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FRANCESCO DE LORENZO

PRESIDENT

Italian Federation of Cancer Patients Organisations
(FAVO) - *Italy*



Prof. De Lorenzo is a colon cancer survivor, medical doctor and professor of biochemistry at the University Federico II Naples. He has rich experience in cancer advocacy; as the co-founder, former Vice-President and the current President of the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC). He is also the founder and President of the Italian Association of Cancer Patients (AIMaC), Italy's first Cancer Information Service (CIS), and of the Italian Federation of Cancer Patients Organisations (FAVO). Prof. De Lorenzo is also active in Italy's governmental network of cancer Institutes (ACC), Italy's National Cancer Plan Committee and National Volunteer Observatory of the Italian Welfare Ministry. Prof. De Lorenzo was also engaged in Italian politics as a Member of Parliament (1983-1994), holding several ministerial mandates (Ministry of Health, 1989-1999).



KATHI APOSTOLIDIS

VICE PRESIDENT

HELLENIC CANCER FEDERATION (ELL.O.K.)
Greece

Kathi is a Public Affairs Consultant with diverse experience in regulatory and public affairs, diplomacy, strategy, marketing and communications with international companies and public service. As a twice breast cancer survivor, Kathi has been involved in breast cancer, survivorship and cancer patient rights advocacy for the last 25 years. Her advocacy covers issues of access to cancer care, informed shared decision making in cancer care, patient involvement in cancer research, health and cancer care policy and economics, cancer care delivery, patient safety, health technology assessment and digital technology in cancer care. At national level she serves as Board Member of KEFI Association of Cancer Patients, is the President of the Executive Committee of ELL.O.K., and volunteers for other Greek cancer patient associations.

JANA PELOUCHOVA

SECRETARY

DIAGNOZA LEUKEMIE
CZECH REPUBLIC



Jana is a chronic myeloid leukaemia patient who has been undergoing treatment for the past 14 years. In 2006 the challenges of living with CML led her to become the founder and chairperson of Diagnosa CML (patient organisation in Czech Republic) which evolved in 2014 into Diagnosa Leukemie patient society, addressing patients with all types of leukaemia's. The necessity for sharing and learning experiences in advocacy was the reason she became the co-founder of the CML Advocates Network (2007) and president of the Swiss-based Leukaemia Patient Advocates Foundation. Recently, she also became a member of the Steering Committee of the newly established global network CLL AN (chronic lymphocytic leukaemia). As a rare cancer advocate she also represents ECPC in Rare Cancers Europe. For a second election period she is a member of the ECCO PAC. In addition to gaining access to therapies in hemato-oncology she is focused on improving methods of patient education and adherence to oral anti-cancer drugs.



ANDREW WINTERBOTTOM

TREASURER

FIGHT BLADDER CANCER
UNITED KINGDOM

Andrew was diagnosed with a Stage 4 bladder cancer in 2009 and almost immediately after major surgery, set up the UK charity Fight Bladder Cancer as the first patient advocacy group in the UK for bladder cancer patients and their families. The charity, under Andrew's direction, has grown to be a significant voice for bladder cancer patients across the UK and more recently across Europe, where he helped to draft the Bladder Cancer White paper, launched April 2016. Andrew is also a representative of the UK National Cancer Institute's Bladder Cancer Clinical Studies group and two specialist sub-groups for invasive and non-invasive bladder cancer. In addition, he has also been the patient specialist representative on the NICE panel developing the latest UK Bladder Cancer Quality Standards and a patient advisor to the Scottish Medicines Coalition.

SZYMON CHROSTOWSKI

BOARD MEMBER

POLISH CANCER PATIENT COALITION

POLAND



Szymon is the leader of Poland's largest cancer patients' association and a key European opinion maker in relation to patients' access to innovative cancer treatments. He is a cancer survivor, diagnosed with testicular cancer at young age. He has worked for over 13 years to promote prophylaxis, enable early diagnosis, improve access to innovative therapies and educate society, patients & careers, as well as doctors, nurses and medical representatives. His main area of activity is patient advocacy and dialogue with decision makers, such as Ministry of Health, Parliament, National Health Found, HTA Agency and more. As a leader of Polish Cancer Patient Coalition, Szymon is responsible for preparing and enabling consultations and recommendations of changes in healthcare policy that are beneficial for patients. In 2012, he founded the Coalition Against Pain, which developed standards for treatment cancer pain in Poland, it succeeded in introducing for the first time in the history the compulsory education of pain management for all medical students in Poland.



