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## CLI Global Society Announces New Office in Europe to Address Healthcare Policy and Clinical Challenges

**Brussels, Belgium, March 31, 2022** - Since its inception in 2016, the Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI) Global Society has been active in pursuing its mission to improve quality of life by preventing amputations and death due to CLI. The Society collaborates with a coalition of like-minded organizations that share an interest in CLI to address treatment, outcomes, coding, and reimbursement to globally improve care and prevent amputations for patients with CLI.

To date, Society achievements have been mainly accomplished in the US. There is a lack of information and data relating to CLI at the European healthcare policy level impacting 27 member states. The establishment of a European office is the next step for the CLI Global Society to meet our worldwide mission of ending amputation and death due to CLI.

This effort will be led by the European Union (EU) Board Members to include Prof. Jos C. van den Berg, Interventional Radiologist, as Chairman, Prof. Thomas Zeller, Interventional Angiologist, as Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Walter Dorigo, Vascular Surgeon, as Treasurer/Secretary. "As an international society, it is our mission to address CLI globally and we look forward to expanding our focus to include Eurocentric clinical challenges", said Dr. Barry Katzen, President of the CLI Global Society.

"An office, with its seat in Brussels close to the European policy makers, and specifically focusing on Europe is necessary because of the major differences that currently exist between the healthcare systems within the 27 member states," said Prof. van den Berg. "The multidisciplinary approach to achieve further fulfillment of the mission of the Society in Europe is guaranteed by the EU board members and it is my pleasure and honor to be the first chairman of the CLIGS EU."

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## **About CLI Global Society**

The CLI Global Society was established in 2016 by passionate leaders to address the unmet need of CLI. The intent of the society is to work toward a coalition of global organizations that share an interest in CLI to facilitate implementation of goals that will lead to ideal management of this impactful problem to improve quality of life and longevity of patients by preventing amputations and death due to CLI.