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EMA Human Scientific Committees' Working Parties with Patients' and Consumers' Organisations (PCWP) and Healthcare Professionals' Organisations (HCPWP) joint meeting: Workshop on social media

Speakers' biographies

David Haerry

David Haerry is a patient representative of the European Aids Treatment Group (EATG) and current co-chair of the EMA Patients' and Consumers' Working Party (PCWP).

As a patients' rights activist, David has been active in a broad range of HIV/AIDS-related issues, including drug development, regulatory issues, biomedical prevention research, travel and residency restrictions for people with HIV/AIDS, risk communication and doctor/patient communication. He is also involved in a number of academic education projects.

Gonzalo Calvo

Gonzalo Calvo is Past-Chair of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT). He is a consultant in clinical pharmacology in Barcelona and has extensive experience both in medicines regulation, including nearly ten years as member of the Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP), and in learned societies.

He is the co-chair of the EMA Healthcare Professionals' Working Party (HCPWP).

Mun-Keat Looi

Mun Keat Looi is a Senior Editor at the Wellcome Trust and Commissioning Editor for Mosaic, Wellcome's online magazine of in-depth science stories, where he leads social media engagement.

Mun-Keat is a former News Editor at SciDev.Net, and has worked as a reporter for publications such as Quartz and the Guardian. Mun-Keat won the silver Rising Star Award at the 2015 British Media Awards and is the co-author of two books, 'Big Questions in Science: The quest to solve the great unknowns' and 'The Geek Guide to Life'.

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Donald Singer

Donald Singer is a clinical pharmacologist interested in drug discovery, prevention and treatment of disease, and improving safety and effectiveness in use of medicines. He is also interested in promoting better public understanding of the benefits and risks of medicines and in the regulation of medicines. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Secretary from 2011-2015), which supports scientific and educational exchange for over 4000 clinical pharmacologists from 34 countries. He is also President of the UK Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine which publishes through Elsevier the journal Health Policy and Technology and through BMJ the Postgraduate Medical Journal. He co-authors the prescribing safety guide Pocket Prescriber, the 8th edition of which was published by Taylor & Francis in August 2015. He is a former member of the Council of the British Pharmacological Society.

He is a member of the panel of experts of the European Medicines Agency and has given expert advice to the UK Commission on Human Medicines. A delegate from EACPT since 2013 of the Healthcare Professionals' Working Party of the European Medicines Agency, he is co-chair of the current EMA Social Media Topic Group and a member of the EMA group on minimizing risk from medicines. International consultancy includes advice on clinical pharmacology and safety systems for medicines as a Yale School of Medicine Faculty member within the 7 year Human Resources for Health US-AID and CDC supported programme in Rwanda. He was a Clinical Pharmacologist member of the Pharmaceuticals Panel of the UK NHS Health Technology Assessment Programme (4 years from 1st June 2009), and then Clinical Pharmacologist member of the new UK NHS HTA Primary Care, Community and Preventive Interventions Panel (2013-2104). Singer is a recognized source of clinical pharmacology expert advice for print and broadcast media on safe and effective use of medicines, and related issues of public interest e.g. comment in The Times, Daily Telegraph, Sunday Times, Guardian, Washington Post and other press, as web news (including Science Media Centre, BBC News, Reuters, Agence France Presse, New Scientist …), and live interviews: e.g. UK Channel 4 News, BBC Radio 4 Today and regional BBC, and overseas radio (e.g. BBC World Service, US National Public Radio and regional US radio).

Sophie Labbe

Sophie Labbe is communications officer at EMA, and is the Agency's focal point for social media activities within the Media and Public relations service, which handles external communications, media relations and public relations materials.

Prior to joining EMA in 2013, Sophie worked as a healthcare journalist in France, covering newswire topics including medicines regulation, French and global healthcare policies, and the pharmaceutical industry for nearly 10 years.

