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**The European Lions Virtual Symposium, October 3, 2020**  
**The Future of Lionism in Europe - Different and United in Service**

**Symposium Program**

**SESSION ONE -10:00 CEST**

- 10:00      Opening remarks by Lions International President 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 PID 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 Campaign 100 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	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b></p> <p>Director of Special Olympics Europe, Lion David Evangelista introduced by Past International Director Phil Nathan.</p> <p>The uncertainty created by the Covid-19 virus has created a new world for the marginalized such that inclusivity is important as everybody should now have the right for universal access to care and a universal right to lead a dignified life. Also, David Evangelista will also mention the 20th Anniversary of the Opening Eyes program.</p>
12:00	Interlude*
12:10	<p>a) Diversity and Social inclusion (in particular younger members who do not feel themselves included in their clubs</p> <p>b) How to include all club members in our activities and unite the club</p> <p>Speakers: Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer and Leo Marije te Winkel introduced by Past Council Chairperson Christiane Lafeld</p>
12:30	Interlude*
12:40	<p>a) The future of Lionism in Europe</p> <p>b) We are different in many ways – but united in Service</p> <p>Speakers : (a) Past International Director Sandro Castellana and (b) Past Council Chairperson Alberto Soci introduced by International Director Geoff Leeder</p>
13:00	Lunch (30 min) Lunch Break with *music from former European music contests Thomas Kuti

## SESSION TWO -13:30 CEST

13:30	<p>The story of the Membership Initiative and the North American pilot programme - the strategy and resources</p> <p>Speaker: 2nd International Vice President Brian Sheehan, introduced by International Director Nicole Belaud</p>
13:50	Interlude*

14:00	<p>How to form a Specialty Club and examples in Europe</p> <p>Speaker: Past International Director Sanjay Khetan introduced by Past International Director Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli</p>
14:20	Interlude*
14:30	<p>a) Next Generation: how to recruit and manage younger members</p> <p>b) The importance of becoming a Mentor in Lionism</p> <p>Speakers : (a) Past Council Chairperson Alberto Soci and (b) International Director Nicole Belaud introduced by International Director Walter Zemrosser</p>
14:50	Interlude*
15:00	<p>What have been the GAT service success stories in Europe noting those Environmental service projects with fundraising opportunities</p> <p>Speakers: 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</p>
15:20	Interlude*
15:30	<p>Youth and what tomorrow brings</p> <p>Speaker: 3rd International Vice President Dr Patti Hill, introduced by International Director Walter Zemrosser</p>
15:50	Interlude*
16:00	<p>Developing Leadership</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Lion Linda Picton and Past Council Chairperson Brandon Johnson, introduced by Past International Director Phil Nathan</p>
16:20	Interlude*

### SESSION THREE -16:30 CEST

- 16:30      Leos, Leo-Lions working with Lions together describing:  
a) Perspective of Young People towards Lions Club  
b) The on-going changes required to attract Young People into your club  
c) Leo-Lion Membership : What's that all about?
- Speakers: 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
- Speakers: Lion Antti Forsell and Leo Aayush Bagla, introduced by PID Elisabeth Haderer
- 17:20      Interlude\*
- 17:30      How to rejuvenate your club
- Speaker: Past International Director Nesim Levi, introduced by Past International Director Bruno Ahlqvist
- 17:50      Interlude\*
- 18:00      United Service provided by the collaboration of Leos and Lions across Diverse Nations
- Speaker: Past International Director Phil Nathan introduced by Zone Chairperson Maja Zikic
- 18:20      Interlude
- 18:30      Brief presentation of the EF21 Program and Social Events
- 18:40      Closing remarks from 1st 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