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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dear << Test First Name >>   **EKTG 30th Summer - June 2023**  **EKTG plays tribute to Professor Peter Saraga OBE CBE FREng CPhys Hon.FInstP**  We are sad to announce that Professor Peter Saraga, the inaugural Chair of the EKTG Board, passed away on 23 February 2023.   Peter had a long association with EKTG being present at its first meeting in 2010, and used his considerable leadership skills to shape not only the EKTG future agenda, but also that of the European AAL programme for which he was a former President of the AAL Association.   He was a Kentish man, born in 1942 in St Paul’s Cray. Peter attained an MA in Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, followed by an MPhil in Electrical Engineering awarded by Imperial College, London. From 1964 to 1992 he worked at Philips Research rising through the ranks to eventually become Director of Philips Research Laboratories UK from 1992 to 2002. He went on to hold numerous high-level non executive and advisory roles related to STEM outreach, higher education, and science-based policy.   Peter had a friendly personality that exuded warmth and humility. All who worked with him can testify to his insightful mentoring skills and excellent judgement. His enthusiasm coupled with an open-minded approach to solving problems ensured that his understanding of issues related to the improvement in quality of life of Europe’s ageing population were all encompassing. He pushed actively for a more inclusive society that championed the productive role that elders can make. We can only hope that we can carry on the work he so brilliantly started, into a future that he would be proud.   He will be missed sorely.    Ron Summers Rafeal de Andrés   -- **Welcome to Alison Skillin, a new addition to the EKTG Trustee Board**--  Alison Skillin, is a the new addition to the EKTG Trustee Board and is an advocate for disabled people that use service/assistance dogs.  In 2015 she co-founded the OTCC grassroots campaign; dedicated to building a community and providing information.  During her time with the OTCC she was contacted by the EHRC to help rewrite their guidance, was invited to the DWP ODI head office for talks on assistance dog rights and created a community dedicated to fighting against discrimination.   In 2019 she co-founded the ADC, an advocacy charity, where she served as a Trustee for a time and presently work as their Volunteer Scottish Ambassador.  The ADC works with the government on the correct application of the Equality Act of 2010 as well as advocates for clients who are marginalised in UK society.   She is a long-standing member of the Scottish Parliament CPG for Disability and a member of the UK Parliament APDAWG group.   She is looking forward to helping the EKTG better understand the needs of the disabled community. --------------------------------------------------****News----------------------****------------------------------------------ **Plant-based diets can help reduce cholesterol levels**   [Read More](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpavilionhealthtoday.com%2Fgm%2Fplant-based-diets-can-help-reduce-cholesterol-levels%2F%3Futm_source%3Dhttps%253a%252f%252fnews.pavpub.com%252fpavilionpublishingandmedialz%252f%26utm_medium%3DGatorMail%26utm_campaign%3DPHT%2BGM%2Bebul%2B25%252f05%252f23%26utm_term%3DOlder%2Bpeople%2Breceiving%2B%25e2%2580%259cworst%2Bcare%25e2%2580%259d%2Bsince%2Bmetrics%2Bbegan%2B%26utm_content%3D26163%26gator_td%3DVSChYnIRdDH9csoQ%252b%252bA0zIxJSLFV31%252blW84dX5rnWim65t0K68QHwX5MPjIjzkQKmZ5pLf0UbsUTL1f2NPR%252bFxuKeP9GGBAdF7ZrwamRMSzwY97nkVaZz09yXpyoTWe8vjTtcF1wGqlentCrXOUlFXjKfCTv2uxaDQhXX3fJjQI%253d&xid=2b8a2c8c25&uid=53074061&iid=0b02ee1fc6&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686419228&h=0dd5f83aa3064c7090a5c743fa8b94ee697cb49f593b4c826076a4e5f8307a48)  **Older people receiving “worst care” since metrics began, say BGS**  [Read More](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpavilionhealthtoday.com%2Fgm%2Folder-people-receiving-worst-care-since-metrics-began%2F%3Futm_source%3Dhttps%253a%252f%252fnews.pavpub.com%252fpavilionpublishingandmedialz%252f%26utm_medium%3DGatorMail%26utm_campaign%3DPHT%2BGM%2Bebul%2B25%252f05%252f23%26utm_term%3DOlder%2Bpeople%2Breceiving%2B%25e2%2580%259cworst%2Bcare%25e2%2580%259d%2Bsince%2Bmetrics%2Bbegan%2B%26utm_content%3D26163%26gator_td%3DVSChYnIRdDH9csoQ%252b%252bA0zIxJSLFV31%252blW84dX5rnWim65t0K68QHwX5MPjIjzkQKmZ5pLf0UbsUTL1f2NPR%252bFxuKeP9GGBAdF7ZrwamRMSzwY97nkVaZz09yXpyoTWe8vjTtcF1wGqlentCrXOUlFXjKfCTv2uxaDQhXX3fJjQI%253d&xid=2b8a2c8c25&uid=53074061&iid=0b02ee1fc6&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686419228&h=e640d6c36c8853346ccf92198b283a88db0baae6b54b04ee2a7338ba15f2d7f2)  **Health in Belgium**  [Read More](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.email.cogora.com%2F%3Fqs%3Dd2b40e062863a7146bf9c200624a409aa6e60712ea56e1efb988822bf74ea008c35a25da94eab8de97b0e481b54a1a2b&xid=2b8a2c8c25&uid=53074061&iid=0b02ee1fc6&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686419228&h=260f980ed6d0fe585bdd43f914e101e55d4716d3e3521fcac60d0c6551b03312)  ****Council of the European Union**** From Monday to Tuesday, a Competitiveness Council will take place and ministers are set to discuss issues such as the Critical Raw Materials Act, 'Single Market at 30' and the Net Zero Industry Act. On Thursday, the Foreign Affairs Council will convene in which trade ministers will address recent developments in EU-China trade relations and ongoing bilateral trade negotiations.  [Read More](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Feuropeanmovement.eu%2Feu-weekly%2Fweekly-european-agenda-22-05-2023%2F%23council&xid=2b8a2c8c25&uid=53074061&iid=0b02ee1fc6&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686419228&h=d01d6ce271fac9eed3c8eca2aaa5d331f2bdfb29eaad6de893a9d5d92d9b5b73) The Next EKTG Newsletter will include similar material. 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