

***Invitation:
Round Table of the European Parliament Interest Groups
MEPs Against Cancer
and MEPs for CAM***

***Cancer and the contribution of Complementary and Alternative
Medicine (CAM)***

**Tuesday 27 March
11.30 to 14.00
Room A5G305**

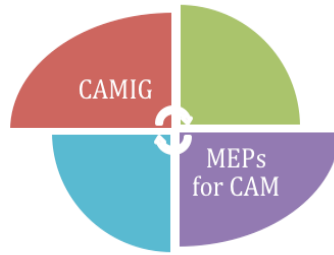
Registrations will take place at 11.30, a light lunch will be available during the meeting

A European survey has shown that more than a third of cancer patients in Europe use complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), to increase their body's ability to fight the disease, to enhance their health and well-being, to feel empowered, and to alleviate physical and/or psychological distress. Emerging evidence from clinical trials suggests that several CAM therapies may address pain, fatigue, and psychological distress and improve quality of life in cancer patients.

Because of the growing interest in CAM by patients, academic cancer centres are exploring ways to integrate such care into a conventional cancer treatment system. Speakers from two universities with a thorough expertise in both conventional and CAM approaches in the treatment of cancer patients have been invited to make presentations outlining the role of CAM in prevention and treatment, and the benefits of integrating both approaches. A representative from the Norwegian Cancer Society and cancer league will also make a presentation on how they work with cancer patients and CAM.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming you on 27 March.

Registrations will be open from March 06 ECL website
www.europeancancerleagues.org



Agenda

12.00 Welcome and introduction

Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP

12.05 Prevention and treatment of cancer from a conventional and CAM perspective and the benefits of integrating both approaches

Prof Dr Gustav J Dobos

Professor of Internal Medicine, Chair of Complementary and Integrative Medicine at University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Adj. Prof Dr Harald Matthes

Medical Director of Gemeinschaftskrankenhaus Havelhöhe, Berlin

Chief of the Department of Gastroenterology / Oncology;

Adjunct Professor at the Charité University of Berlin, Germany

12.45 Position of a cancer league towards CAM and advice given to patients

Ms Heidi Brorson

Norwegian Cancer Society

13.05 CAM and Cancer, Alojz Peterle MEP

13.15 Open discussion

Take home messages regarding CAM and its use in cancer treatments

13.50 Close

Alojz Peterle MEP and Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP