



***The Future of Lionism in Europe,  
Different and United in Service  
October 3, 2020***

## **Symposium Program**

### **SESSION ONE – 10.00 CEST**

- 10:00      Opening remarks by Lions International President Jung-Yul Choi, introduced by Symposium Coordinator PID Sandro Castellana
- 10:10      **Keynote Speaker** on the Environment  
Professor Dr. Antje Boetius, Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Center for Polar and Marine Research, Professor at the University of Bremen, Researcher Helmholtz-Max Planck Research Group on Deep Sea Ecology and Technology, introduced by Past International Director Regina Risken
- 10:30      *Interlude*
- 10:40      **LCIF: Lions of Europe Supporting Lions of the WORLD**  
Learn more about Lions Clubs International Foundation – OUR Foundation – and how your support of Campaign100 empowers Lions in Europe and throughout the world. New grant opportunities and news from LCIF Board of Trustees.  
Presenters: Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir, Past International Director Sandro Castellana and LCIF-staff, introduced by International Director Geoff Leeder
- 11:00      *Interlude*
- 11:10      **LCIF: Lions of the World supporting Lions in Europe**  
Increase awareness about how Lions Clubs International Foundation – OUR Foundation – supports European successful projects; know more about the impact of LCIF grants on Covid-19 Lions service. New fundraising ideas for Europe: LCIF-Day in Europe.  
Presenters: Past International Director Philippe Gerondal, Past International Director Roberto Fresia and LCIF-staff  
Introduction by Past International Director Claudette Cornet
- 11:30      *Interlude*
- 11:40      **Guest Speaker Lion David Evangelista**  
The uncertainty created by the Covid-19 virus has made a new world for the



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marginalized such that inclusivity is important as everybody should not have the right for universal access to care and a universal right to lead a dignified life. Also, David Evangelista will also mention the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.

Presenter: Director of Special Olympics Europe, Lion David Evangelista, introduced by Past International Director Phil Nathan

12:00 *Interlude*

12:10 **Diversity and Inclusion** (in particular younger members who do not feel themselves included in their clubs)

**How to include all club members in our activities and unite the club**

Presenters: Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer and Leo President of The Netherlands, Marije te Winkel, introduced by Past Council Chairperson Christiane Lafeld

12:30 *Interlude*

12:40 **The Future of Lionism in Europe**

**We are different in many ways – but united in Service**

Presenters: Past International Director Sandro Castellana and Past Council Chairperson Alberto Soci, introduced by International Director Geoff Leeder

13:00 **LUNCH break** with music from former European Music Contest Thomas Kuti

### **SESSION TWO – 13:30 CEST**

13:30 **The Story of the Membership Initiative** and the North American pilot programme – the strategy and resources

Presenter: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President Brian Sheehan, introduced by International Director Nicole Miquel-Belaud

13:50 *Interlude*

14:00 **How to form a Speciality Club and examples from Europe**

Presenter: Past International Director Sanjay Khetan, introduced by Past International Director Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli



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14:20 *Interlude*

14:30 **Next Generation: How to recruit and manage younger members  
The importance of becoming a Mentor in Lions**

Presenters: Past Council Chairperson Alberto Soci and International Director Nicole Miquel-Belaud, introduced by International Director Walter Zemrosser

14:50 *Interlude*

15:00 **GAT success stories:** what have been the GAT service success stories in Europe noting those Environmental service projects with fundraising opportunities

Presenters: Past International Director Robert Rettby

Leo Fabrizio Santamato, Leo Club Zürcher Unterland, Immediate MD 102 Leo president Leo Linn Hille-Dahl, Leo Club Basel, 102 Leo District Activities and Youth Delegate, introduced by International Director Daniel Isenrich

15:20 *Interlude*

15:30 **Youth and what tomorrow brings**

Presenter: 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill, introduced by International Director Walter Zemrosser

15:50 *Interlude*

16:00 **Developing Leadership**

A pilot study to identify potential future leaders, employ active mentoring, fast tracking leadership training and obtaining diversity of experience at club, district and beyond.

Presenters: Lion Linda Picton and Past Council Chairperson Brandon Johnson, introduced by Past International Director Phil Nathan

16:20 *Interlude*



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**SESSION THREE – 16:30 CEST**

**16:30 Leos, Leo-Lions working with Lions together**

describing a) Perspective of Young People towards Lions Clubs

b) The on-going changes required to attract Young People into your club

c) Leo-Lion Membership: What's that all about?

Presenters: Leo Lion Potter Fong, Leo Emilia Fresia and Leo Eleonora Fresia, introduced by themselves

16:50 *Interlude*

**17:00 How to promote and increase visibility** of our clubs and activities on the Social Media

Presenters: Lion Antti Forsell and Leo Aayush Bagla, introduced by Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer

17:20 *Interlude*

**17:30 How to rejuvenate your club**

Presenter: Past International Director Nesim Levi, introduced by Past International Director Bruno Ahlquist

17:50 *Interlude*

**18:00 United Service provided by the collaboration of Leos and Lions across Diverse Nations**

Presenter: Past International Director Phil Nathan, introduced by Zone Chairperson Maja Zikic

18:20 *Interlude*



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**18:30 Europaforum 2021 Thessaloniki** – presentation of the program and Social Events

**18:40 Closing remarks** – by 1<sup>st</sup> International Vice President Douglas Alexander, introduced by Symposium Coordinator Past International Director Sandro Castellana, with final comments from Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson, Immediate Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir

**19:00 WINE PARTY** – relax and enjoy a journey through four wine countries of Europe. Enjoy the window into the beautiful wine chateaux, region and the specific grapes they use.

**Bring your own glass of wine** and learn how to taste the wine properly under the guidance of wine maker, Mr. Bertrand Gourdou

Presenters: Past District Governor Lion Gian Costa, Marencovini, Italy

Mrs. Ivona Panifer, Ilocki Podrumi, Croatia

Mr. Lion Josi Thaller, Weinschloss Thaller Fürstenfeld, Austria

Mr. Bertrand Gourdou, Chateaux Guilhem, France

introduced by Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer

**Join the zoom session:**

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