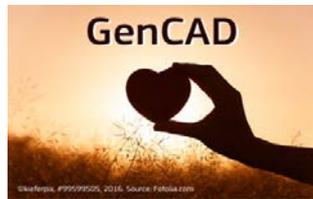


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**1<sup>st</sup> GENCAD conference:**  
**“Gender and health - a challenge for the 21st century”**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Brussels**  
**Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre**  
<http://gencad.eu>

### About the Conference

We are looking forward to welcome you at the GENCAD conference in Brussels. Gender differences play a major role in frequent diseases, among them cardiovascular disease. This is increasingly recognized by physicians and the general public. Gender differences in awareness, diagnosis and therapy are relevant for adequate prevention and treatment. Factsheets on gender differences in cardiovascular disease and its prevention as well as results of a European awareness study are going to be featured at this conference and discussed with the participants.

### VENUE

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre – Avenue du Boulevard 17, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium. We will be happy to reserve a hotel room for you there.

### PROGRAMME

Conference programme: 1.3.2017 (PDF). The programme starts at 8.30 and closes at 16.30. Detailed programme is available at the end of this newsletter.

With the very best regards,  
For the GENCAD consortium  
Vera Regitz-Zagrosek

### Conference Chairpersons



Isabel de la Mata has been Principal Adviser for health in the European Commission since March 2008. Recently, her functions were upgraded to Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis management. Before this, she worked as Counsellor for Health and Consumer at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, as Deputy Director General for Health Planning at the Spanish Ministry of Health, as Adviser to the Vice-minister of Health and several other posts at the Ministry of Health of Spain and the Regional Departments in the Basque Country and in Madrid.

She has worked with WHO, including as a member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee, Pan American Health Organisation, Inter-American Development Bank and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation.

Dr de la Mata graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Basque Country in 1983 and holds post-graduate degrees from the University of Leuven and Paris VI in Public Health, Hospital Administration and Statistics. She is a specialist in Preventive Medicine and Public Health.



Ineke Klinge chairs the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Gender at the European Commission. In 2015 she was visiting professor at the Institute of Gender in Medicine (GiM) at Charité, Berlin. She has a background in biomedical sciences and gender research. As associate professor of Gender Medicine at Maastricht University (1998-2014) her work focused on innovation of methodologies for biomedical and health research. Since 2000 she has coordinated many EU projects of which the most recent one was the Gendered Innovations project together with Londa Schiebinger from Stanford University. This project developed methods of sex and gender analysis for basic and applied research and was presented in a special session in the European Parliament on July 9, 2013. With Claudia

Wiesemann she published the book *Sex and Gender in Biomedicine. Theories, Methodologies, Results* (University press Göttingen, 2010). She is currently involved in EU projects as f.e. EUGenMed, GenCad, TRIGGER, LIBRA, Gedii and participates in the advisory boards of the Institute for Gender and Health (Canada) and the European Institute for Women's Health (EIWH). She is also member of the Dutch Alliance for Gender & Health that developed a research programme focusing on integration of sex and gender in health research and -care. The research program received a 4-year funding from the Dutch Ministry of Health in 2016.

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Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, MD

Director of the Institute of Gender in Medicine (GiM) at Charité - University Medicine Berlin since 2007. Coordinator of numerous research projects.

Cardiologist and founder of the Institute of Gender in Medicine and of the International Society Gender Medicine (IGM). Coordinator of 3 gender related European projects, EUGENMED - Roadmap to Gender implementation in Biomedicine, EUGIM -European Curriculum in Gender Medicine, and GENCAD - Gender in coronary artery disease. Coordinator of the first DFG Research projects on Sex and Gender, 2001 -2015, "Gender in myocardial hypertrophy" and the pilot project "Gender Medicine" (BMBF). Task Force Leader and guideline coordinator on "Cardiovascular Diseases in Pregnancy" of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Focus of work: sex- and gender specific mechanisms in cardiovascular diseases.

