

EBA joins forces with the European Conference on Donor Health and Management

The European Blood Alliance and the European Conference on Donor Health and Management (ECDHM) have agreed to join forces for a long-term collaboration.

This year will mark the third edition of the European Conference on Donor Health and Management; a conference bringing together professionals in the field of Donor Health and Donor Management with a focus on blood and blood component donors. It has been dependent on volunteer local organisers and ad hoc scientific and organising committee for each edition and who set up the conference and carry the financial liability themselves.

For the European Blood Alliance, donor safety and management is a prime goal and one of the core values and this collaboration fits perfectly in EBA's strategy to ensure donor health and wellbeing. "Donors offer a unique gift and taking good care of them is essential" says EBA vice-president Pierre Tiberghien, "the ECDHM offers donor professionals state-of-the-art knowledge and networking, which is of great benefit to the EBA members' staff. EBA is very proud to be involved in this initiative."

The European Blood Alliance together with the local organisers will set up a scientific committee with field expertise, who will decide on the program: "there are many developments in the field of donor health and management and the connection to EBA will ensure that the ECDHM will be able to source some of the best experts in the field" notes conference president Henrik Ullum, "blood establishment employees are an essential target audience with regard to donor health and management."

Financially, "EBA will provide support when needed" Pierre Tiberghien says, " but the intention is that the conference should be self-supporting".

The next ECDHM will take place on September 5th-7th in Copenhagen. More information on the conference on: www.ecdhm.org. The 2020 edition is already planned and will be announced at this year's conference in Copenhagen.

About the EBA

The European Blood Alliance is an association of non-profit Blood Establishments, with 26 members throughout the European Union and EFTA States. Its mission is to contribute to the safety, quality and cost effectiveness of the blood and tissue and cell supply for the citizens of Europe by developing and maintaining an efficient and strong collaboration amongst European blood and tissue and cell services.