

## EU Health Prize for Journalists European Jury meeting 24 September 2009

**Chair:**

**Robert Madelin**



Robert Madelin became Director-General for Health and Consumers in January 2004. He has overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the work of the Directorate-General in its three main areas: public health, food safety and consumer protection.

He was educated in England at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe and at Magdalen College, Oxford. He has also studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris. He has previously served as a Director in the European Commission Directorate-General for Trade, and was Deputy Head of Cabinet to Sir Leon (now Lord) Brittan, European Commission Vice-President.

**Harro Albrecht**



Harro Albrecht is a Medical Doctor, MD and has been working as a medical Writer/Editor for the German Weekly DIE ZEIT since 1.1.2000. Harro was a Nieman Fellow on Global Health Reporting 2007 at Harvard University. He has also been a Temporary Advisor to WHO on Media and Bioterrorism. He has written a thesis in neuroanatomy: "Histogenesis and Morphogenesis of the Visual Cortex in trisomy 19 mice".

**Gabriela Cañas**



Gabriela Cañas is a journalist. She began with the "Diario de Cadiz" with the newspaper "Madrid Informaciones" and in the public broadcast "Radiocadena Española". In 1981, she started working for El País and in 1988 she began working as part of the foundation team of the magazine "ElGlobo". In "El País", where she returned in 1989, she was the head of the local information sector for

the society section specializing in women, science and health. She was Brussels correspondent for the paper for 5 years, between 2000 and 2005. From January 2006 until April 2008 she returned to El País, where she carried out interviews for the El País Semanal (the weekend edition of the paper).

## Lieve Fransen



Doctor in Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics, University of Ghent, Belgium (1968-75). Masters in Tropical Medicine and Public Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium (1979). PhD. in Social Policies and Public Health, University of Antwerp, Belgium (1987): Thesis on "Analysis of affordable and feasible public health policies in industrialised and developing countries. Constraints from policy to practice".

From Sept. 2007: Director of the Representations Directorate for the European Commission's Directorate-General Communication. 2001-2007: Head of Unit / Vice Chair of the Board of the Global Fund, DG DEV / Human Development, Social Cohesion and Employment Unit (DEV/B3). 2000-2007: Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) (DEV/B3). 1993-2001: Principal Administrator and head of sector, DG DEV (B3). 1987-1993: Founder and Executive Director of the EC AIDS Task Force. 1975-1987: Extensive experience as medical doctor, manager and policy research. Working and living in several African countries (Mozambique, Cape Verde Islands, Rwanda, Kenya) setting up a worldwide cooperation on policy and clinical research in Rwanda and Kenya.

## Ilona Kickbusch



Prof. Kickbusch is the Director of the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She advises organisations, government agencies and the private sector on policies and strategies to promote health at the national, European and international level.

She has published widely and is a member of a number of advisory boards in both the academic and the health policy arena. She has received many awards and served as the Adelaide Thinker in Residence at the invitation of the Premier of South Australia. She is presently involved in two new initiatives: Global Health Europe - a platform for European Commitment to Global Health and the Consortium on Global Health Diplomacy. Her key areas of interest are health in all policies, the health society and health literacy, global health governance and global health diplomacy. She has had a distinguished career with the World Health Organization, at both the regional and global level, where she initiated the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and a range of "settings projects" including Healthy Cities and health promoting schools. She was director of communications for the WHO from 1993 – 1998. She then joined Yale University as the head of the global health division, where she contributed to shaping the field of global health and headed a major Fulbright programme. She is a political scientist with a PhD from the University of Konstanz, Germany.

## Geoff Meade



Geoff Meade is the Europe Editor of the Press Association, the UK and Ireland's national news agency. He has been based in Brussels since 1979 and is an expert on European Union affairs.

As well as reporting on every aspect of the EU's activities for the past 30 years for PA, he is also a well-known columnist, with a regular column in E!Sharp magazine, and has just published his first book, 'All in a Day's Shirk', a collection of columns about everyday life which first appeared in The Bulletin magazine.

Geoff also commentates on EU affairs for Deutsche Welle World Television, and presents the European Parliament's monthly "Leaders of Europe" television show. He is a speaker and moderator at conferences and seminars.

Before moving to Brussels, Geoff worked as a reporter for the Press Association in both London and in Northern Ireland. He started his journalistic career on the Herald Express, a daily evening newspaper in the South West of England.

## Andrzej Ryś



Director in Directorate C - "Public Health and Risk Assessment", in DG "Health and Consumers", European Commission. Andrzej Ryś is a medical doctor graduated from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. He specialized in radiology and public health. In 1991 he established School of Public Health (SPH) at the Jagiellonian University and he was the SPH's director till 1997. From 1997-1999 he took up the post of director of Krakow's city health department. In 1995-1999 he was the Polish director of the "Harvard-Jagiellonian Consortium for Health" - a project focusing on local governments' role in health care. In 1999-2002 he became the deputy Minister of Health in Poland and developed a new system of

emergency medicine and new education system for nurses. He was a member of the Polish accession negotiators team. In 2003 he established and ran as a director, the Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. He was also director for development of Diagnostic Ltd., executive director of the Polish Association of Private Health Care Employers and chief editor of the Journal "Health and Management". He joined the European Commission in June 2006.

## Michel Kazatchkine



Prof. Kazatchkine attended medical school at Necker-Enfants-Malades in Paris, studied immunology at the Pasteur Institute, completed postdoctoral fellowships at St Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He was Professor of Immunology at Université René Descartes and Head of the Immunology Unit of the Georges Pompidou Hospital in Paris. Also author or co-author of over 500 articles in peer reviewed journals, on subjects such as auto-immunity, immuno-intervention and pathogenesis of HIV/AIDS. Played key roles in organizations, including, Director of the National Agency for Research on AIDS (ANRS) in France (1998-2005), French Ambassador on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases (2005-2007), Vice-Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2005-2006), first Chair of the Technical Review Panel of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (2002-2005), Chair of the World Health Organization's Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (2004-2007), and as a member of the WHO'S Scientific and Technical Advisory Group on tuberculosis (2004-2007). In 2007 elected Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and took office in Geneva in April, 2007.