DAN CIMPOERU

BOARD MEMBER

ASSOCIATION OF CANCER PATIENTS FROM ROMANIA

(FABC) - ROMANIA

Dan Cimpoeru is a doctor in Law and author of several scientific works and articles, including the book "MALPRACTICE"; a reference work in the Romanian publishing environment. As a lawyer, he has participated in the patient advocacy movement since 2007. He has worked with the Association of Cancer Patients from Romania and umbrella organizations, such as FABC and the Romanian Chronic Patients Alliance. From this position, he has represented the associations in front of the health authorities on various legal matters. At the same time, he has been deeply involved in defending patients' rights in court. In 2014-2015, based on the European Directive 89/105/EEC, he won 17 lawsuits against the Romanian government and as a result 165 cancer patients are now receiving medical treatment for free. In addition, the legislation was changed and from October 2015 these medicines are now covered by the national health insurance system for all Romanian cancer patients. Dan is also a legal consultant and expert of the World Health Organization (WHO).

NATACHA BOLAÑOS

BOARD MEMBER

SPANISH GROUP OF CANCER PATIENTS (GEPAC)

SPAIN



From a career in classical ballet Natacha became conscious of the benefits that movement and exercise techniques can bring to patients. This interest led her to a degree in Cancer Rehabilitation Through Exercise Referral, and to start collaborating with the Spanish Cancer Patients Group (GEPAC) in 2011. Now, Natacha is leading GEPAC's Physical Rehabilitation Department, helping patients to understand and to cope with cancer treatments. She has a broad experience in working with interagency partnerships, community, and educational groups and advocacy engagement. Natacha is involved in many international platforms concerning haematological and other rare diseases. She regularly participates in work streams and advisory boards, moderating support forums and updating educational resources in response to patient questions. This includes substantial information on diagnosis, treatments, and adverse effects. Natacha is clearly committed to increasing effectiveness as an advocate, remaining constantly updated with the scientific progresses.



PIETRO PRESTI

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Born in Turin, Italy, Pietro Presti is a dynamic and goal-oriented manager with broad experience in the healthcare sector, especially in oncology, including prevention, screening, cancer control and research. Pietro is a Managing Director at "Edo ed Elvo Tempia" Foundation, an Italian private foundation, primarily involved in cancer prevention and screening, palliative care, psycho-oncology and research in oncogenomics. Pietro has also been an active member of Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) since May 2007. He is CEO at im3D Clinic Scarl, a university spin-off operating in the field of oncological screening and prevention, based on medical imaging technologies dedicated to the early diagnosis and prevention of colorectal cancer and breast cancer. Pietro has a substantial experience in strategic and sustainable business development, international projects and institutional relationships, as well as an impressive record of managing and scaling complex and innovative public-private partnerships.

NICOLAS PHILIPPOU

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

CYPRUS



Nicolas serves as a General Manager of The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) since 2010. His values are patient-centred, goal-oriented, transparent, and professional, with the aim to grow the organization and be able to create impact towards achieving best patients' outcomes. Nicolas has a business background, holding a BA in Management and an MBA in Finance. He has 10 years of experience in the private sector, including two international companies with operations in Cyprus, Greece and the UK. These positions gave Nicolas an opportunity to work in diverse environments, cooperating and communicating with people from all calibre and professional backgrounds. In 2014 he was elected as the General Secretary of the Cyprus Patients Federation, an umbrella organization member of EPF and he has an excellent working relations with colleagues and board members from other European and International Cancer Associations.



ISTVAN BALOGH

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

HUNGARY

Istvan has been President of the Children Cancer Foundation for over ten years. His commitment, broad experience, as well as economic background and leadership skills have ensured a successful and confident future for the organization. Istvan is responsible for coordinating economic matters, planning budgets, conducting analysis, research and more. Thanks to his expertise, legal knowledge and engagement, Istvan is also a board member of several organizations in Hungary and in the USA.