

Can Real World Data Advance Equity of Health Care in Europe?

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CRISTIAN BUŞOI

A Romanian physician and politician, member of the National Liberal Party. He served as MP from 2004 to 2007 - the year he became a Member of the European Parliament. He regained this position in 2014.

In 2003 he graduated from the Medicine Faculty of the Carol Davila University in Bucharest. In 2004, he began

work on two doctorates: one in Endocrinology at his alma mater, and one in Public Health and Health Management at the Victor Babeş University in Timișoara. Since 2007, he has been a lecturer at this university.

Between June 2013 and early 2014 he was head of Romania's National Health Insurance Fund.



GAVIN GIOVANNONI

Chair of Neurology, Blizard Institute, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London and the Department of Neurology, Barts and The London NHS Trust in November 2006.

In 2008, he became Neuroscience and Trauma Centre Lead in the Blizard Institute. Professor Giovannoni graduated

cum laude from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, in 1987.

He moved to the Institute of Neurology, University College London in 1993 after completing his specialist training in neurology in South Africa.

After three years as a clinical research fellow and then two years as the Scarfe Lecturer, he received a PhD in Immunology from the University of London.



CHRISTOPH THALHEIM

Started working with EMSP in 2000 as Secretary General.

He has been active on the Brussels stage since early 1990s, working at first for a major international NGO focusing on intercultural learning and international youth exchange.

Born in 1952 in Dresden, Germany, Christoph Thalheim spent the first part

of his professional life in the German Airforce, where he got his university degree in pedagogics and left as Captain after 12 years of service.

A sabbatical year followed which saw him travelling around the world.



GISELA KOBELT

Managing Director of European Health Economics France, a company specialising in training courses in health economics and economic evaluation of health interventions.

She is the author of an introductory guide to economic evaluation and over 90 scientific publications with a focus on chronic and autoimmune diseases.

Until 1997, Gisela was Vice-President, Corporate Health Economics, at the Pharmacia & Upjohn Corporate Management Center in Stockholm and London.

She holds a Master's degree from the University of Strasbourg, an MBA from the Institute for Management Development (IMD/IMEDE) in Lausanne, and a PhD in health economics from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.



XAVIER KURZ

Graduated in 1982 as a Medical Doctor at the University of Liege, Belgium.

He specialised in Tropical Medicine and worked for several years in public health projects in Africa and Asia.

He obtained a MSc (1991) and a PhD (1997) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

He joined the Belgian Centre for Pharmacovigilance (Ministry of Health) in 1995 and the European Medicines Agency in 2005.

He is Head of the Surveillance & Epidemiology (SVE) Service in the Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology Dept.



MAURA PUGLIATTI

Associate Professor of Neurology at the University of Ferrara, Italy, and Head of the Unit of Clinical Neurology, Ferrara University Hospital, Italy.

She took a PhD in 2007 and was a Research Fellow in 2007-2010 at the Dept. of Public Health and Primary Health Care, University of Bergen. She has been Visiting Professor at the

Universities of of Bergen, Belgrade and Cluj Napoca.

Since 2011 she is Adjunct Professor at the Dept. of Clinical Medicine, McGill University, Montreal within collaborative research in MS epidemiology.

Her main research areas in epidemiology are MS, epilepsy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and myasthenia gravis. She authored 111 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals.



EVA HAVRDOVÁ

Professor of Neurology at the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague. She is also Director of the Center for Demyelinating Diseases at Charles University, where she obtained her medical degree in 1981.

She introduced new treatment algorithms in MS at national level and created standards of diagnostics and care in MS.

She has also helped establish a network of 15 MS centres across the country providing accessible care for patients with the disease.

Professor Havrdová is a member of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF)'s Medical and Scientific Board (MSB) and of the Czech Neurological Society. She has authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications within the field of MS.



CHRISTIAN ELZE

A founding partner of management consulting firm Catenion, Christian has been developing the company's business in Japan since 2008.

He holds a BSc from the London School of Economics and an MBA from Columbia University. He has lived and worked in a dozen countries in Europe and the Americas and is fluent in

English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. He is currently studying Japanese.

Besides his consulting work, Christian frequently speaks about Healthcare Reform and Biomedical Innovation at industry conferences and universities.



FRANÇOIS HOUŽEZ

Director of Treatment Information and Access, and Policy Advisor at EURORDIS since 2003. He has been working as a patient advocate since the early 1990s.

He represents EURORDIS at the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party at the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

He has been appointed external expert for the evaluation of marketing authorisation applications. He co-chairs the stakeholders' forum of the EUnetHTA Joint Action.

François pioneered patient advocacy with the EMA, taking part in the first patients' delegation that engaged dialogue with the Agency back in 1996. He has continuously been involved in EMA activities during the last 26 years.