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INVITATION

Research and Respiratory Medicine: Addressing future challenges for improved lung health.

Date: Tuesday, 13th April 2010
Time: 12.30 to 14.30 hrs
Place: **European Parliament, Brussels,**
Room: **JAN 6Q2 - József Antall building, Rue de Trèves 1A**
See location map at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/pdf/visit/bru.pdf>

A sandwich lunch will be provided.

Hosted by:

Prof. Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, MEP
Ms. Satu Hassi, MEP

Please register to this **Seminar on Respiratory research** at: www.ersnet.org/LungResearch



"We need to promote excellence in European respiratory research to improve the quality of life of millions of European citizens suffering from lung diseases by strategic investment in and commitment to competitively driven medical research." - Prof. Nikos Siafakas, ERS President

About 2010 Year of the Lung

Leading international respiratory societies have declared [2010 the Year of the Lung](#) in an effort to increase awareness of the importance of lung health. Millions of people suffer daily from treatable and preventable lung diseases. It is a problem frequently underestimated by the public and poorly addressed by decision makers. See: www.2010yearofthelung.org

About the ERS

The [ERS](#) is a professional, medical organisation with more than 10,000 members in over 100 countries representing medical and scientific experts in the field of respiratory medicine and lung science. Its mission is to promote lung health through research, knowledge sharing and medical education. See: www.ersnet.org

Why attend this event?

The importance of lung health research cannot be overestimated. Unless we act now, one in six premature deaths worldwide will be caused by lung diseases by 2020.

Draft Programme

"If you think research is expensive, try disease!" – Mary Lasker, champion of medical research (1901–94)

11:00-12:15	Registration at European Parliament (EP badge collection)
12:15-13:00	Sandwich lunch
13:00-13:10	Welcome Prof. Ioannis A. Tsoukalas, Member of the European Parliament Ms. Satu Hassi, Member of the European Parliament
13:10-13:20	2010 Year of the Lung objectives Prof. Nikos Siafakas, ERS President
13:20-13:40	Respiratory research community's view on the future challenges in Europe for improved lung health Prof. Sven-Erik Dahlén, ERS Research Director
13:40-13:50	European Commission Ms. Patricia Reilly, Member of Cabinet, Science and Society (incl health) of the Research, Innovation and Science Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn
13:50-14:00	General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union Mr. Jiří Buriánek, Director, Directorate C, Competitiveness, Innovation and Research
14:00-14:30	General Discussion on Society's Grand Challenges and how European medical research can be part of the solution
14:30	Close of meeting