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General Information

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EUROPEAN ESTHER ALLIANCE

**10th birthday celebration of activities:
history and prospective**

June 15, 2012

Aula Pocchiari

ESTHER, is a French acronym that stands for “Together for a Networked Hospital Therapeutic Solidarity/ Ensemble pour une Solidarité Thérapeutique Hospitalière en Réseau”. Actually the initiative (launched in 2002 by France, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain) gathers 12 European countries (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland).

It aims at implementing Development cooperation projects in health in limited income countries, mainly through hospital twinning partnerships.

Initially, ESTHER focused on HIV/AIDS. It is now an instrument promoting and providing support in country partners for a wide range of health related issues: mother and child health, HIV/Aids, neglected diseases, health system strengthening, operational research etc.

A recent progress report on each member country's activities showed that the Alliance is active in nearly 40 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, Central and South America, Central and South-East Asia.

Website: www.esther.eu

Friday, June 15, 2012

9.30 Opening Session

R. Balduzzi

Italian Minister of Health

E. Garaci

President Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Session I

Chairpersons: **F. Oleari; D. Israel-Biet**

10.00 The History of Esther

B. Kouchner

10.20 *Access to treatment and care in resource-limited settings*

Treatment 2.0: the WHO/UNAIDS pathway :

S. Vella

Health system strengthening: human resources, integration and decentralization of Services

G. Raguin

11.00 General Discussion

11.20 *Coffee break*

Session II

Chairperson: **S. Vella**

11.40 EDCTP: achievements and perspectives for Horizon 2020

P. Beattie

12.00 Discussion

12.10 *African Partnerships for Patient Safety: Building momentum for change*

A WHO programme focused on patient safety improvement through hospital-hospital partnerships involving 14 African and 3 European countries

S. B. Syed

12.30 General Discussion

13.00 *Lunch*

Invited speakers and chairpersons

Renato Balduzzi

Italian Minister of Health

Pauline Beattie

Operations Manager, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), The Netherlands

Enrico Garaci

President - Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy

Dominique Israel-Biet

GIP ESTHER - Chair of the Board, France

Bernard Kouchner

Former French Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Minister of Health - Founder of the ESTHER Initiative, France

Fabrizio Oleari

General Director for Health and Prevention - Ministry of Health, Italy

Gilles Raguin

GIP ESTHER - Executive Director, France

Shams B. Syed

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