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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

WITH FURTHER SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED



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Senior Director, Supplier Alliance, IQVIA

AGENDA

MAY 26, WELCOME DINNER 19:00

DAY 1, MAY 27

OPENING REMARKS BY GIRP PRESIDENT 9:00–9:05

Katarina Gabrielson, CEO, Oriola

KEYNOTE AND Q&A 9:05–9:35

Sophie Løhde, Danish Ministry of Health (TBC)

KEYNOTE – The Future of European Health Systems 9:40–10:00

Bogi Eliassen, Executive Director, Movement Health Foundation

PANEL – Future Foresight: How Will Europe Look Like in 2040? 10:00–11:00

- **Bogi Eliassen**, Executive Director, Movement Health Foundation
 - **Rafał Kierzenkowski**, Senior Counsellor for Strategic Foresight, OECD (TBC)
 - **Dr Anna Laura Ross**, Head of Foresight, Leadership and Ethics in Science, World Health Organization (TBC)
 - **Kai Kaasalainen**, Director General, Tamro; Member, World Economic Forum Specialist Group
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COFFEE BREAK 11:00–11:30

FIRESIDE CHAT – AI: What's Coming Next? 11:30–12:00

Dr Kanwar Preet Singh Sandhu, Global Head of Strategic Initiatives, Cyber Security, Tata Consulting

Kasper Ernest, Director General, GIRP

PANEL – AI in Practice: How Can AI Improve Productivity?**12:00–13:00**

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director General, GIRP

- **Dr Kanwar Preet Singh Sandhu**, Global Head of Strategic Initiatives, Cyber Security, Tata Consulting
- **Dr Klaus Dohrmann**, Vice President, Global Head of Innovation & Trend Research, DHL
- **Andreas Koch**, Chief Wholesale & Logistics, Galenica
- **Matthias Dalkner**, Vice President, Healthcare Solutions, KNAPP

LUNCH**13:00–14:00****PRESENTATION – GIRP Sector Study on Pharmaceutical Systemic Wholesalers****14:00–14:15****Fatima Wafqui**, Research Associate, Medical Technology Research Group, London School of Economics**PANEL – World Without Systemic Wholesalers: What if Public Service Providers Were No More?****14:15–15:15**

Introduction by Irena Toneva, Director, Supplier Services, IQVIA

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director General, GIRP

- **Maja Leon Grzymkowska**, Legal Officer, Medical Products: Quality, Safety, Innovation, DG SANTE
- **Ancel-la Santos Quintano**, Head of Food, Health, and Chemicals Safety, BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation)
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, General Secretary, SGI Europe (TBC)
- **Alain Roudergues**, Director General, SECOF
- **Fatima Wafqui**, Research Associate, Medical Technology Research Group, London School of Economics

PRESENTATION – Outlook on Shifts in the US Pharmaceutical Market**15:15–16:00****Heather Meade**, Principal, EY/Washington Council Ernst & Young**GALA DINNER****19:00**

DAY 2, MAY 28

KEYNOTE 9:00–9:15

Rasmus P. Gjesing, Regional Adviser, Access to Medicines & Health Products, WHO Europe

IQVIA – The Changing Shape of Healthcare Markets 9:15–10:00

Simon Tottman, Vice President, Strategic Partners, IQVIA
Max Newton, Principal, Global Strategic Partners, IQVIA

PANEL – The Future of Pharmaceutical Distribution: New Practices, New Actors, New Challenges 10:00–11:00

Moderator: Eddy Gilissen, Senior Director, Supplier Alliance, IQVIA

- **Bo Kristensen Jessen**, Head of Strategic Account, Europe and Canada, Novo Nordisk
 - **Dermot Ryan**, Chief Operating Officer, Uniphar (TBC)
 - **Matthias Heck**, Senior Advisor Strategic Alliance Development, EUCOPE
 - **Pascal Bekaert**, Head of Global Trade Effectiveness & Channels Strategy, Sanofi
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COFFEE BREAK 11:00–11:30

PANEL – The Role of Preventive Care in a Shifting Health Architecture 11:30–12:45

Introduction by Kelsey Stoddart, Senior Consultant, IQVIA

Moderator: Kasper Ernest, Director General, GIRP

- **Antoine Pivron**, Vice-President, Health Solutions, Withings
 - **Prof Magnus T. Jensen**, Chief Executive Officer, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen
 - **Tom Murray**, President, Irish Pharmacy Union
 - Representative, Wholesaler (TBC)
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CONCLUSION AND CLOSING REMARKS 12:45

Kasper Ernest, Director General, GIRP