Caroline Chew

Captain Catherine Chew is the Deputy Director of FDA's Division of Drug Information (DDI), which responds to over 80,000 inquiries a year from industry, healthcare professionals, consumers, regulators and advocacy groups from around the world. She supervises the Center for Drug Evaluation (CDER) Small Business and Industry Assistance Program, CDER Social Media Team, CDER Exhibit

Program, CDERLearn CE program, DDI Webinar Series, FDA Student Program and the Regulatory Pharmaceutical Fellowship.

Prior to joining the FDA, Captain Chew was a pediatric pharmacist at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. As an officer in the US Public Health Service, she has served on multiple deployments and in various leadership roles.

Kimberly Chiu

Dr Kimberly Chiu graduated with her PharmD from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2010. Afterwards she completed the two-year Regulatory Pharmaceutical Fellowship program in drug information with Purdue University, Eli Lilly and Company, and the U.S. Food and Drug Information (FDA). During her fellowship, Dr Chiu worked on numerous social media initiatives gaining unique insights on the use of social media in both a global pharmaceutical company and a federal regulatory agency.

Since 2012, Dr Chiu works as a Pharmacist within FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Division of Drug Information (DDI). She currently serves as lead for DDI's Podcast and Social Media programs.

Alessia Daturi

Alessia Daturi is the manager of relations with Patient Organizations and coordinator of the Telethon Infoline for rare diseases. She graduated in Philosophy at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan and specialized in Business and Social Communication for no profit organizations. She's been working at Telethon Foundation since 2006 and she currently leads "Filo diretto con i pazienti", an office that deals with:

- patients' advocacy and empowerment;
- training events for Patient Organizations on scientific topics;
- certified information on scientific research through an Infoline**,** an information service that answers the many queries received daily by the Telethon Foundation.

Paolo Avesani (M) co-author of the presentation (not attending the congress)

Paolo Avesani is the social media manager of Fondazione Telethon. He obtained his degree in Modern History from University of Rome "La Sapienza" and previously worked as a journalist within different Italian headlines. Currently he is responsible for the management of the social media accounts of Fondazione Telethon (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google +) and for the writing of news and articles for the official website and house organ. His technical skills cover: copywriting, social content management; social community management; digital PR.

Ciro Cattuto

Ciro Cattuto is the Scientific Director and the Data Science Laboratory head of the ISI Foundation in Turin (Italy) a 30-year old research institution that tackles fundamental and applied challenges in complex systems science and data-intensive mathematical modeling. His research focuses on the impact of data science on epidemiology, public health and health systems. He is the founder and principal investigator of the SocioPatterns international collaboration, the largest effort to date on measuring and modeling high-resolution human contact networks using wearable sensors. Ciro holds a

PhD in theoretical Physics from the University of Perugia (Italy) and carried out post-doctoral research at the University of Michigan (USA), at the Frontier Research System of the RIKEN Institute (Japan) as a Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and at Sapienza University in Roma with a "New Talent" grant from the Enrico Fermi Center.

June Raine

Dr June Raine trained in general medicine in Oxford after completing a Masters degree by research in Pharmacology. Her interest in drug safety led to a career in medicines regulation which has spanned a number of roles in assessment, management and strategic development within the UK national authority. Appointed in 1999 to head Pharmacovigilance in the UK, she was elected in 2005 to chair the CHMP's Pharmacovigilance Working Party and in 2012 as the first chair of the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee. She is also a member of the WHO Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicinal Products. Her special interests are in monitoring the outcomes of regulatory action, risk communication and patient involvement in the regulatory process.

Philip Tregunno

Phil is the Signal Management Unit Manager within MHRA's Vigilance Intelligence and Research Group (VIRG) and has over thirteen years of experience working in pharmacovigilance. For the past eight years he has been responsible for leading and developing the Signal Management function, including systems, processes, and relevant aspects of Pharmacovigilance Legislation. He led the development of the MHRA's proposal to lead the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative WEB-RADR project and subsequently coordinated the formation of the public consortium and its integration with the EFPIA consortium. Phil is now the Managing Entity and Work Package 5 lead for the project.