



# Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 NOVEMBER 2013

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BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



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## Programme

08:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome address Introduction of participants/societies Video message from Teresa <u>Riera Madurell</u> , MEP	Prof. Ulf Smith, President
09:30	Horizon 2020 – a political perspective	Prof. José Mariano <u>Gago</u> , BioMed Alliance Advisor
09:45	Scientific Panel for Health-an update	Prof. Julio Celis, Vice President
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	General Discussion	all
12:15	<i>Informal lunch</i>	
13:15	Update of activities 4th General Assembly of the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe	Prof. Ulf Smith, President co-chaired by:  Prof. Karin Sipido, President-Elect Prof. Julio Celis, Vice President Prof. Laurent P. Nicod, Hon. Treasurer
	Followed by discussions and conclusions	
15:15	<u>Closing remarks</u>	



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## Speakers

**Teresa Riera Madurell**  
Member of the European Parliament  
(Video message)

**José Mariano Gago**  
BioMed Alliance Core Group Advisor

**Julio Celis**  
BioMed Alliance Vice President



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## Participant

Ulf Smith	BioMed Alliance President
Karin Sipido	BioMed Alliance President-Elect
Julio Celis	BioMed Alliance Vice President
Laurent Nicod	BioMed Alliance Treasurer
Gustave Moonen	BioMed Alliance Officer
Colm O'Morain	BioMed Alliance Officer
José Mariano Gago	BioMed Alliance Advisor
Martin Gotthardt	European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM)
Geesje Dallinga-Thie	European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS)
Viktor Jörgens	European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)
Monika Grüsser	European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)
Monica Buckley	European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)
Patricia Burra	European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)
Vlad Ratziu	European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)
Michael Manns	European Association for the Study of the Liver United European Gastroenterology (EASL/UEG)
Michel Ballieu	European CanCer Organisation (ECCO)
Ingrid van den Neucker	European CanCer Organisation (ECCO)
Anna Rouillard	European CanCer Organisation (ECCO)
Joseph Zohar	European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)
Wilfried Ellmeier	European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS)
Richard Hughes	European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS/ENS)
Eveline Sipido	European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS/ENS)
Ulrich Jäger	European Hematology Association (EHA)
Carin Smand	European Hematology Association (EHA)
Thom Duyvené de Wit	European Hematology Association (EHA)
Nina Straathof	European Hematology Association (EHA)
Markus Ketteler	European Renal Ass. - European Dialysis and Transplant Ass. (ERA-EDTA)



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## Participant

Peter Barnes	European Respiratory Society (ERS)
Jean-Paul Sculier	European Respiratory Society (ERS)
Fernando Martin	European Respiratory Society (ERS)
Tanja El-Nemr	European Respiratory Society (ERS)
Nadia Kamel	European Respiratory Society (ERS)
Brigitte Leva	European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA)
George Shorten	European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA)
Panagiotis Vardas	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Fausto Pinto	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Isabel Bardinet	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Sophie O'Kelly	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Ilaria Leggeri	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Christina Dimopoulou	European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Alberto Zanchetti	European Society of Hypertension (ESH)
Joep Geraedts	European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)
Roy Farquharson	European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)
Fátima Carneiro	European Society of Pathology (ESP)
Luc Zimmermann	European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR)
Guy Frija	European Society of Radiology (ESR)
Hans-Ulrich Kauczor	European Society of Radiology (ESR)
Peter Baierl	European Society of Radiology (ESR)
Monika Hierath	European Society of Radiology (ESR)
Steffen Gay	European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR)
Jacques-Henry Weil	Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS)
Doris Möstl	United European Gastroenterology (UEG)
Mischa van Eimeren	United European Gastroenterology (UEG)





## Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe

### ***The Biomed Alliance today***

- 21 major European medical and biomedical scientific societies across all disciplines
- Representing 400,000 biomedical researchers from across Europe

#### **Mission:**

- **The Association's principal goals and objectives are to promote the best interests and values of research across all medical disciplines in Europe, in those general areas where common interest is identified.**



