

Health threats from climate change: Scientific evidence for policy-making

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SPEAKERS



Cristian BUȘOI is a Member of the European Parliament from Romania (EPP Group), who currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), as well as being member of the Delegations for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and for relations with the Arab Peninsula. Prior to this, he was President of National Health Insurance House in Romania (2013-14), Member of European Parliament (2007-13) and member of the Romanian Parliament (2004-2007), where he was a member of the Health and Family Committee. In 1999, he founded the "21st Century Youth" association in Drobeta Turnu Severin. He graduated from the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Carol I National Defense College, and the Law School of Titu Maiorescu University. In 2010, he obtained his Ph.D. in public health and health management from the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timișoara.



Andy HAINES was Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is currently Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health. He has been a member of many national and international bodies, including the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the UK DFID Research Advisory Group (latterly chair), and the WHO Advisory Committee on Health Research. He was chair of the Rockefeller Foundation/Lancet Commission on Planetary Health and is currently a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Leadership Council and the Rockefeller Council on the Economics of Planetary Health. His research interests focus on the effects of climate change on health and the health (co-)benefits of 'low carbon' policies, including sustainable healthy cities and food systems. He was knighted for services to medicine in 2005.



Volker TER MEULEN is a medical doctor, who trained in virology in the USA and specialised in paediatrics and in clinical virology. In 1975 he became a full professor and Chairman of the Institute of Virology and Immunobiology at the University of Würzburg and was twice elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Würzburg University. During his research career, ter Meulen worked on molecular and pathogenic aspects of viral infections in man and animals, in particular on infections of the central nervous system. He has been invited to give policy advice on research matters to German research organisations and to state and federal ministries of science in Germany. Internationally, he has served on a number of committees of organisations and scientific societies in the area of virology and infectious diseases. From 2003-2010, he was President of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. From 2007-2010, he was President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC). He was elected Co-Chair of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) in 2013 and is now its President.



Caroline COSTONGS is a Director of EuroHealthNet, a European partnership for improving health, equity and wellbeing, based in Brussels. She leads a multi-disciplinary team engaged in EU and national policy, advocacy, research and capacity-building. She is part of the WHO Coalition of Partners on strengthening public health services, supports APHEA (Agency on Public Health Accreditation) and is member of the International Congress Council for the 16th World Congress on Public Health in Rome in 2020. She is the PI of the Horizon2020 funded INHERIT project on achieving healthy and environmental, friendly lifestyles. She has an MSc in public health from the University of Maastricht. Previously she has worked at the Netherlands Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation and at the Health Institute of the Liverpool John Moores University.



Robin FEARS trained as a biochemist and had 30 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry in the UK. The early years were focused on cardiovascular disease and neurosciences, from discovery through to marketed product. The final decade of this industry experience was occupied in setting up a policy group for R&D in Europe. Since then, for the past 10 years, as a self-employed consultant, he has worked as adviser to various bodies in universities, academies of science and medicine, industry and with parliamentary and government groups, on issues relating to biosciences and innovation in the EU. He has provided support to the EASAC Biosciences Programme for a range of projects in biomedical and plant sciences and emerging technologies since 2002.



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