

## Welcome to EPPOSI

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to the first of our regular bi-monthly to keep you informed about EPPOSI's activities and upcoming plans. Please contact your Executive Director, Jacqueline Bowman-Busato ([jacqueline.bowman@epposi.org](mailto:jacqueline.bowman@epposi.org)) or your Programme Manager Jonathan Ventura ([jonathan.ventura@epposi.org](mailto:jonathan.ventura@epposi.org)) for further details on any of the contents and how you can be more actively engaged.

## 2010 Highlights

EPPOSI ended 2010 with three workshops focusing on health technology assessment, rare diseases, and chronic conditions. The outcomes of these events will feed into the new thematic programmes which EPPOSI is introducing in 2011 (see below).

- The 2nd Workshop on Patient Engagement in Health Technology Assessment (HTA) was held in Brussels on 17 November 2010 and set out to identify the barriers to greater patient engagement in HTA, and come up with recommendations on how patients could become full partners in HTA policy and processes.

Read more at [http://www.epposi.org/web/activities/past-events/\\_year/2010/Past-Events.aspx](http://www.epposi.org/web/activities/past-events/_year/2010/Past-Events.aspx)

Download the conference report at [http://epposi.org/web/publications/\\_docs/publications/Documents.aspx](http://epposi.org/web/publications/_docs/publications/Documents.aspx)

- The 11th EPPOSI Workshop on Partnering for Rare Disease Therapy Development took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on 29-30 November 2010, under the theme "Working together to define Research, Regulation and Realities for the EU Rare Disease Community." Eight recommendations were proposed covering national plans for rare diseases, patients and industry's roles, and better collaboration between all partners - patients, industry, regulators, national HTA agencies and payers.

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The conference report will be available to download from April.

- EPPOSI's 2nd Workshop: A European Strategy for Chronic Conditions was held in Brussels, Belgium, on 9 December 2010, under the auspices of the Belgian Presidency of the EU, to develop the principles of a new holistic European model for chronic conditions management.

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## 2011 Events

In line with its new mission and goals <http://www.epposi.org/web/home/home.aspx>, as approved at its AGM in November 2010, EPPOSI held a Thematic Programming Day in Brussels on 2 February 2011 to discuss the key elements which should form the basis of the first two programmes:

### Chronic Conditions Management (CCM) Programme

As part of the 2012 reflection process called for in the Council conclusions of 7 December, EPPOSI's proposed new European model for chronic conditions management (CCM) will aim to encompass and give equal weight to both medical pathway and social/professional inclusion concerns. A Task Force is being set up to consult with stakeholders and devise a model which can be adapted by EU Member States and integrated into their national plans.

Read more at <http://www.epposi.org/upl/1/en/doc/Key%20elements%20for%20a%20holistic%20CC%20management%20model.pdf>

**Be Involved**  
Further opportunities for stakeholder consultation are planned. If you are interested in participating, please contact EPPOSI's Programme Manager at [jonathan.ventura@epposi.org](mailto:jonathan.ventura@epposi.org)

### Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme

The original objective of this programme was to develop concrete consensus guidelines for patients' involvement in HTA could contribute to the EUnetHTA Joint Action and be further promoted to national agencies, the European Commission and international organisations such as HTAI.

However, in order to avoid overlap with ongoing work by other groups (ISE HTA School) covering some of the same ground, the new focus is on looking at where EPPOSI can add value through its unique multi-stakeholder approach.

In this context, EPPOSI has renewed contact with the European Commission with a view to leveraging the previous invitation to engage within the EUnetHTA stakeholder forum.

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### Rare Diseases Programme

A rare diseases focus group will be held on 18 April in Brussels and chaired by EPPOSI's Secretary, Prof Jean-Jacques Cassiman. The aim is to define the content of our work programme on rare diseases in 2011 and beyond.

In order to ensure that all stakeholders' perspectives can be heard, the focus group will comprise representatives of the three EPPOSI stakeholder groups (patients, academics and industry) on an equal basis and will be limited to 20 people.

