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Invitation: 15th European Health Forum Gastein – 3rd to 6th October 2012

Dear Ms Blixt,

We have the great pleasure of inviting you **free of congress fee** to the

15th EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN
“Crisis and Opportunity: Health in an Age of Austerity”
from 3rd to 6th October 2012
in Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria.

We are looking forward to your registration and would be delighted to welcome you at this occasion.

Please find enclosed a copy of the first programme announcement. Interpretation services in English and German are available for the plenaries and selected parallel forum sessions.

Confirmed keynote speakers include **Alois Stöger**, Minister for Health (Austria), as well as EU Commissioner **John Dalli** and WHO Regional Director **Zsuzsanna Jakab**.

The EHFG is a high-level **discussion platform** for key actors in European health policy offering an excellent opportunity for an **exchange of experience and networking**. The participants are **decision-makers** and **experts** at national, European and international level, coming from politics & administration, business & industry, civil society as well as science & academia. This outstanding field of delegates ensures the creation of a **unique network** in Europe.

To **register** please use the form printed overleaf or the online form accessible on our website, where you can also find regular updated information (www.ehfg.org/congress.html). We are pleased to answer any queries you might have.

Additionally, we would like to draw your attention to the announcement of this year's **European Health Award 2012**. With this prize, we promote an initiative that has contributed in a significant way to meet European health challenges. Deadline for applications is the **29th May 2012**. Please find more information regarding the prize on our website: www.ehfg.org/award.html

Yours sincerely

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