

# Agenda

## ::: PARLIAMENTARY EVENING ::: Consolidated Vision Conference II

- 6:00 pm**    **::: Introduction :::**  
*Tony Moore, London, UK*
- 6:05 pm**    **::: Welcome address :::**  
*Charles Tannock, MEP, Brussels, Belgium*
- 6:15 pm**    **::: The importance of translational research :::**  
*Eberhart Zrenner, Tuebingen, Germany*
- 6:30 pm**    **::: The patients' perspective :::**  
*Christina Fasser, Zurich, Switzerland*
- 6:45 pm**    **::: European Clinical Research Network - EVICR.net :::**  
*José Cunha-Vaz, Coimbra, Portugal*
- 7:00 pm**    ☕ **Coffee Break**
- 7:30 pm**    **::: Learning lessons from the USA :::**  
*James Jorkasky, Washington, USA*
- 7:50 pm**    **::: The importance of European-wide collaboration in relieving blindness :::**  
*Peng Khaw, London, UK*
- 8:10 pm**    **::: Concluding Remarks :::**  
*José Sahel, Paris, France*
- 8:15 pm**    🍷 **Drinks Reception**  
  
*European Parliament  
Room A5E2  
Rue Wiertz 60  
B-1047 Brussels, Belgium*

### The Gateway to Vision Research

The Gateway to Vision Research in Europe is a free web-based portal service for the European Vision Research Community and major stakeholders. It addresses the urgent need to give the community a sharper visibility and a consolidated profile by underlining the importance of the work performed in science and society. The Gateway will stimulate the communication between basic researchers, clinicians, politicians, patient organizations and industry.  
[www.vision-research.eu](http://www.vision-research.eu)

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Brussels, Belgium*



## Finding NEW TREATMENTS For BLINDING DISORDERS

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## Preamble

Blindness is one of the most feared health problems in our present society. It also has deep socio-economic and public health implications with a strong age-related component. Currently, millions of Europeans are threatened by blinding untreatable eye diseases with an associated loss to the economy of several billion Euros each year.

The 'Parliamentarian Evening on Finding New Treatments for Blinding Disorders' will provide information for devising and implementing programs and projects for new therapeutic strategies to combat eye diseases that are currently difficult or impossible to treat. The talks will incorporate the most recent scientific developments of the post genomic area each presented by a renowned expert of the field.

As part II of the Consolidated Vision Conference 2011 within 'EuroVisionNet' the suggested strategies should lead to sight-saving treatments, reduce visual impairment and blindness, and improve the quality of life for people of all ages.



## Speakers



**José CUNHA-VAZ**

Professor of Ophthalmology, President of AIBILI, Chairman of EVICR.net, Coimbra, Portugal



**Christina FASSER**

President Retina International, Zurich, Switzerland



**James F. JORKASKY**

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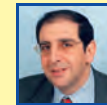
**Peng Tee KHAW**

Professor of Ophthalmology, Director National Institute of Health Research Biomedical Research Centre Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, UK



**Anthony MOORE**

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**José-Alain SAHEL**

Professor of Ophthalmology, Centre Hospitalier National d'Ophthalmologie des Quinze-Vingts, Director Institut de la Vision, Paris, France



**Charles TANNOCK**

Member of the European Parliament, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium



**Eberhart ZRENNER**

Professor of Ophthalmology, Chairman European Vision Institute (EVI), Brussels, Belgium  
Director Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Tuebingen, Germany

### EuroVisionNet - Connecting Vision Research in Europe

The concept of EuroVisionNet (<http://www.eurovisionnet.eu>) is to coordinate and consolidate Vision Research activities and policies in Europe in order to overcome the national fragmentation. EuroVisionNet is coordinated by the European Vision Institute (EVI; [www.europeanvisioninstitute.org](http://www.europeanvisioninstitute.org)) and intends to become an essential instrument for Vision Research in the 21st century by addressing the following four major objectives:

1. Scientific integration of European Vision Research
2. Collaboration between the public and private sector
3. Needs of the European vision community by means of policies and guidelines
4. Improve the communication between researchers, patients and the general public