**Be Involved**  
Apply to join the focus group: e-mail your contact details to [jonathan.ventura@epposi.org](mailto:jonathan.ventura@epposi.org) (with "RD focus group" in the subject line) and we will contact you by 4 April if we can offer you a place.

**Share your views**  
via our stakeholder consultation survey: this survey will be published on EPPOSI website by 10 March. Participation will be possible until 25 March.

### Innovation Programme

EPPOSI is launching a totally new thematic programme on innovation in 2011 and will start the process by holding a focus group to define the content. Ideas already on the table from preliminary consultation show an interest working on the development of an EU Business model for innovation in the healthcare sector.

This will take place in Brussels on 22 March and will be composed of representatives of the three EPPOSI stakeholder groups (patients, academics and industry) on an equal basis and will be limited to 20 people.

**Be Involved**  
Apply to join the focus group: e-mail your contact details to [jonathan.ventura@epposi.org](mailto:jonathan.ventura@epposi.org) (with "Innovation focus group" in the subject line) and we will contact you by 15 March if we can offer you a place.

**Share your views**  
via our stakeholder consultation survey: this survey will be published on the EPPOSI website by 10 March. Participation will be possible until 25 March.

## Vacancy - Office Manager

EPPOSI is recruiting a full-time office manager.

Click here for full details and to download the application form [http://www.epposi.org/upl/1/default/doc/EPPOSI\\_office\\_manager\\_re.pdf](http://www.epposi.org/upl/1/default/doc/EPPOSI_office_manager_re.pdf)

Deadline for applications: 15 March

## EPPOSI Events

Please check our website regularly for updates on events that EPPOSI is organising. We are also happy to promote EPPOSI members' events on our website. Please send details - conference name, date(s), venue and web link - to [jonathan.ventura@epposi.org](mailto:jonathan.ventura@epposi.org)

EPPOSI will be represented at the following upcoming events:

High Level Conference on "Innovation in medical technology"

22 March 2011  
Brussels, Belgium  
Speaker: Jacqueline Bowman-Busato, Executive Director, EPPOSI

Innovation in Healthcare: from Research to Market  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/events\\_04\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/events_04_en.html)

European Commission  
30-31 March 2011  
Brussels, Belgium  
Speaker: Alastair Kent, Chairman, EPPOSI

Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) Conference  
[http://www.sip-meetings.org/grt-sip/GRT\\_SIP\\_en\\_Home/2011/154800744.jsp?sessionid=71FB89414E03002E0653F868CEE293C.drp1](http://www.sip-meetings.org/grt-sip/GRT_SIP_en_Home/2011/154800744.jsp?sessionid=71FB89414E03002E0653F868CEE293C.drp1)

European Federation of the Association for the Study of Pain (Grünetthal)  
3-4 May 2011  
Brussels, Belgium  
Event endorsed by EPPOSI

World of Health IT/Health Week  
<http://www.worldofhealthit.org/default.aspx>

HIMSS/European Commission  
10-12 May 2011  
Budapest, Hungary  
Speaker: Jacqueline Bowman-Busato, Executive Director, EPPOSI

## Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in finding out more about sponsorship opportunities for any of EPPOSI's events, please contact Jacqueline Bowman-Busato on +32 (0)2 274 1750 or [Jacqueline.bowman@epposi.org](mailto:Jacqueline.bowman@epposi.org)

EPPOSI is open to speaking engagements at its members' activities. Please contact us for any opportunity.

**We look forward to working with you in 2011.**  
EPPOSI Secretariat

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## About EPPOSI

Founded in 1994, EPPOSI (European Platform for Patients Organisations, Science and Industry) is an independent, not-for-profit, partnership-based and multi-stakeholder think tank based in Brussels, Belgium, committed to making the EU-2020 strategic vision work through the health and wellbeing of its citizens. With more than 40 EU-facing member organisations, EPPOSI works at the cutting edge of European health policy making, providing its members and the wider public with high-quality independent research, capacity building, knowledge exchange and dissemination with the aim of bridging the gap between innovation and improved public health outcomes.