

**Pre-conference** organized by the **EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases**  
5<sup>th</sup> EPH-conference in **Malta, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## **WORKING WITH A CHRONIC DISEASE**

The objectives of the pre-conference are: 1) to increase and disseminate knowledge on the consequences for work (performance) caused by chronic disease from a European perspective; 2) to identify common approaches to develop the evidence and information base needed to guide policy; 3) to identify best practices for combating work-related problems associated with chronic diseases; and 4) to explore possibilities for establishing a European platform for “Chronic Diseases and Work”.

**Organizing Committee:** Dr Iveta Rajnicova-Nagyova, Dr Angela de Boer, Prof Ute Bültmann

**Venue:** The Hilton, St. Julians, Malta

**Registration:** [www.eupha.org](http://www.eupha.org)

**Chair:** Dr Iveta Rajnicova-Nagyova

### **PROGRAM**

- 8.30 Opening by the President of the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases  
*Dr Iveta Rajnicova-Nagyova, Safarik University, Kosice, Slovak Republic*
- 8.45 **Active and Healthy Ageing: How Innovation Can Help**  
*Ms Maria Iglesia Gomez, Head of the Innovation for Health and Consumers Unit, European Commission, DG Health and Consumers, Brussels, Belgium*
- 9.15 Plenary discussion
- 9.30 **Musculoskeletal Health and Work in the EU: The Fit for Work Europe Coalition**  
*Prof Stephen Bevan, Director of the Centre for Workforce Effectiveness at the Work Foundation, Lancaster University, United Kingdom*
- 10.00 Plenary discussion
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.35 **Towards a European Research Platform for “Working with a chronic disease”: 2013 and Beyond**  
*Dr Angela de Boer, Coronel Institute of Occupational Health, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands & Prof Ute Bültmann, Community and Occupational Medicine, University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands*
- 11.00 Plenary discussion: proceeding Working with a Chronic Disease: 2013 and beyond
- 11.30 End