



EHFG 2012: New Board elected for European Health Forum Gastein

Professor Helmut Brand was elected by the general meeting of the EHFG to be the new President. Vice President is the Member of the European Parliament Karin Kadenbach and treasurer is the tax consultant Ulrich Wiedemaier. EHFG founder Prof Günther Leiner will continue being associated with the most important health policy forum in the EU as Honorary President.

Bad Hofgastein, 5 October 2012 – The European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) has a new Board. The General Meeting elected Prof Helmut Brand (Chair of the Department of International Health at the University of Maastricht) to be President. Vice President is Karin Kadenbach, MEP (representing Austria in the European Parliament since 2009). Prof Günther Leiner, founder of the EHFG and its President for 15 years, was named Honorary President while tax consultant Ulrich Wiedemaier, who has been part of the forum for more than a decade, was elected to be Treasurer.

Other members of the Executive Board are Dr Clemens Martin Auer (Director General, Section 1 – Health Systems and Central Coordination, Austrian Federal Ministry of Health), Elisabeth Haschke-Becher, chief physician, PD and MBA (KH der Elisabethinen, Linz, and PMU, Salzburg), Dr Andreas Penk (Chairman of the Management of Pfizer Germany, President of Pfizer Oncology), Albert van der Zeijden (member of the Management Board of the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations; Chair of the Dutch Steering Committee on Drugs for the Treatment of Orphan Diseases and the Dutch National Board of the European Forum for People with Handicaps) as well as Martin Zeppezauer (Director General of Gasteinertal Tourismus Gesellschaft).

More than 600 decision-makers from the health care sector, science and research, industry and patients' organisations from over 45 countries have been meeting in Bad Hofgastein since 3 October at the most important health policy conference in the EU and discussing central issues on the future of health care systems.

Please find photos of the European Health Forum Gastein using this link: <http://www.ehfg.org/940.html>.

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