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Peggy Maguire, Director General European Institute of Women's Health, a political scientist, Peggy has been working in the health sector at European and national level for over twenty years, highlighting women's health needs & that gender/sex are important determinants of health. Peggy has initiated developed and co-ordinated, many research projects, publications and communications initiatives. As an advocate for a health literate public, Peggy developed Cancom, a cancer communication and information initiative for women and families. In her previous role as Director of Development at the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street Dublin, Peggy was responsible for the preparation and health survey in Ireland "Women's Health in Ireland –Attitudes and Behaviour. (A survey of 2000 women between the ages of 18-64 on attitudes to various health issues across the lifespan). Prior to working at the National Maternity Hospital, Peggy worked at the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) as Director of the Research Foundation working with 32 GP faculties to promote and develop the research unit of the ICGP.

Peggy has served as a member of many expert groups including the WHO Expert group on a Women's Health Strategy for Europe, and is currently a member of the EU Commission H2020 Advisory Group on Gender and H2020Advisory Group for Societal challenge 1: Demographic change, health and wellbeing. Peggy was a founding member of the Women's Health Council (Ireland). Peggy is immediate past President and a current board member of the European Public Health Alliance

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Isabel Yordi Aguirre is responsible for the gender, equity and rights area of work in the WHO Regional Office for Europe based in Copenhagen. As such, she coordinated the development of the Strategy and the Resolution on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region adopted in September 2016 by the 66th Regional Committee of the WHO Regional office for Europe. The priorities identified in the Strategy were supported by an extensive consultation process and the evidence gathered in the report on Women's health and Well-being published in 2016. One of the priorities of the Strategy is: promoting research and innovation that eliminates gender bias in the use of medicines, service delivery and health promotion, and identifies and disseminates good practices. She is currently promoting the implementation of the Women's health Strategy and starting the development of the men's health strategy and the men's health report. Isabel Yordi Aguirre holds a master on Political Science and an M.B.A. She has been working with UN agencies in the area of gender, health and human rights for more than 20 years in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.



Carlos Segovia is the coordinator of the Joint Action-CHRODIS. He is Head of the unit of Accreditation of Health Research Institutes at the national Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain. He is also Chair of the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance. He was Deputy Director for International Research Programmes from 2009 to 2013, being involved in several European and international health research initiatives. Carlos Segovia is primary care physician and master of public health from Harvard University. Before joining ISCIII, Carlos has been coordinator of a primary care centre for two years, deputy director for primary care quality and research of a province for ten years, and expert for social and health care coordination at a Regional Department of Health for two years.

## How to get to the Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre

### Please note:

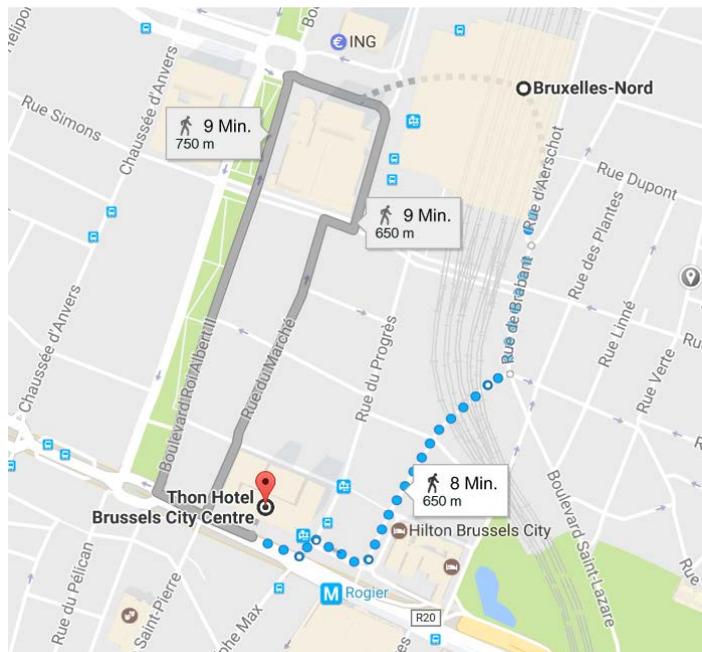
All needed public transport (hometown-airport; Brussels –airport to hotel) will be reimbursed - taxi not.

### By Car - Parking

There is a parking garage under the hotel.

