



## European Care Pathways Conference: Glasgow, Scotland, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013



Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the e-newsletters from David Thomson, chair of the Scottish Pathways Association (SPA) regarding the forthcoming [European Care Pathways conference - Supporting safe, effective, person centred care, through the use of care pathways conference](#)

**European Care Pathways conference - Supporting safe, effective, person centred care, through the use of care pathways** which is being held in the **Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013**, hosted by Scottish Pathways Association (SPA) and the European Pathway Association (EPA)

This exciting international event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase how care pathways are used in ensuring high quality health and social care it will also facilitate learning, sharing and celebration of success.

We anticipate 250 people to attend from a variety of countries including the UK, rest of Europe and beyond, with delegates coming from a range of academic, scientific, clinical and other professional backgrounds.

We are in the final stages of putting together the programme for this prestigious event, which will include keynote speakers from the international world of care pathways and improvement science, as well as over 30 informative workshops and interactive master classes and an educational poster and exhibition area. We are delighted to announce that confirmed speakers include **Mr Michael Matheson** MSP, Minister for Public Health, **Jason Leitch**, Clinical Director, The Quality Unit, Scottish Government, **Dr. Kris Vanhaecht**, Secretary General, European Pathways Association (EPA), and **Professor Massimiliano Panella**; President EPA.

To register, view the programme or for more information please visit –

[European Care Pathways Conference 2013](#)

### **Information about the Scottish Pathways Association (SPA)**

The Scottish Pathways Association is an established group of NHS and partner agencies from all over Scotland who are supporting those developing, implementing and evaluating the use of care pathways in many different clinical areas. SPA is affiliated to the EPA who have in excess of 1000 members from 59 countries, this being a fantastic development since the initial concept of an EPA was suggested at the International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQUA) 2003 conference in Dallas. Further information can be accessed at [www.scottishpathways.com](http://www.scottishpathways.com) Follow us on twitter at @SPAcarepathway and @DavidThomsonNHS Or

[www.facebook.com/ScottishPathwaysAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/ScottishPathwaysAssociation)

### **Information about the European Pathway Association (EPA)**

The EPA is an international not-for-profit organisation of clinical/care pathway networks, user groups, academic institutions, supporting organisations and individuals whose aim is to support the development, implementation and evaluation of clinical/care pathways

The purpose of the association is:

- To conduct international research into the quality and efficiency of organizing healthcare and methods for the coordination of primary healthcare and care pathways (aka clinical pathways, integrated care pathways (ICPs) or critical pathways).
- To set up an international network for pooling know-how and the international training initiatives that go with it.
- To foster international cooperation between healthcare researchers, managers and healthcare providers from European countries and the wider international community.
- To advise policymakers within the area of healthcare management.

The European Pathway Association is collaborating with the Royal Society of Medicine Press and edits the International Journal of Care Pathways, an international peer reviewed scientific journal on care pathways.

### **Spotlight on Prof. Massimiliano Panella, MD, PhD, President of the European Pathway Association (E-P-A)**



Prof. Massimiliano Panella, MD, PhD, President of the European Pathway Association (E-P-A) is Associate Professor in Public Health, University of Eastern Piedmont “Amedeo Avogadro”, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Translational Medicine (2000-today) and Director of the Healthcare District in Vercelli (2009-today). He was Medical Director at “Sainte Rite Hospital” in Vercelli (2008-09) and at “Saint Andrew Hospital” in Vercelli (2004-06), and Director of the Unit for Quality Improvement of the Health Authority in Novara (2002-04). He is Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Care Pathways and Secretary of the Italian Society for Qualità in Healthcare [Società Italiana per la Qualità dell’Assistenza (SIQuas-VRQ)] (2004-2006).

He does research in Epidemiology, EBM and Services Organization focusing his activity on care pathways. His research activity is summarized by 118 publications on peer-reviewed journals (total Impact Factor 87,457), 71 lectures in international conferences, 98 lectures in national conferences, 8 books’ chapters, and 12 other medical publications. He received the following awards for his research activity:

- Silver Medal Award of the University of Turin for the best thesis of the Faculty of Medicine, academic year 1993/94 “Indicators System for the evaluation of hospital activities”.
- Young Research Award of the Inaugural Euro Conference – Eastern Mediterranean Region of the International Biometric Society, Athens, January 8th 2001.
- Honourable Mention of the Peter Reizenstain Prize 2004 – Annual General Meeting of the International Society for Quality in Health Care, Amsterdam, October 21st 2004.

## Spotlight on one of our Keynote speakers - Mr Michael Matheson MSP, Minister for Public Health



Michael Matheson MSP was born in Glasgow in 1970 and educated at St John Bosco Secondary School. He went on to study at Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh where he obtained a BSc in Occupational Therapy. He also holds a BA and a Diploma in Applied Social Sciences from the Open University.

Prior to becoming an MSP Michael practised as a Community Occupational Therapist with Stirling Council, Central Regional Council, and Highland Regional Council.

Michael was elected as the MSP for Falkirk West following the May 2007 elections. Previous to that he was a Regional MSP for Central Scotland from 1999-2007. Before being appointed Minister for Public Health and Sport Michael was Vice Convenor of the European and External Relations Committee. He also sat on the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee, and previously served on the Justice and Enterprise and Culture Committees.

He was re-elected at the May 5, 2011 election and thereafter appointed to his present Ministerial position.

He is married to Susan and has three sons, Sean, James and Daniel. Away from politics, Michael is a keen mountaineer, which has taken him to the Western Himalayas

I would like to further extend a personal invitation to you all to join us in attending the European Care Pathways Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 in Glasgow, Scotland. This prestigious event is an excellent opportunity for learning, sharing and networking about care pathways from a global perspective. There are over 40 learning sessions' available, discussion and debate from a host of international presenters.

In addition to the conference programme, you will receive a warm Scottish welcome to an evening networking dinner which is included for delegates attending both conference days. For all the latest news, follow us on twitter @DavidThomsonNHS, @SPAcarepathway and #ECPC13.



David Thomson, Chair of the Scottish Pathways Association (SPA)

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