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agenda

9:30

Opening

- Denis BERTIN, Vice-President of the A*Midex Foundation, in charge of MIB

9:45

Immunology: latest scientific breakthroughs & challenges ahead

- Sirpa JALKANEN, Professor in Immunology, InFLAMES, Finland (15 min)

The rise of immunology in society

- Daniel OLIVE, Professor in Immunology, Marseille Immunology Biocluster (MIB), France (15 min)

Translating immune regulations into patient treatments for tackling human diseases

- 10 min for Q&A

10:25

Coffee break

10:50

1st Panel – Innovative ecosystems as a driver to advance R&I in health

- Lidia AGUILERA MARTÍNEZ, Director of Innovation of Center CaixaResearch Institute, Spain
- Rita CARSETTI, Vice-President of The International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS), France
- Carole MASURIER, CEO of Marseille Immunology Biocluster (MIB), France
- Cristina NICULESCU, Senior Specialist, Life Sciences and Health Division, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
- Raivo UIBO, Professor of Immunology, University of Tartu, Representative of the ImmunoHUB initiative, Estonia

Moderator: ► Joe HETTINGER, Research Manager, InFLAMES, Finland

11:50

Introduction

Powering Immunology Innovation: Euro-Biolmaging Accelerates Discovery and Translation

- John ERIKSSON, Director General, Euro-Biolmaging, Finland

12:00 Networking Lunch

13:00 **Strengthening Europe's sovereignty & competitiveness through health and life science research**

Forward-looking video keynote on European health and R&I policies and upcoming channels of action

► Sandra GALLINA, Director-General of Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission, Belgium

13:30 **2nd Panel – Enhancing Europe's leadership & sovereignty in health innovation**

► Introductory video speech by **Ville NIINISTÖ**, Member of the European Parliament, Finland

► Dr Caroline AURICHE-BENICHO, European Medicines Agency (EMA), Chair of Rheumatology and Immunology Working Party, Iceland

► Carmen LAPLAZA SANTOS, Head of Unit for Health Innovations, Directorate General for Research and Innovation (RTD), European Commission, Belgium

► Hugh LAVERTY, Chief Scientific Officer, Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) Joint Undertaking, Belgium

► Anca TOMA, Executive Director of European Patient Forum EPF, Belgium

Moderator: ► Céline DAMON, amU, Head of Mission Europe for Research (amU, CNRS, Inserm, IRD), France

14:40

Conclusion

► Timo VEROMAA, Professor of Practice, InFLAMES, Finland

► Denis BERTIN, Vice-President of the A*Midex Foundation, in charge of MIB

15:00 Cocktail Event

17:00 End of the conference