

EAHSA's Aad Koster speaks at IPSE meeting and HOPE conference

EAHSA President Aad Koster has been a speaker at the 42nd Meeting of the European Institute for Social Protection (IPSE) in The Hague and at the HOPE 50th Anniversary conference in Rome.

Main theme of the IPSE conference was *The changing face of labor in the age of digital technologies* and Aad specifically addressed the developments in the health workforce market and the raise of number of self-employed carers in the sector. As a former ActiZ-CEO Aad was main employers' negotiator in collective bargaining.

At HOPE's conference, as a celebration of HOPE's 50th anniversary in Rome, Aad was a key-note speaker on integrated care. He introduced EAHSA's position paper on holistic care, being an extension of the current concept of integrated care. "Integrated care is a too narrow approach of quality care for older people", says Aad. "We need to extend the current medical integrated care concept towards a more holistic care concepts that not only cure, but also comfort, especially older people."

EAHSA joins ENHA in combatting under-nutrition in older persons

EAHSA and ENHA, the European Nutrition for Health Alliance will work together to combat under-nutrition in older persons.

The European Nutrition for Health Alliance works with key stakeholders to improve nutritional care across Europe by actively promoting the implementation of nutrition risk screening across Europe, raising public awareness, promoting appropriate reimbursement policies and by providing medical education. More information can be found at [ENHA's website](#).

One of the current ENHA campaigns is ONCA. Launched in 2014, the Optimal Nutritional Care for All (ONCA) campaign is a multi-stakeholder initiative to facilitate greater screening for risk of disease-related malnutrition/undernutrition and nutritional care implementation across Europe.



MEMBERS' CORNER

EAHSA welcomes Belgian Lifetech Valley as new member

EAHSA is welcoming Lifetech Valley as a new member. LifeTech Valley was launched in 2015 as a nonprofit cluster organisation to support economic development in the field of healthy ageing. This initiative has a strong regional focus on life sciences and healthcare development. LifeTechValley is a hub of the strong Flemish life sciences ecosystem (Flanders'Care, FlandersBio).

EAHSA launches new website in July

The EAHSA Secretariat has been working hard to re-design the EAHSA website, which will go live in July 2016. The new website is updated and easier to navigate and better adapted to the needs of the membership. The EAHSA website can be visited via www.eahsa.eu.

Wolfgang Meyer resigns as Board member

Wolfgang Meyer (Sozialwerk St. Georg) has announced his resignation as an EAHSA Board member. "Wolfgang has been a dedicated Board member for a long time. I'm thankful for his contributions to the association and for his personal commitment", says Aad Koster, EAHSA President. The

EAHSA calls for candidates for the EAHSA AWARDS 2016

For the second time, EAHSA will recognise an outstanding organisation and an innovative facility throughout Europe with the EAHSA Award. The award is entitled for a period of two years and gives a lot of (international) attention to the winners of this awards.

The 2016 EAHSA Award is calling for candidates in two categories: Best facility in Europe and Best organisation in Europe. These two awards recognize a facility and a provider organisation that demonstrates special or unique leadership, innovation and excellence to the sector.

Nominations can be sent in by 1st July 2016 to award@eahsa.eu, with "Award Nomination" in the subject line. The Award Committee is formed by Christine Merzeder (Switzerland), Sébastien Bourbon (France) and Freek Lapré, Chairman of the Award Committee (The Netherlands). The award winners will be announced during the bi-annual EAHSA Conference in Lyon.

Deadline early bird registrations extended to 15-7-2016
Check the EAHSA 2016 Conference website

For a full conference program and for registering, please check the dedicated [conference website](#).



CALENDAR

Events, seminars and conferences

Name	Date, place	Organiser
Info Day, Horizon 2020 - 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing'	8 Jul 2016, Brussels (BE)	DG CNECT
EAHSA Bi-annual conference	22-23 Sep 2016, Lyon (FR)	FNAQPA/EAHSA
19th European Health Forum	28-30 Sept 2016, Gastein (AT)	EHFG
LeadingAge 2016 Annual Meeting	30 Oct-2 Nov 2016, Indianapolis (US)	Leading Age
2nd European Summit on Innovation for Active and Healthy Ageing: Transforming the future of health and care in Europe	5-8 Dec 2016, Brussels (BE)	EIP - AHA
IAHSA bi-annual Conference	18-21 Sep 2017, Montreux (CH)	IAHSA

European Commission publishes online repository of innovative AHA practices

The Repository of innovative practices is the basis for the European scaling up strategy. The scaling up strategy constitutes another step in the development of the European Innovation Partnership for Active and Healthy Ageing to mobilise sufficient resources and expertise, which combined with the collection of innovative practices will ensure implementation of innovative solutions for active and healthy ageing on a European scale. The repository can be found [here](#).



EP discusses Work/life balance initiative

In July, the European Parliament will discuss a report with recommendations and amendments on the so-called Work-life balance initiative. The in 2015 published roadmap for “A new start to address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working families” aims to allow for working parents and people with dependent relatives, including carers to better balance family and work life, which in turn would allow for a greater sharing of care responsibilities between women and men.

The main objectives of the initiative is to enable people to stay in the workforce. Generally, it is said that one of the limitations is that the initiative does not actually reach carers outside of the workforce and those wanting to get back into the workforce. MEPs also call on Member States to increase childcare and elderly care places.

Slovakia's EU presidency focuses on migration and EU external border protection, not on care

The upcoming Slovak presidency of the Council of the EU has the implementation of the EU external border protection policy as one of its main objectives. For health, care and elderly care there is no specific focus nor priority. The programme and priorities of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU are expected to be approved by the Slovak Government end June 2016, and should be adapted to the outcomes of the UK referendum.



EESC to present an opinion on e-Seniors

The European Economic and Social Committee is preparing an opinion on the digitalisation of life of older people. E-seniors are a potential 25% of the European population. The EESC will therefore define the means for ensuring that this 25% of the European population (125 million) learn to make use of hardware and software and computer applications in everyday life or keep up their skills in this area.

The EESC reacts with this opinion on the communication of the European Commission about [A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe](#). A draft opinion is tabled for the EESC Plenary Session of July 2016.