

EAACI Strategic Forum on Vision Zero in Allergy

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Agenda

09:30 – 10:15 | Opening: The Imperative for Vision Zero

09:30 – 09:35 Welcome

Speaker: Prof. María Torres, President, **EAACI**

09:35 – 09:55 Tackling the Allergy Epidemic in Europe

Speaker: Prof. María Torres, President, **EAACI**

09:55 – 10:15 Advancing Allergy Research and Innovation in Europe

Speaker: Prof. Mohamed Shamji, President-Elect, **EAACI**

10:15 – 11:00 | Understanding Allergy: Aetiology, Environment, and Disease Burden (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Prof. Isabella Annesi-Maesano, Patient and Public Health Outreach Hub Chief Editor, **EAACI**

Speakers:

- Dr. Maria Neira, former Director of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health in the **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- Dr. Gerardo Sanchez, Expert, **European Environment Agency**
- Dr. Antonio Fernandez Dumont, Scientific Officer, **European Food Safety Authority**
- Ms. Clare Bristow, Founder, **Sadie Bristow Foundation**

10:50 – 11:00 Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 Lived Experience: Environmental Impact

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- 11:00 – 11:05 Prof. Josep Maria Antó, Research Professor, **ISGlobal**
- 11:05 – 11:15 Mr. Nadim Ednan-Laperouse, Founder & Trustee, **Natasha Allergy Research Foundation**
- 11:15 – 11:30 Prof. Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier, Education Consultant, **CK-CARE**

11:30 – 11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:45 | Diagnosis and Disease Spectrum: Current Challenges (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Prof Maria Torres, President, **EAACI**

Speakers:

- Dr. Ulrike Gehring, Chair of the **ERS Environment & Health Committee**
- Mr. Steve Bridges, Consultant, **ECDA**
- Ms. Loredana Simulescu, Executive Director, **BioMed Alliance**
- Dr. Laura Garcia Bermejo, National Director, **EATRIS**
- Prof. Vito Sabato, Allergist and Clinical Immunologist, **Antwerp University Hospital**

12:30 – 12:45 | Q&A

12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch

13:45 – 14:40 | Management and Treatment: Innovation and Implementation (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Prof. Mohamed Shamji, President-Elect, **EAACI**

Speakers:

- Prof. Stefan Vieths, President, **Paul-Ehrlich-Institut**
- Prof. Sergio Bonini, Professor of Medicine **Institute of Translational Pharmacology Italian National Research Council (IFT-CNR)**
- Prof. Jose Luis Castro, Director-General Special Envoy for Chronic Respiratory Diseases, **WHO**

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14:40 – 15:00 Fireside Chat: Collaborative Guideline Development with EAACI

Moderator: Prof. Walter Canonica, Science Committee Chair, **EAACI**

Speakers:

- Prof. Holger Schunemann, **GRADE Working Group and Guidelines International Network**
- Prof. Danilo Di Bona, Methodology Committee Chair, **EAACI**

15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:00 | Strengthening Prevention, Policy, and Workforce Development (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Prof. André Moreira, Vice-President Congresses, **EAACI**

Speakers:

- Prof. Roy Gerth van Wijk, Professor in Allergology, **Erasmus Medical Center**
- Ms. Loredana Simulescu, Executive Director, **BioMed Alliance**
- Mr. Lee McGill, Head of Neurological, Post-Infection and Inflammatory Conditions & Palliative and End of Life Care, **Department of Health and Social Care**

15:55 – 16:00 Q&A

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16:00 – 16:30 | Vision Zero: Closing and Future Directions

Recap of key insights, shared priorities, and next steps to advance the Vision Zero agenda for allergy prevention and care in Europe

Speakers:

Prof. María Torres, President, **EAACI** & Prof. Mo Shamji, President-Elect, **EAACI**

16:30 – 17:30 | Networking cocktail session