

Avril Daly



Avril Daly has been President of EURORDIS-Rare Diseases Europe since November 2022. She was elected to the EURORDIS Board of Directors in 2009 and served as Vice-President of EURORDIS from 2012 to 2022.

Avril is the CEO of Retina International, the global patient-led umbrella group dedicated to the promotion of research into rare and inherited as well as age-related forms of retinal degenerative conditions. She previously held the position of CEO at Fighting Blindness Ireland for eight years.

Avril was previously a member and chair of the board of Rare Diseases Ireland and retired from the board in 2019.

Avril was appointed in 2011 by then Minister for Health to the Steering Committee working towards the development of the Irish National Plan for Rare Diseases, published in 2014. Avril sat on the Oversight Committee and on the working group of the Clinical Programme for Rare Diseases at the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Avril was a founding member of the boards of Health Research Charities Ireland (HRCI) and the Irish Platform for Patients' Organisations, Science and Industry (IPPOSI). She served two terms as Board Member of the European Patient's Forum (EPF) and as Board member of European Platform for Patient Organisations Science and Industry (EPPOSI).

Avril is a Business & Media Studies Graduate. She was diagnosed with the rare retinal condition Retinitis Pigmentosa in 1998.