

Making Patient Safety a Priority

Speaker Biographies



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Member

- Committee on Budgetary Control
- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Delegation to the EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China

Curriculum vitae

- MA in political science (1993); doctorate in political science (2000). Science policy officer at the Bundestag (1993-1996). Member of the Foreign Office planning staff (1996-1998). Managing Director of 'polit data concept' (management consultants Luxembourg/Brussels) (1999-2004). Managing Director of Perl Academy (European management training) (2002-2004).
- Member of the Federal executive of the FDP (since 1995). Secretary-General of the FDP Saar (since 2002). Member of the ELDR Council (since 1995).
- Founder member, German-Greek Industrial Association (DHW) (1993). Member of the Liberal Turco-German Association (LTD) (since 1995).



Dr Domenico Di Giorgio - AIFA, Italian Medicines Agency

Dr. Di Giorgio is Chairman of the EDQM/CoE "Committee of experts on minimising public health risks posed by counterfeiting of medical products and related crimes" and "European Committee on Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Care": coordinator and member of the organizing committee of the AIFA-WHO international conference "Combating Counterfeit Drugs" (Rome, 2006); Italian member and Rapporteur of IMPACT; Consultant of the Italian Senate (e-pharmacies and counterfeit medicines).



Mrs Marisa Matias MEP, Rapporteur ENVI Committee

Member

- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

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- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council
- Delegation for relations with South Africa



John Chave, Secretary General, PGEU

John Chave is Secretary General of the PGEU, a position he has held since June 2006. A lawyer by training, he has worked in the health sector for ten years, in both London and Brussels



Hugo Carradinha, Senior Manager Health Economics Affairs

Hugo Carradinha is Senior Manager Health Economics Affairs for the European Generic Medicines Association, based in Brussels. He previously worked at AstraZeneca in several positions ranging from Sales Representative to Manager, having spent several years at Makro Cash & Carry as a Senior Buyer.

He has a degree in Management and Industrial Engineering from the 'Instituto Superior das Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa' (Lisbon) and holds a post-graduate diploma in Retail Management from the INDEG Business School (Lisbon). Hugo has recently finished his Global MBA at Manchester Business School (UK).



Monika Derecque-Pois, Director General, GIRP

Monika Derecque-Pois is the Director General of the European Association of Pharmaceutical Full-line Wholesalers (known by its French acronym, GIRP). GIRP is headquartered in Brussels and brings together over 600 pharmaceutical full-line wholesaling companies and their national associations from 30 countries. Monika was appointed to her current position in 2001, having previously served as European affairs consultant for GIRP.

In her role, she represents the interests of pharmaceutical full-line wholesalers in Europe towards supply chain partners and decision makers at national, European and international level. Ms. Derecque-Pois has over 15 years of experience in European public affairs. Prior to her engagement with GIRP, she served as a director in a European affairs consultancy company and in 1995, she founded Euro Keys, a European public affairs company. She also held a six-year post as Marketing and Client Support Manager at IMS Health Austria, a multinational company specialised in information services for the health care industry.



Claudia Glasgow, Head of Legal, Ursapharm

Claudia Glasow is heading the legal department at URSAPHARM Arzneimittel GmbH located in Saarbruecken, Germany. URSAPHARM is one of Germany's market leaders in ophthalmology and very active in the field of contract manufacturing. The company manufactures medicinal products and medical devices sold in more than 50 countries. Claudia was appointed to her current position in 2006, after having worked some years as an attorney for employment and business law. She is responsible for all legal matters, including drafting and negotiating contract manufacturing agreements, and works closely with the regulatory affairs department of the company. She represents the interests of URSAPHARM in the German Pharmaceutical Industry Association and is deputy chairman of the German self-regulatory association named "Medicines and co-operation in healthcare".



John Ricketts, Associate Director, Govt Affairs, Lilly Europe

John graduated with a degree in Politics and Parliamentary Studies from Leeds University. In July 2000 he joined Lilly UK. In September 2008 he was promoted from the post of Lilly UK Business to Government & Communications Manager to become Associate Director, Government Affairs, Lilly Europe.

John's current role includes EU engagement with the Commission, Council of Ministers and MEPs. It involves co-ordinating Lilly's activities at Member State level with the EU institutions.



Dirk Broeckx, Secretary General APB, Belgium

Pharmacist (State University Ghent 1976)

Since 1979 public pharmacist in the centre of Antwerp (Belgium).

Since 1989 Secretary-General of APB (Belgian Pharmacists Association) and editor-in-chief of a.o. the *Apothekersblad*

Co-founder of *FARMA* (the bi-annual trade fair for pharmacists), President of *IPhEB* (Institute for Pharmaco-Epidemiology of Belgium), Member of the board of *MWS* (Medical Web Services: MediPlanet & PharmaPlanet, internet services for doctors and pharmacists), Co-founder of the WHO *EuroPharmForum* (federation of European professional associations developing pharmaceutical care services) and *Recip-e* (multi-disciplinary platform for electronic medical prescriptions)

**Vice-President of the *Comité de l'Assurance* at the INAMI (national institute for health insurance).
Member of the board of *e-Health* (Belgian platform for IT services in health).**

President of *IFB* (Instituut Farmaceutische Bedrijfskunde, pharmaceutical management training)



Gary Noon, Chief Executive Officer, Aegate Ltd

Gary Noon has 25 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, fulfilling a number of roles including senior positions in general management, marketing, business development and sales in the US and Europe. He has worked for many of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies such as Roche, Bristol Myers Squibb, GlaxoWellcome and Warner Lambert and was President of IMS Health in the US. He has particular expertise in strategic marketing, supply chain management and product development and commercialisation.



Steven Simeons

Steven Simeons is a Professor at the Research Centre for Pharmaceutical Care and Pharmaco-economics of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He is a health economist and leads the Centre's research into the pharmaco-economics of medicines, medical devices and related products.

His research interests focus on issues surrounding competition and regulation of the pharmaceutical sector. He has worked extensively in the area of policy surrounding pricing, reimbursement and distribution of generic medicines in Europe. Steven also carries out economic evaluations of medicines and medical devices. He has been involved in multiple health technology assessments of antibiotics and of medical devices.

Steven has over 60 publications in peer-reviewed journals, has obtained research funding exceeding 1.3 million Euro, and has given over a 100 congress presentations. He is a member of the Editorial Board of multiple journals. He has lived and worked in England, France, Germany and Scotland.