**Venue:**
Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union,
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The European Sepsis Alliance was founded in 2018 with the support of the former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis, with the aim to raise awareness for sepsis as well as to reduce sepsis deaths in Europe. The ESA is one of the regional sepsis alliance of the Global Sepsis Alliance and has been established to support the implementation of the WHO Resolution on Sepsis.

The GSA is a non-profit charity organization with the mission to provide global leadership to reduce the worldwide burden of sepsis. The GSA is the initiator of World Sepsis Day on September 13 and World Sepsis Congress, a series of free online congresses bringing knowledge about sepsis to all parts of the world, among other initiatives.

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Sepsis -
The Most Preventable Cause of Death and Disability in Europe

3rd Annual Meeting of the European Sepsis Alliance
March 23rd, 2020 | 14:00 – 17:50
Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union

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A Call to Action

The European Sepsis Alliance annual event has reached its third edition and we have come a long way since the launch in 2018. The WHO, the European Commission, and some national authorities have recognized the enormous burden of sepsis for public health and the importance of supporting the fight against sepsis.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear from policy makers about how sepsis can fit in the public health agenda, listen to updates on the fight against sepsis in countries who have undertaken significant steps, and discuss with survivors and experts what it takes to fight sepsis effectively.

The Most Underestimated Cause of Death

Sepsis arises when the body’s response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. It may lead to shock, multi-organ failure, disability and death, especially if not recognized early and treated promptly. The Global Burden of Disease Sepsis Report, published in January 2020, estimated that 49 million cases of sepsis happen every year, with 11 million people dying. Twenty percent of all worldwide deaths are associated with sepsis.

What Is Happening in Europe

As the results of a Swedish study from 2016 suggest, about 700,000 of sepsis deaths may occur yearly in Europe. Countries and regions have started taking encouraging actions, but this is not enough. We need to engage with more stakeholders to ensure that sepsis becomes a priority in the public health agenda in the whole EU.

The ESA advocacy strategy has for objective to raise awareness of sepsis across all target audiences and to trigger public policy actions to improve sepsis prevention. We need to create a greater sense of urgency, more coordination across EU Member States and regions and better data collection. In this perspective we believe in the role of the European institutions and other stakeholders in supporting such effort.

Program

REGISTRATION

13:30 – 14:00

14:00 Welcome
Evangelos J. Giamarellos-Bourboulis, Chair, European Sepsis Alliance

14:05 Opening Remarks
Ortwin Schulte, Head of Division, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU

14:15 Sepsis, a Call to Action for Europe
Konrad Reinhart, President, Global Sepsis Alliance

14:30 A Sepsis Survivor, Twenty Years On
Tom and Nic Ray, UK

14:45 Keynote: The Strategy of WHO to Fight sepsis
Benedetta Allegranzi, WHO, tbc

15:00 Keynote: The European Commission’s Plan on Health
DG SANTE, European Commission, tbc

Moderator: Dennis Kredler, Vice-President, Global Sepsis Alliance
Participants: Kristoffer Strålin, Karolinska Institute, Sweden
Vida Hamilton, National Clinical Advisor, HSE, Ireland, tbc
Alba Vergés, Cataluña Health Ministry, Spain, tbc
Ron Daniels, CEO, UK Sepsis Trust, UK
Djillali Annane, Head of Critical Care Department at Raymond Poincaré Hospital, Dean of Simone Veil Medical School, University of Versailles, Paris, France
Ingvild Kjerkol, Member of Parliament, Norway, tbc

16:15 Coffee Break

16:30 Keynote: Addressing Patient Safety at Global Level
Abdulelah Alhawsawi, Director General Saudi Patient Safety Center, Saudi Arabia, tbc

16:45 Panel Debate: Building Support for Survivors and Families
Moderator: Evangelos J. Giamarellos-Bourboulis, Chair, ESA
Participants: Christiane Hartog, Coordinator Patient and Family Support WG, ESA
Michael Clarke, Sepsis Survivor, Belgium
Tom Ray, Sepsis Survivor, UK
Ulrika Knutsson, Sepsisfonden, Sweden
Annette von Butler, Sepsis Survivor, Germany
Idelette Nutma, Sepsis en Daarna, The Netherlands

17:45 Closing Remarks
Daniela Filipescu, Vice-Chair, European Sepsis Alliance

Program Chair
Louise Harvey, FTI Consulting