perspective</b> <b>Averil Power</b> , 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 **François 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

Compere 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.

**Launch of European Cancer Organisation's International Committee**

**Csaba Dégi**, President, ECO.

**Welcome address Micheal Martin TD**, Tanaiste 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 firstnational smoking ban in the workplace in the world (20th Anniversary).

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

**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 Samardžija**, 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 Samardžija**

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.

#### 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	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>
15:35 - 17:35	<b>Session 9: And How Can Research Make a Difference?</b>  <b>Co-chairs: Donal Brennan</b> , Research Lead, National Cancer Control Programme, Ireland <b>Josephine Hegarty</b> , Professor of Nursing, University College Cork (UCC).  <b>Introduction to Session 9.</b> <b>Josephine Hegarty</b> , Professor of Nursing, UCC.  <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  <b>The crucial importance of cancer registries on the island of Ireland</b> <b>Damien Bennett</b> , Director, Northern Ireland Cancer Registry and Deirdre Murray, Director, National Cancer Registry of Ireland.  <b>5 mins interventions followed by Round Table Discussion</b>  <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.  <b>Making More Survivors Through Research</b> <b>Orla Dolan</b> , CEO Breakthrough Cancer Research.  <b>Driving the clinical trial agenda</b> <b>Speaker to be confirmed</b>  <b>NECRET: How a regional charity supports the fight against cancer</b> <b>Ciaran Briscoe</b> , Patient Advocate & CEO Northeast Cancer Research and Education Trust.  <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.  <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.  <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.  <b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Jonathan McCrea</b> , Whipsmart Media.