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***Overview of  
Activities  
2013***





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**Original proposal for Horizon 2020:**  
80 billion

Societal Challenges: 31.7 billion

→ Health, demographic change and wellbeing: 8 billion

Excellent Science: 28 billion

→ ERC: 13 billion

→ Marie Curie Actions: 5.7 billion

**Revised Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)**

Foreseen budget: 72 billion

Societal Challenges: 26.9 billion

→ Health, demographic change and wellbeing: 7.4billion

Excellent Science: 22.2 billion

→ ERC: 11.9 billion;

→ Marie Curie Actions: 5.6 billion



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### *Next steps:*

#### **21 Nov 2013:**

Scheduled date for the vote on H2020 in European Parliament plenary session

#### **Nov/Dec 2013:**

Adoption by the Council

#### **11 Dec 2013:**

Adoption of biannual work programmes and publication of first calls for proposals



- The EU Framework Programme for Research & Innovation
- With a budget of just over €72 billion (originally proposed € 80 billion)



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**MEP Teresa RIERA  
MADURELL**  
**Group: S&D**  
**EP Committee: ITRE**  
**(Industry, Research &  
Energy)**



**MEP Maria da Graça  
CARVALHO**  
**Group: EPP**  
**EP Committee: ITRE**  
**(Industry, Research &  
Energy)**

***BioMed Alliance main focus throughout 2012 has been to ensure the continued commitment and support from the European Parliament rapporteurs on Horizon 2020, for the introducing the amendment calling for a Strategic Scientific Panel for Health, including support from European Commission***



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### ***Overview of activities***

***Overarching priorities:*** To lobby for and support the establishment of the Scientific Panel for Health (SPH)

#### December 2012

- Produced documents presenting the need of SPH and circulated to attaché's in the Permanent Representation of the 27 EU member states.

#### January 2013

- European Data Protection Amendment - specific concerns sent to the Rapporteur Jan Philipp Albrecht (still a concern in the amended version).



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### *Overview of activities*

#### February 2013

- All Ministers of Health and Research received a letter supporting the need of SPH. Signed by the President and Nobel Laureate Harald zur Hausen.

#### March 2013

- Board of Directors and Core Group members inform/lobby key national opinion leaders for SPH support.



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### *Overview of activities*

#### April and May 2013

- Irish Permanent Representation, policy makers and Maire Geoghegan-Quinn informed by Colm O'Morain and Karin Sipido.
- Board of Directors lobbying different members of Council of Ministers.
- Board of Directors meeting in Brussels for strategies and plans for media campaign with Fleishman-Hillard.



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### *Overview of activities*

#### June and July 2013

- Board of Directors meeting in Brussels with representatives of Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE) to discuss potential collaborations.
- Discussions with MEP and Horizon 2020 Rapporteur Teresa Riera Madurell.



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### *Overview of activities*

#### August 2013

- Member meeting in Brussels to inform and discuss/plan for the implementation of SPH.

#### September and October 2013

- Continued planning and initial discussions with European Commission about SPH and views of the BioMed Alliance.
- Core Group meeting planned for November (Julio Celis organizing).





5 February, 2013

## **Horizon 2020:**

***BioMed Alliance campaign between 12/2012 and 2/2013 urging Member States to support the European Parliament amendment calling for “Strategic Scientific steering Panel for Health”.***

***BioMed members encouraged to contact national ministries.***

Your Support of the European Parliament proposal to create a 'Scientific Steering Panel for Health' in Horizon 2020 (H2020)

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the biomedical research community in Europe, we strongly request your support for the European Parliament amendment to the proposed Horizon 2020 programme, calling for the creation of a 'Scientific Steering Panel for Health' (EP Amendments 19, 116, 138 - See Annex).

The BioMed Alliance, composed of 20 biomedical research organisations representing approx. 250,000 researchers, is a unique consortium aiming to address common challenges and promote advancements in science across disease areas. Alliance members agree that action needs to be taken urgently to tackle Europe's poor coordination efforts and, to date, there has been insufficient scientific input into the EU's research framework programmes.

