
George Valiotis Appointed as New Interim Executive Director of the EHMA



The European Health Management Association (EHMA) is pleased to welcome George Valiotis as its new Interim Executive Director. George will commence on Monday 12 August 2019. George brings extensive European and international experience to this role, having worked in executive roles specialising in health policy, research, systems thinking, management, human rights, education and training. He is a Greek and has lived and worked in Switzerland, France, Australia, Belgium, and Scotland.

Most substantively he spent the previous seven years as Chief Executive Officer of HIV Scotland, managing multiple strategic policy and education collaborations with pharmaceutical companies, researchers, policy makers, insurers, health services, community members, and professional medical bodies. A key achievement in that role was the successful implementation strategy for a new technology called HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), for which he was awarded the British Medical Association Medfash prize for making Scotland the first nation in the UK to have it listed on their national health service.

He is currently engaged as a consultant on various projects including: as the Principal Strategic Advisory to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland), and; as an associate on biomedical citizen projects with the Medical School for the University of Edinburgh.

Earlier he was an education specialist for the International AIDS Society, developing global initiatives for pre and post doctoral researchers in prevention, clinical and biomedical research. He also served on the Board of Diabetes Australia and as an Advisor on its Medical Education and Science Council. In these roles he helped govern the National Diabetes Services Scheme which was a €65 million government contract to supply medical products, education, and services.

George Valiotis commented: 'What excites me about the opportunity to work for EHMA is its focus on improving health management at all levels and across Europe, providing a unique platform and multi-stakeholder network for the betterment of healthcare for citizens. My passion is using system thinking as the most impactful approach to public health and I am looking forward to using my experience to help EHMA's staff and membership to make even further improvements in the European healthcare arena.

Federico Lega, EHMA President, added: 'We are really looking forward to working with George, who was appointed following a very thorough recruitment process. We believe his experience and competencies will help EHMA to achieve its ambitious goals, taking forward and further improving the solid work delivered in the past few years. George is a terrific addition to an already high performing EHMA team. On behalf of the Board and all members, I wish George the best of luck with his new adventure at EHMA'.

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