

Opening speech Joeske Vos- chairman of the EPSO management Board

30th EPSO CONFERENCE ONLINE from the Hague

Welcome old and new EPSO friends, Speakers , Invited Guests

I am extremely happy that we have been able to organise this 30th EPSO conference under such difficult circumstances.

This was only possible with the help of many EPSO friends and partners I want to say in advance a special word of thank to all our speakers and all this who made this possible at the background such as our board and advisory member network such as Henk Nies and not to forget CQC Charles Rendell and the other UK countries

I don't have to tell you that Covid is a disaster for the world

However for EPSO it also brought some good things.

It is like our famous late Dutch football player Johan Cruyff said : 'ellek nadeel hebse voordeel' which means Every disadvantage has its advantage !

In this case as a result of Covid it was not difficult what to discuss: more than enough topics of learning and exchange between our EPSO partners . Supervisory organisations had difficult times and could learn a lot of each other.

Therefore we started as a direct result of Covid with our first weekly and later monthly meetings online . Only one our but enough time to exchange a lot of important findings

Furthermore as a result of Covid we could also include our Asia Pacific network like Australia, New Zealand Singapore Hong Kong and sometimes even South Korea. They became close fiends and are sharing now in this conference very valuable insights in many topics.

And also directly result of Covid we could invite much more colleagues than normal in our mall conferences with one round table and a maximum of 3 people per partner county to participate

And last but not least the content of our Conference

We have very interesting findings to share : not only negative but also very positive results of the Covid 19 pandemic.

For instance all accelerations and speed up in e-health and e- inspection .

However also interesting findings such as quite a number of people in disabled care who were afterwards better off as a result of not doing all kind things such as activities that were given to them with best of intentions but as it turned out not always yielded the best results !

Please listen to our sessions and you will hear a lot of learnings and not only from Covid of course

The results of our inventory is a multitude of topics, actually too much for our two-day conference, so we will continue afterwards with our monthly meetings , maybe not exactly monthly but at a regular base.

For now this conference will be opened now by Anita Slokenberga CEO of the Latvian Health Inspectorate . She will introduce the conference -as host to this conference and announce our next conference in Latvia in September which will be as planned the 30th of September and 1st of October . Please Safe the Date !

But for now we will go first to Anita and after that we will start the first session swith our Australian Colleagues Peter Carter also former CEO of ISQUA our siter organization and Susan Nancarrow prof at Southern Cross University Australia I invite you all to listen to their inspiring and valuable findings from Australia New South Wales

And afterward to all our wonderful speakers.

I wish you all a great conference !