

EFCNI together with WHO have the great pleasure to invite you to an evening reception on 5 March 2013, 19:00

Caring for Tomorrow

Maternal and newborn health: the key to well-being of Europe's future generations



At the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union, Rue Wiertz 77,
1000 Brussels

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

A child's health and development is naturally linked to the health of his or her mother.

Maternal care, care at birth and what a child's health is like during the first weeks of life have a substantial influence on the development and health far into adult life. In some countries of the European region, mothers and newborns enjoy very high standards of care. Yet in many countries the situation is worrying and demands that action be taken to improve the health of these vulnerable groups.

Maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, birth defects, low birth weight and preterm birth continue to be serious problems for our societies. In an environment of demographic change and rising fiscal constraints, maternal and newborn health need to be considered as key success factors to the future sustainability of health and social care systems. They are in fact part of the solution to other well acknowledged priorities, such as the prevention of chronic diseases and creating a society that supports healthy and active ageing.

We look forward to exchanging views with you on the state of maternal and newborn health in Europe, and how the EU can make a significant impact to maximise the health of the next generation.

We warmly welcome you on 5 March!

Programme

19:00 Welcome drink and registration

20:00 Keynote

Dr. Angelika Niebler, Member of the European Parliament
Silke Mader, Chairwoman of the Executive Board, EFCNI

20:10 Having a preterm baby – A parent's perspective

Mandy Daly, Irish Premature Babies

20:15 Inverting the pyramid of pregnancy care

Prof. Dr. Kypros H. Nicolaidis, Director of The Fetal Medicine Foundation

20:30 Preventing chronic diseases during pregnancy - A health economic perspective

Prof. Dr. Lieven Annemans, Head of the Health Economics Unit, Ghent University

20:40 Ensuring a healthy start in life – EU standards of care for newborn health

Prof. Dr. Luc Zimmermann, President of the European Society for Paediatric Research

21:00 Improving quality of life for the baby and the family

Prof. Dr. Marleen Temmerman, Director of the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), WHO

21:15 Summary and recommendations

Dr. Angelika Niebler, Member of the European Parliament
PD Dr. Matthias Keller, Member of the Executive Board, EFCNI

21:30 Open discussion with flying buffet

Please kindly register before 27 February 2013
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the European Association of Perinatal Medicine (EAPM),
the European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR),
the European Society of Neonatology (ESN),
the European Society of Paediatric Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)
the Fetal Medicine Foundation (FMF)

as well as the European national parent organizations for maternal and newborn health.