



“GRAND EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM: TRAINING, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE EUROPE OF HEALTH”

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**Live from the Sorbonne’s Grand Amphitheater, Paris, France,
and in multiplex with partner European universities
and research centers**

Health is involved in many global and strategic challenges. These challenges are increased by the Covid-19 pandemic and by all pandemics in general, but they are also tied to ageing populations, climate change and economic, societal and social crises. Everywhere in the world health is found at the heart of citizens and government leaders’ preoccupations.

Also, and perhaps more than any other sector, Health must face the information crisis, the relativism of values and the questioning of knowledge and science. The fears and concerns tied to the health crisis and to the economic difficulties associated with it have a sometimes negative influence on the population’s perception of health, medical and scientific questions.

Lastly, health news and the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic may have dramatic effects on the lives and health of young people, especially on students, that are confronted with a crisis which prevents them from having social interactions, immerses them sometimes in economic precarity and keeps them from peacefully building their future.

In this context Europe is affirming itself as a solution to face current and future health issues. Having health education and research as its base, the “Europe of Health” will certainly be able to better respond to future sanitary crises but also to offer new perspectives to caregivers and young Europeans worried about the future. Building an efficient, attractive and ambitious European health model that is capable of collaborating with other world powers would bring Europeans together around a common project and a European identity based on Health, Research and Education.

Health dedicated universities and their research structures are thus at the heart of essential themes of European societies. For this reason, they fully intend to take the measure of their societal responsibilities.

PROGRAMME

09.55/ Start of the Symposium and Welcome: Dominique PATERON* (Administrator of Sorbonne Université) and **Bruno RIOU** (Dean of the faculty of Medicine Sorbonne Université)

10.00/ Opening and Institutional speeches: Patrice DIOT (President of the Conference of Deans of Medicine Faculties, CDD) and **Manuel TUNON DE LARA** (President of the Conference of University Presidents, CPU)

- **Olivier VÉRAN** (French Minister of Solidarity and Health)
- **Frédérique VIDAL** (French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation)
- **Othman NASROU** (Vice-président of the Conseil Régional d’Île-de-France)

10.35/ Introduction: Patrice DIOT (President of the Conference of Deans of Medicine Faculties, CDD) and **Manuel TUNON DE LARA** (President of the Conference of University Presidents, CPU)

10.45/ Interview: Conversation between **Véronique TRILLET-LENOIR** (Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur of the “Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan” and rapporteur of the “report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on serious cross-border threats to health”) and **Pascal MAUREL** (Medical journalist and director of the think tank UC2m)

11.00 – 13.00/ Session 1: « Research and innovation at work for the construction of a European health policy”

The purpose of this first session of the symposium is to consider the objectives, functioning and characteristics of what could be a European health policy committed in particular to research and innovation. The debates and analyzes can be based on the effects and lessons learned due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Their final objective will also be to offer a long-term vision to build efficient, coordinated and collaborative European health systems, able to anticipate and respond to major current and future health challenges (pandemics, treatment of diseases such as cancer, etc.) and to ensure the sovereignty and autonomy of Europe.

- **11.00/ Introduction: Axel PRIES** (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) and **Gaël GRIMANDI** (President of the French Conference of Deans of Pharmacy Faculties)

- **11.05/ keynote speech: John Middleton** (President, ASPHER – Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region)
- **11.20/ Panel discussion:** Moderation by **Laurent CHAMBAUD** (Director of the EHESP French School of Public Health) and **Reza ARBAB-CHIRANI** (President of the French Conference of Deans of Dentistry Faculties):
 - **Domenico ALVARO** (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome)
 - **Jean-Yves BLAY** (President of Unicancer, Federation of the French Comprehensive Cancer Centres)
 - **Christian BOITARD** (Member of the Académie de médecine)
 - **Claire GIRY** (French General director for Research and Innovation)
 - **Martin HIRSCH** (General director, Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Paris)
 - **Thomas LOMBES** (Deputy CEO, Strategy, INSERM)
 - **Irene NORSTEDT** (Director and responsible for the Health Directorate, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission)
 - **Axel PRIES** (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
 - **Didier SAMUEL** (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Paris-Saclay University, and President of the CNCR)
 - **Yazdan YAZDANPANA** (Director of the ANRS, the French agency for AIDS and viral hepatitis research)

Spokespersons of the session: Ariane BERDAL ((UFR Odontologie de l'Université de Paris, Chargée de mission Recherche Conférence des Doyens d'Odontologie) and **Laurent CHAMBAUD** (Director of the EHESP French School of Public Health)

13.00 – 13.05/ Interlude: President of Alliance Urgences, dialogue with **Xavier DU CREST DE VILLENEUVE** (President, Alliance Urgences)

13h05 – 14h10/ Lunch break

14.10 – 14.15/ Interlude: The role that health students can play in NGOs, dialogue with **Xavier DU CREST DE VILLENEUVE** (President, Alliance Urgences)

