



## THE ROLE OF NUTRITION IN CANCER CARE

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European Parliament, room A3H-1

Hosted by MEP Daciana Octavia Sârbu (S&D, Romania)



### SPEAKERS

#### **Daciana Octavia Sârbu (S&D, Romania)**

*Member of the European Parliament*



Born on 15 January 1977, in Arad, Romania, Daciana Sârbu is a Member of the European Parliament and the Romanian Social Democratic Party (PSD), part of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the EP (S&D).

She is vice-chair of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). She studied Commercial Law in Timisoara.

She has been a member of the Social Democratic Party of Romania since 1996. In 2004, she was elected as a member of the Romanian Parliament, and in 2007 she became an MEP. She is currently serving her third term, after being re-elected in May 2014.

One of Daciana's main priorities lies with children's nutrition and the fight against obesity. She recently co-authored a European Parliament resolution calling for a legal limit on industrial trans fatty acids in food. As the S&D shadow rapporteur in the ENVI committee for the Audio-Visual Media Services Directive, she supports legislation to minimise children's exposure to advertising for unhealthy foods and alcohol.

She is also promoting short food supply chains, organic agriculture and small-scale farming.

#### **Professor Francesco De Lorenzo**

*European Cancer Patient Coalition President*



Prof. De Lorenzo is a colon cancer survivor, medical doctor and professor of biochemistry at the University Federico II Naples. He has a rich experience in cancer advocacy, being 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, 1989-199).

At the Europe and international level, Prof. De Lorenzo is:

- Member of the European Commission Expert Group on Cancer Control;
- ECPC representative within CanCon, in several Work Packages;
- ECPC representative within the EU Joint Action on Rare Cancers, in several Work Packages;
- Founding Member of the Elite Oncology Roundtable, created under the auspices of the Society for Translational Oncology - STO, from which the European Cancer Patients' Bill of Rights originated;
- Co-chair of ECPC Expert Group on Immuno-Oncology;
- Member of the General Assembly of the Worldwide Innovative Networking (WIN) Consortium;
- Member of the Patient Advisory Group of the IMI PREFER project;
- Member of the Science Policy Committee of the European Academy of Cancer Sciences.



**Prof. Maurizio Muscaritoli**  
***Director Unit of Internal Medicine and Clinical Nutrition***  
***University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy***

Prof. Muscaritoli received his Medical Degree in 1982 and completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Nephrology subsequently. He worked as a research fellow in Prof. Michael Meguid's laboratory at Department of Surgery, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY. Thereafter, he joined the University "La Sapienza" first as an assistant professor in the Department of Clinical Medicine, then as an associate professor in 2001. Currently he is Full Professor of Internal Medicine at the department of clinical Medicine, University La sapienza, Rome, Italy.

By collaborating with many institutions, his research mainly focuses on metabolic alterations in cancer; cancer cachexia, pathogenic mechanisms of muscle wasting in cancer and other chronic diseases, nutritional and metabolic support in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Prof. Muscaritoli is the Chairman of the Special Interest Group on Cachexia-anorexia in Chronic Diseases of the European Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN). Coordinator of the Nutrition Education Study Group (NESG) of the European Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN). Served as the Editor-in-Chief of RINPE, the official Journal of the Italian Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (SINPE) from 2000 to 2005. Served as the Chairman of the Italian Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (SINPE) from 2005 to 2009. Since 2015 he is Chairman of the Italian Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (SINuC).

He is member of the Editorial Board of Clinical Nutrition. Associate Editor of Nutritional Therapy and Metabolism (NT&M). Associate Editor of Internal and Emergency Medicine (IEM). Associate Editor of The Journal of Nutrition

and Metabolism. Section Chief Editor, *Frontiers in Clinical Nutrition*. Author of several papers in peer-reviewed indexed journals, book chapters and clinical guidelines.

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**Isabelle Manneh-Vangrambaren**  
***Projects Coordinator/Manager, ECPC***

Isabelle is the ECPC Projects Coordinator / Manager and is currently the appointed executive body for all EU funded projects participating in several European Union's Research and Innovation framework programmes in addition to working on 3 principal EU Policy files: the European Cross Border Health Directive, the General Data Protection Regulation, and Health Technology Assessment.

Isabelle holds a double Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, a Master degree in Public Health, in addition to a post-master in European Studies specialising in EU Policy & Project Management with professional experience in the U.S., Europe, Middle East and Asia. She is a USAID Training Future Leaders Scholarship recipient, Golden Key International Honour Society member, and a EUPATI Scholar with a passion for community mobilization and patient empowerment.

- Member of the General Assembly of the Worldwide Innovative Networking (WIN) Consortium
- Member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- Member of the European Commission's Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Stakeholder Pool
- Member of the health technology Assessment International (HTAi)
- Lead Patient Advisory Group (PAG) member of the IMI PREFER project: steering patient input on PREFER recommendations, management and communications.
- Representative of the European Patient Group (ePAG) in the European Reference Network (ERN) for adult rare solid cancers (EURACAN)



**Robert S. Greene**  
***Founder and President of the HungerNdThirst Foundation, Netherlands***

Being a cancer survivor himself, Robert Greene is the President and the Founder of the HungerNdThirst Foundation.

HungerNdThirst Foundation is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and is a Member of the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC).

The foundation provides oncology patients and caregivers with practical solutions on dealing with challenges which comes with having cancer. HungerNdThirst is committed to improving the quality of life for cancer patients while focusing on nutrition, taste alteration caused by chemotherapy, access to physical therapy and social, practical and mental support.

Robert is an advocate for patient centred and patient centric policies in clinical trials, member of the Workgroup SIBOPMAAT.NL to improve the patient information about drug side effects used to treat cancer, and participant in the 1st Health Innovation School 2017 in collaboration with REshape Center and Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.



**Ariane Cambier**  
***Les Amis d'Institut Jules Bourdet, Belgium***

Ariane Cambier is the General Secretary of « Les Amis de l'Institut Bordet », a Belgian non-profit association aimed to support medical research at the Institut Jules Bordet, Brussels, Belgium. She obtained a Master in International Relations and a Certificate in Development Cooperation from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. From 1987 to 2006, she occupied various executive positions in major companies in the private sector. In 2006, she joined “Les Amis de l'Institut Bordet” in order to professionalize the management of this charity.

Thanks to her work, “Les Amis” significantly increased their revenues and were able to fund more and more research projects.

As a breast cancer survivor, Ariane also contributes, by developing close ties with the medical staff, to the development of new projects related to patients' well-being. She attaches special importance to the way of communicating on cancer and its treatment and is responsible for the publishing of “The Bordet News”, a quarterly newsletter intended for patients.