Therefore, the BioMed Alliance has focused on advocating for a scientific-led body that can help foster innovation in research by using contemporary evidence to bridge the gap between health research and policy, for the benefit of society, namely a 'European Council for Health Research (EuCHR)', steered through a 'Scientific Steering Board' (see attachments). This body should be created within the framework of Horizon 2020, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020.

**The European Parliament has been a strong supporter of the BioMed Alliance initiative and has called for the establishment of a 'Strategic Scientific Panel for Health' - as stated in the amendments to the Commission legislative proposal - to ensure the strategic coordination of health research and innovation across Horizon 2020. This proposal of the European Parliament represents an important step for the advancement of the health research agenda in Europe.**

The BioMed Alliance strongly believes that to implement the objectives of the Innovation Union it is essential to have a such a scientific-led body in Horizon 2020 that has (i) the right of initiative to propose scientific direction and priorities, (ii) independence and the right to carry out broad consultations with all stakeholders to enrich its reflections, (iii) closer collaboration with the Programme Committee and provide strategic science-based advice, and (iv) a "Forward-looking" approach to deal with the changing environment in health research and innovation.

We, the BioMed Alliance, strongly urge you to look favourably on the European Parliament proposal to better coordinate biomedical research efforts and efficiently use resources and expertise, boosting excellent science and innovation, and ensuring Europe is more competitive in the dynamic health research sector.

We have already sent information on our proposal to the Permanent Representations to the EU in Brussels and remain at your disposal should you wish to receive additional information.

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President-Elect: Prof. K. Sipido, Belgium  
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***Latest agreed text in Horizon 2020, June 2013 (Trilogue)***



***“The Scientific Panel for Health will be a science-led stakeholder platform which elaborates scientific input concerning this Societal Challenge.***

*It will provide a coherent scientific focused analysis of research and innovation bottlenecks and opportunities related to this Societal Challenge, contribute to the definition of its research and innovation priorities, encourage EU wide scientific participation in it. Through active cooperation with stakeholders, it will help to build capabilities and to foster knowledge sharing and stronger collaboration across the Union in this field.”*

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/13/st12/st12106-ad01.en13.pdf>



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***To keep the momentum, Board decided that immediately after the vote on Horizon 2020 the BioMed Alliance should focus on media outreach activity about the significance of this new ‘Scientific Panel for Health’.***



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- BioMed press release approved & finalised
- Tentative date for release: 21<sup>st</sup> November (EP Plenary vote)
- Identification interviewees with key opinion leaders from BioMed Core Group, Board & EP rapporteurs
- FH to coordinate the media outreach activity.



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### ***Next steps after decisions of BA meeting, 28 August 2013***

- **Members** appointed to the BA task force on “*Scientific Panel for Health*”:  
Julio Celis (Chair), Ulf Smith, Karin Sipido, Peter Barnes, Valentin Fuster, Mariano Gago, Peter Lange, Harald zur Hausen (interacting with Steffen Gay, Colm O`Morain/Vlad Ratziu)
- **Mission of task force:** To propose a structure for how the “Scientific Panel” could be implemented in Horizon 2020.
- **Date of first task force meeting:** 22/11/2013, in Brussels office of European Society of Cardiology (ESC).



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### ***EU revised regulation on Data protection***

BioMed letter sent to key MEPs in February 2013 i.e. lead and shadow rapporteurs of European Parliament



The BioMed Alliance also strongly supports the possibility to use pseudonymised/key-coded data without consent and based on national regulations. The Amendments proposed by the European Parliament (27, 327 and 328) restrict the use of such data without informed consent to cases of “exceptionally high public interest”. Such restriction would markedly increase the regulatory burden of scientists and organizations and obstruct the use of such data with countries outside the EU.

**Taken together, the BioMed Alliance supports Article 83 of the Data Protection Regulation and proposes that the associated derogations for research are maintained without the suggested Amendments by the EP.**

Gothenburg, 15 February 2013



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### **Contacts with other European organisations:**

- Science Europe
- Initiative for Science in Europe
- European Science Foundation