14.15 – 16.00/ Session 2: « Ensuring the well-being and mobility of health students within the framework of quality training in Europe »

The objective of the second session of the Symposium is to compare the mental health assessments of health students in the countries of the European Union, in particular in the context of the Covid-19 epidemic which has particularly affected and mobilized them. In an approach based on exchanging best practices, the functioning of the various European training and internship systems and their potential effects on the well-being of students both in "normal" times and in times of crisis will also be analyzed. Finally, with the following objectives, proposals will be made to take better account of aspects related to the quality of life of students in health training programs in Europe:

- *Ensure the well-being of all European health students;*
 - *Offer quality and harmonized tools in Europe in order to achieve student well-being objectives;*
 - *Facilitate the mobility of European health students, in particular by harmonizing training programs and evaluations.*
- **14.15/ Introduction: Gilles RODE** (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Claude Bernard University Lyon 1)

- **14.20/ “Can Europe still appeal to students and benefit them?”** Daniel COHN-BENDIT (former member of the European Parliament) and Enrico LETTA (former Prime Minister of Italy) in front of a panel of European students: Jonas NICKEL (Humboldt University, Berlin), Alexandra PODVARKOVA (Humboldt University, Berlin), François DIB (ANEPF), France, Gaëtan CASANOVA (ISNI, France), Irene LICASTRO (la Sapienza, Rome), Hajar DRISSI (University of Bologna)
- **15.00/ Panel discussion:** Moderation by Jean SIBILIA (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Strasbourg University) and Véronique LECOINTE (President of the French Conference of midwifery Faculties):
 - Laure COUDRET-LAUT (General director of the French Erasmus + Agency)
 - Karine GLOANEC MAURIN (Regional Counselor in charge of Europe and International cooperation, Région Centre-Val de Loire, and former member of the European Parliament)
 - Lamia KERDJANA (President, Jeunes Médecins Ile-de-France)
 - Gaétane NOCTURNE (MCUPH, Commission « international relations » of the Faculty of Medicine, Paris-Saclay University)
 - Sylvie RETAILLEAU (President of Paris-Saclay University)
 - Franck ROLLAND (Vice-president for quality of life, ISNI - InterSyndicale Nationale des Internes)
 - Serima TEBBACHE (ULB-Université Libre de Bruxelles, spokesperson of the Cimacs, Belgium)

Spokespersons of the session: Armelle DREXLER (Coordinator “Commission des affaires médicales de la Conférence des DG de CHU”), Gilles RODE (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Claude Bernard University Lyon 1)

16.10 – 16.15/ Interlude: Appeal for action and international aid, dialogue with Xavier DU CREST DE VILLENEUVE (President, Alliance Urgences)

16.15 – 17.30/ Session 3: « European universities’ role in the defense of rationality, science and the reality of evidence based-science »

During session 3, we will analyze the “state of health” of scientific knowledge, information and discussion in Europe, in particular in this period of crisis linked to the Covid-19 pandemic.

University is still considered a credible and important player in public debate by a majority of citizens who view it as “worthy of confidence”. The objective of this session will therefore be to consider how the University setting can and must ensure the defense of science within society in order to make rationality and evidence-based science win against charlatanism and conspiracy.

- **16.15/ Introduction:** Christel VAN GEET (Vice-rector for the group of biomedical sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium) and Macha WORONOFF (President of the University of Franche-Comté)
- **16.20/ Keynote speech:** Jean-François DELFRAISSY (President of the France's COVID-19 Scientific Council)
- **16.45/ Panel discussion:** Moderation by Sylvia BENZAKEN (Vice-president of the CME of the Hospital Pasteur, Nice) and Patrick LÉVY (President of the European Affairs Committee, Conference of University Presidents):
 - Yves FLÜCKIGER (Rector of the University of Geneva)
 - Gilles GRESSANI (Director of the review « Le Grand Continent »)

- **Chris VERSLYPE** (Vice dean for international affairs of the Faculty of Medicine, KU Leuven, Belgium)
- **Richard HORTON** (Editor in chief of « The Lancet »)
- **Pascal MAUREL** (Medical journalist and director of the think tank UC2m)
- **Danielle MESSAGER** (Journalist)
- **Véronique PRÉAT** (Professor, UC Louvain)

Spokespersons of the session: **Patrick LÉVY** (President of the European Affairs Committee, Conference of University Presidents) and **Frédéric LAGARCE** (Associate Dean of the Faculty of Health, University of Angers)

17.45/ Proposals for the University and Science of tomorrow in Europe

18.30/ Conclusions: **Patrice DIOT** (President of the Conference of Deans of Medicine Faculties, CDD) and **Patrick LÉVY** (President of the European Affairs Committee, Conference of University Presidents)

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