

EMA's 30th anniversary scientific conference

Medicines, regulation and the future

25 June 2025, 10:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Noël Wathion Auditorium, EMA, Amsterdam / Virtual meeting

The EMA's 30th anniversary scientific conference aims to celebrate three decades of groundbreaking achievements and advancements in the field of medicine and regulatory science. The event will bring together key partners and stakeholders, including representatives from the European institutions and agencies, the European medicines regulatory network, international partners, patient and healthcare professional organisations, industry organisations, Dutch government and other esteemed guests.

The event will be chaired by Steffen Thirstrup, Chief Medical Officer at EMA.

9:00 **Networking welcome coffee and registration**

10:00 **Welcome**
Emer Cooke, Executive Director, EMA

10:15 **Keynote speakers**

- EMA's role to meet the goals of the new commission
Olivér Várhelyi, Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare, European Commission
 - From basic science to new therapies: The discovery of GLP-1 and its role in human physiology
MD Jens Juul Holst, Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Copenhagen University
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11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Presentations**

- Emergence of regulatory science in EU - 30 years ago
Fernand Sauer, Former Executive Director, EMA
 - A patient's perspective: 30 years of regulatory and scientific collaboration engaging with patients
Yann Le Cam, Founder & Past-CEO, EURORDIS-Rare Diseases Europe
 - Leading the Agency through difficult times
Guido Rasi, Former Executive Director, EMA
 - Imagining the future of science and regulation
María Jesús Lamas Díaz, Executive Director, Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Products
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12:30 **Panel discussion**

- Are we prepared for the science of tomorrow?
Emer Cooke, Fernand Sauer, Yann Le Cam, María Jesús Lamas Díaz
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13:00 **Networking buffet lunch**

14:00 **Afternoon sessions**

- 30 years of development in biotechnology, what's next?
Mats Welin, Scientific Director Biotechnology, Medical Products Agency Läkemedelsverket
 - From lab rats to organoids: alternatives to animal testing including AI
MD, PhD Thomas Hartung, Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
 - Gender equality – women's health – the forgotten priority?
PhD Corinne de Vries, Head of Translational Sciences, EMA
 - Tackling the next pandemic – yes, we can!
PhD Marco Cavaleri, Head of Public Health Threats, EMA
 - How do we embrace One Health? Antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic infections, and other health threats
DVM, Prof Carlos Gonçalo Das Neves, Chief Scientist, European Food Safety Authority
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15:40 **Final remarks**
Rui Santos Ivo, EMA Management Board Chair

16:00 **Social networking event**

18:00 **End**
