

# 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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HOSTING THE  
EURO-AMERICAN  
CANCER FORUM:



An Roinn Sláinte  
Department of Health



National Cancer  
Control Programme



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)

8.30 - 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.

#### Introduction to session 2

**Cathal Crowe TD**, Member, National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action.

#### 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.

#### Ensuring Global Cancer Care: From Comfort to Cure

**Lynn Schuchter**, President, ASCO.

#### We need to be comprehensive about cancer

**Simon Oberst**, Director of Quality & Accreditation, Organisation of European Cancer Institutes.

#### 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

**Session 3: Addressing the Cancer Challenge – Together is Better**

**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**

**Francoise 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.

## Session 4: Continued

14:00 - 14:10	<b>European Cancer Pulse Ireland</b> <b>Mark Lawler</b> , 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	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>William Dahut, Francoise Meunier, Averil Power, Julie Gralow, Mark Lawler</b> Moderated by <b>William Gallagher</b> , Professor of Cancer Biology, University College Dublin(UCD) & Co-Lead AICRI
15:00 - 15:10	<b>Award presentation:</b> Presentation of Award to <b>Francois Meunier</b> for her significant commitment to cancer survivors in Europe by <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President ECO  Presentation of Award to <b>Julie Gralow</b> for her key leadership in global cancer control by <b>Michael Clausen</b> , Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy to Ireland

### 15:10 - 15:40 **Tea/Coffee Break**

## 15:40 - 17:15 Session 5: The Island of Ireland as a nexus for cancer cooperation

	<b>Co-Chairs: Richard Spratt</b> , CEO Cancer Focus Northern Ireland <b>Mairead O' Driscoll</b> , CEO, Health Research Board of Ireland (HRB).
15:40 - 15:45	<b>Introduction to Session 5</b> <b>Mairead O' Driscoll</b> , CEO, HRB
15:45 - 15:50	<b>The All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) – an innovative partnership to accelerate cancer research</b> <b>William Gallagher</b> , Professor of Cancer Biology UCD & Co Lead AICRI
15:50 - 15:55	<b>Cancer research in the digital age</b> <b>Aedin Culhane</b> , Professor of Cancer Genomics, University of Limerick & Co Lead eHealth Hub for Cancer Emerging Hub of Excellence
15:55 - 16:00	<b>Upholding Paddy's legacy – translating discovery science to benefit patients</b> <b>Dan Longley</b> , Director, Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research, QUB
16:00 - 16:05	<b>Making the most of blood samples for diagnosing and treating cancer</b> <b>Lorraine O Driscoll</b> , Professor of Pharmacology & Biomedicine Trinity College Dublin (TCD) & Lead All-Ireland Cancer Liquid Biopsies Consortium Emerging Hub of Excellence
16:05 - 16:10	<b>The transatlantic odyssey that offers hope for cancer patients</b> <b>Bob Ladner</b> , Queen's University Belfast & CEO CV6 Therapeutics
16:10 - 16:25	<b>How the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium has advanced understanding of the aetiology of cancer</b> <b>Keynote Address - Stephen Chanock</b> , Office of the Director, National Cancer Institute, USA
16:25 - 17:15	<b>Panel Discussion; Participants:</b> <b>William Gallagher, Aedin Culhane, Lorraine O Driscoll, Bob Ladner, Stephen Chanock, Dan Longley</b> Moderated by: Richard Spratt, CEO, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
17:15 - 17:20	<b>Award presentation:</b> Presentation of Award to <b>Stephen Chanock</b> by <b>Irish Ambassador to the United States, Geraldine Byrne Nason</b> for his unwavering support of the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium
17:20 - 17:30	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Mark Lawler</b> , 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 <b>Julie Gralow</b> , Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Executive Vice President, American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO).
17:30 - 17:35	<b>Ruth Freeman</b> , 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.

**Address by Robin Swann MLA**, Minister for Health for Northern Ireland.

#### 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 Morrisey**, 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 - 10.25

### 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, 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

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 – 12.15

#### Introduction to Session 7

**Alberto Costa**, Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO ESO.

10:30 - 10:35

**Neal Freedman**, Chief of the Tobacco Control Research Branch, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI, USA.

10:35 - 10:45

**Isabelle Soerjomataram**, Deputy Head at International Agency for Research on Cancer / World Health Organisation, Lyon, France.

10:45 - 10:55

**Miroslav Samardžija**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia.

10:55 - 11:05

**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.

11:05 - 11:15

**Torsten Blum**, Co-Chair ECO Prevention, Screening & Early Detection Network.

11:15 - 11:25

**Richard Price**, Head of Policy, ECO, Brussels, Belgium.

11:25 - 11:30

#### 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 - 15:15

## 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.

13:30 - 13:35

**Henry Rodriguez**, Director, Office of Cancer Clinical Proteomics Research, NCI, USA.

13:35 - 13:40

**Richard Sullivan**, Director, Institute for Cancer Policy, Kings College London, UK.

13:40 - 13:45

**Gilly Spurrier-Bernard**, Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee.

13:45 - 13:50

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 - 17:30	<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.