### By train

Brussels Airport-Zaventem station is located on level -1 of the terminal, at a small distance from the arrivals hall (2nd floor) and the departures hall (3rd floor).



Travel time to Brussel-Central: 10 to 14 minutes.

The trains are leaving around every ten minutes. Costs for one way 8,70 €, or with return 17,40 €.

The hotel is within walking distance to the railway station Bruxelles-Nord with departures to and from Brussels Airport, and connection to Bruxelles-Midi with the International lines Eurostar and Thalys.

To buy a ticket:

[https://www.b-europe.com/EN/booking/belgianrail?utm\\_source=belgianrail.be&utm\\_medium=referral%2B-%2Binternal&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=HP\\_TextInternational\\_BEEN#TravelWish](https://www.b-europe.com/EN/booking/belgianrail?utm_source=belgianrail.be&utm_medium=referral%2B-%2Binternal&utm_content=&utm_campaign=HP_TextInternational_BEEN#TravelWish)

### By airport express bus 12 Brussels Airport - Brussels City

No good option as you have to change and the whole travel time with the bus is around 45 minutes.

### By public transport

- Tram: There are several stops near the hotel.
- Metro: Rogier Metro Station is in direct connection to the hotel. The metro is an easy way to get to both business districts and tourist attractions.
- Bus: The bus station is right in front of the hotel.

**Conference Programme**

8.00 Registration

8.30 **Isabel de la Mata, DG Santé, Luxembourg:** Welcome and introduction

Gender and health - a challenge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

*Chair: Ineke Klinge, Horizon 2020, Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Charite Universitaetsmedizin Berlin*

9.00 **Robyn Norton, Oxford:** Gender and health - a challenge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

9.15 **Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Berlin:** Overview and Gender differences in CAD prevention and diagnosis

9.30 **Angela Maas, Radboud:** Gender differences in CAD treatment and outcomes

9.45 **Andras Janosi, Budapest:** Gender differences in CAD treatment and outcomes – analysis of Hungarian database

10.00 **Flavia Franconi, Sassari:** Applicability of drug therapy to women and men – view of a pharmacologist

10.15 Invited discussants: **Sanne Peters, Oxford; Karin Schenck-Gustafsson, Solna; Piotr Jankowski, Krakow**

**10.30 Coffee break**

Gender policies and patient experiences

*Chair: Peggy Maguire, EIWH*

11.00 **Nicholas Alexander, Berlin:** Gender specific risk factors and manifestations in European databases

11.15 **Marie-Christine Iliou, Paris:** Gender in prevention

11.30 **Alan White, Leeds, Berlin:** Member State policies in gender and health, focus on CAD

11.45 **Anne Pepin, Paris:** National programmes promoting the integration of sex/gender analysis into research

12.00 **Vivianne Willis-Mazzichi, Brussels:** The gender dimension in EU policy for research and innovation

12.15 **Elisabeth Pollitzer, London:** Gender-related aspects in European policies, focus on health

12.30 General discussion

**12.45 Lunch break**

Gender awareness and facts

*Chair: Isabel Yordi Aguirre, WHO*

14.00 **Antonio Daponte, Granada:** Survey on the awareness of gender differences in CAD

14.15 **Floris Barnhoorn, Utrecht:** Factsheets on gender differences in CAD in Europe

14.30 Invited discussants/General discussion: **Renata Cifkova, Prague; Carole Rouaud, Brussels**

**14:45 Short break**

Gender in chronic diseases and impact on policies

*Chair: Carlos Segovia Pérez, CHRODIS*

15.00 **Juergen Harreiter, Vienna:** Gender differences in diabetes

15.10 **Marijke Looman, Bonn:** Case study from Germany

15.20 **Margarethe Hochleitner, Innsbruck:** Case study from Austria

15.30 **Martin Schaffenrath, Vienna:** Impact of gender projects on EU Member States improving their policies

15.40 **Marja Makarow, Helsinki:** Policies to tackle gender inequalities in research and health

15.50 **Fernando Rosell Ortiz, Sevielle:** Comments from the advisory board

16.00 General discussion

16.15 **Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Berlin:** Final conclusions

16.30 *Adjourn*