Tuesday 26 April 2016 – European Parliament, Brussels

Hosts: MEP Pietikäinen, MEP Childers, MEP Borrelli

15:30–16:50: Visit the “Test your Allergies 2016” Exhibition
Mezzanine Yehudi Menuhin, PHS, Floor 2 (below Plenary Hall)

17:00–19:00: Opening Cocktail and Policy Discussion
Members Salon

15:15
Meet participants at entrance of the EP:
Meeting point: Espace Simon Weil, left side of
ASP entrance
(see map overleaf)

15:30–16:45
Visit the exhibition: “Test Your Allergies
2016 – Test, Inform, Prevent”
Allergy testing on site by team of EAACI medical
experts coordinated by EAACI Secretary General
Prof. Peter Hellings

16:50
Direct participants to Members Salon

Policy Discussion
Members Salon

Moderated by:

MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen EPP, Finland
Prof. Antonella Muraro President EAACI

17:00–17:30 Registration and opening cocktail meeting

17:30–17:35 Welcome and introduction
MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen EPP, Finland

17:35–18.00 European Commission Policy on Chronic
Diseases: learnings from the April 21st Chronic
Disease Conference
John Ryan European Commission, DG SANTE (tbc)

17.50–18.00 Perspective from the Allergy Doctors in Europe
Prof. Antonella Muraro President EAACI

18:00–18.10 Perspective from the Allergy Patient
Community in Europe
Ms. Christine Rolland President EFA

18.10–18.40 The role of the European Parliament in the
Chronic Disease Policy process: what can MEPs
do to help address allergy
MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen EPP, Finland
MEP Nessa Childers S&D, Ireland
MEP David Borrelli EFDD, Italy
MEP Csaba Molnár S&D, Hungary (tbc)

18:40–18:55 Q&A with the audience
Moderators:
Professor Ioana Agache VP Communication
and Membership, EAACI
Ms. Susanna Palkonen Director EFA

18:55–19:00 Closing remarks
MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen EPP, Finland
About the European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma

The European Parliament Interest Group on Allergy and Asthma (IG) was launched on 25 March, 2015, during a meeting co-hosted by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland) and MEP Nessa Childers (S&D, Ireland). The IG is an informal group of MEPs committed to policy actions to address unmet needs of allergy and asthma at EU level. It serves as a forum to share expertise and align interests engaging with relevant EU policymakers and stakeholders on Allergy and Asthma health.

The group is co-chaired by MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland) & MEP Nessa Childers (S&D, Ireland). The Secretariat of the IG is jointly coordinated by the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and the European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients Association (EFA).

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