



Press release
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LAWG announces the election of Conor Dempsey as
Vice-President of the association

The Local American Working Group Association – LAWG announces the election of the new Vice-President, **Conor Dempsey - Managing Director MSD Romania and the Republic of Moldova**, for a term in the Board of Directors, until June 2028. Conor joins the association's current management team formed by, **Cătălin Radu – President of LAWG and General Manager Bristol Myers Squibb Romania**, and **Radu Rășinar – General Secretary of LAWG and Country President of AstraZeneca Romania**.

Conor Dempsey brings to Romania an extensive experience, accumulated in over 15 years of activity at MSD, both during management positions held in the national subsidiaries in Ireland, Croatia and Slovenia, as well as member of the regional leadership team in South-Eastern Europe.

"No organization and no company can generate systemic change on its own. Progress comes when we bring together expertise, different perspectives and common goals. This is also the spirit of LAWG. I am happy to contribute to this collaboration platform and to work alongside colleagues from member companies to support innovation, research and patients' access to the solutions they need. I believe that partnerships are essential to turn innovation into concrete results for patients and to support the development of a more resilient, sustainable and future-oriented healthcare system. I am convinced that by working together, we can contribute to strengthening the healthcare ecosystem and the life sciences sector in Romania, for the benefit of patients and society." mentioned Conor Dempsey, Vice-President of LAWG.

The LAWG Association, with 16 years of activity, is a promoter of innovation in health in Romania and supports the development of public policies for an efficient, patient-centered health system, with increased patient access to medical innovation. LAWG brings together the world's leading pharmaceutical companies in the field of research and biotechnology, mainly American or with major investments in the United States of America, which dedicate their activity to the development of innovative medicines: Abbvie, AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Novartis, Roche and UCB. The association was established with the support of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), one of the most important global organizations of innovative medicine manufacturers.

The strategic directions of the association for the next two years aim to promote the value of medical innovation, essential for patients and for society, along with

strengthening the competitiveness of the clinical trial sector in Romania. The expansion of the organization's strategic partnerships, in order to collaborate for a resilient health system adapted to the needs of patients is also a central element on the association's agenda. In addition, LAWG's activity will focus on encouraging digitalization in health and prevention, as important factors for increasing patients' quality of life and reducing pressure on the medical system in the medium and long term.

The Health Innovation Hub is one of the impactful projects in which LAWG has the role of Founding Member (since 2023), together with the Ministry of Health and the G6-UMF University Alliance, representing 6 Universities of Medicine and Pharmacy in Romania. Through the current activity of the LAWG Board of Directors and of the association, participation in the strategic directions and actions of the Health Innovation Hub remains a priority for the Local American Working Group.



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