

Webinar: Introduction to medicine Research and Development

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Speaker Bios**Tamás Bereczky**

Tamás Bereczky currently works as the communications advisor of the European Patients Academy for Therapeutic Innovation EUPATI, a flagship pan-European project in patient education. He is also member and former Board member of the European AIDS Treatment Group, the largest European network of individuals living with HIV. HIV positive since 2003, he served the co-chair of the European Commission's Civil Society Forum on HIV/AIDS between 2013 and 2015.

Originally a linguist (ELTE University of Budapest), and psychologist (Open University), Tamás is set to defend his PhD based on research into the significance and perspectives of patient organizations in Europe in 2018.

In addition to his work in communications, he also works as an advisor to EACS, UNAIDS and ECDC in matters concerning HIV, HCV, men having sex with men, substance use, and health policy. Currently, he is involved as the patient cluster coordinator for HARMONY, a key big data project of IMI in haematological malignancies. Tamás has been producing HIV and hepatitis C advocacy videos, websites and blogs in his native Hungarian. Some upcoming publications of Tamás discuss amongst other the standing and possibilities of patient organisations in neoliberalism and a training manual for patient organisations on the methods and processes in medicine pricing, the affordability of medicines, and practical advocacy for more affordable medicines. You can read some of his work here: www.atk.academia.edu/TamasBereczky

Giulio Maria Corbelli

Giulio Maria Corbelli was diagnosed with HIV in 1997. He is a member of EATG – European AIDS Treatment Group. He currently serves as the chair of ECAB (European Community Advisory Board) and as a member of the Policy Working Group. He is a member of the Executive Committee for the PARTNER Study (<http://www.chip.dk/Ongoing-Studies/PARTNER/>), member of the Community Advisory Group for INSIGHT network (<http://insight.cabr.umn.edu>), member of AVAC's project pxROAR Europe project (<http://www.avac.org/pxroar-europe>), and member of the Editorial Board for the European Patients Academy (<http://www.patenstsacademy.eu>).

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Plus, the first network of LGBT people living with HIV in Italy (<http://www.plus-onlus.it>), and member of the panel for the Antiretroviral Guidelines at the Italian Ministry of Health. Giulio works as a freelance journalist for magazines and websites.