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THE REAL COST OF HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND CORRUPTION: HOW TO REDUCE IT?

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On behalf of the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN) it is my pleasure to invite you to the EHFCN 7th Annual Conference, which will take place in Brussels on 28-29 September 2010.

Despite the different healthcare systems operating throughout the European Union, healthcare fraud and corruption occurs in all systems. Losses to healthcare fraud alone currently amount to an estimated 5.59% of healthcare budgets, or approximately 56 billion Euros across the European Union every year.

The aim of this year's EHFCN Annual conference is to discuss how to reduce these unacceptable losses by identifying common working standards and possible cooperation across EU Members States. Practical operational aspects in countering healthcare fraud and corruption will be discussed, including measuring the extent of losses and how to prevent, detect or sanction these crimes. Other discussions will focus on particular aspects such as counterfeit drugs and conflicts of interest in healthcare.

The consequences of the financial crisis which Europe has gone through are still tangible and may more than ever stimulate fraudulent behaviours and other misconducts. It is high time to tackle healthcare losses at all levels, nationally and across member states' borders, as every cent lost to fraud and corruption drains vital resources from our healthcare systems and undermines their capacity to provide essential treatment.

EHFCN chose Brussels in order to tie in with the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. But Brussels is not only the heart of Europe. Come and enjoy its 'art de vivre', discover the historical buildings of a 1000 year old city, experience its multicultural and multilingual atmosphere; last but not least, try its renowned cuisine and the famous Belgian chocolates and beer...



Paul Vincke, President EHFCN

Tuesday 28 September 2010

08:00	Registration & Coffee
08.45	Opening & welcome An EU and a Belgian perspective of the fight against fraud The INAMI/RIZIV work in countering healthcare fraud and how sickness funds cooperate to counter healthcare fraud and corruption in Belgium
9:55-10:45	Session 1: The extent of fraud and corruption in healthcare The extent of healthcare fraud, corruption and waste, a US perspective Measuring the extent of healthcare fraud and corruption in Europe
10:45	Coffee break
11:15-12:30	Session 2: Counterfeit drugs in the European Union, with subsequent panel discussion How the European Union tackles the problem; An industry perspective; Patient safety; Collaborating with customs and the police
12:30	Lunch
13:45-15:05	Session 3: Conflicts of interest in healthcare, with subsequent panel discussion Legal framework for increasing transparency for non-interventional studies of the pharmaceutical industry in Austria; The pharmaceutical industry perspective; A healthcare provider perspective
15:05-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:45	Session 4: Break-out sessions A – Measuring the extent: <i>The use of data mining and intelligence sharing; the use of predictive analytics to automate fraud detection;</i> B – Practical operational aspects: <i>Standard definition and measurement of RoI; Military standards to extrapolate investigation results</i>
16:45-17:15	EHFCN 2 nd award - Presentation
17:15-17:30	Close of 1 st day
19:00	Reception & Dinner

Wednesday 29 September 2010

9:00	Welcome & Opening
9.10-10.50	Session 5: Best Practices from member countries Risk measurement: pilot methodology in Scotland; method based on survey, register and control data in Norway; Detection: peer review in primary dental care in Ireland; Investigation: Cooperation with police in France; Sanctions: Four types of sanctions in Belgium
10:50	Coffee Break
11:20-12:45	Session 6: International cooperation: Paving the future towards eliminating healthcare fraud & corruption European regulations related to in-kind benefits and their implementation by social securities Land borders, a Northern Irish perspective; Examples of bilateral agreements in the Netherlands; International cooperation in the fight against cross-border fraud; Testimonial
13:00	Close of conference + LUNCH

For the smooth organisation of the conference, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Registration can be done online: follow the link on the EHFCN home page at www.ehfcn.org and follow the instructions. You will receive confirmation of your registration from the EHFCN Office within the next few days.

Onsite registration will be possible only if payment is made by cash.

Here are the registrations fees. Please note that an additional late booking fee of €100 will be applicable for all participants.

Category	Early rate (deadline 31/07/2010)	Standard rate (from 01/08/2010 to 19/09/2010)	Late booking fee (as from 20/09/2010)
EHFCN members	Free	Free	100€
European Institutions	Free	Free	100€
Ministry of Health	One person free	One person free	100€
Ministry of Health – other employees	100€	150€	250€
Other Governmental Institution	100€	150€	250€
NGOs	100€	150€	250€
Students	100€	150€	250€
All other companies / groups	300€	400€	500€

Cancellation and refund policy

Cancellations received on or prior to **28 August 2010** will receive a refund of their fees after deduction of an administrative fee of 20€.

Cancellations received after 28 August 2010 will receive no refund of the fee. All refunds will be processed and reimbursed on a monthly basis at the end of every month.

Accommodation

Hotel rooms have been blocked in hotels around the conference venue and you can book your room online. Please note that these blocks of rooms will only be held until the deadline imposed by the hotels. We strongly recommend that you book your hotel as soon as possible, as many meetings are taking place in Brussels in September 2010.

Key dates

Deadline early registration rate: 31 July 2010

Exhibition / Sponsorship

For exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities, please contact conference@ehfcn.org

Language

English will be the official language of the Conference.

Badges

Delegates' badges will be available at the Welcome area in the Conference Venue. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times.

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