



Laureline Gatellier

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Ms Laureline, a Belgian who has spent most of her adult life in Japan, has been the president of the NPO Japan Brain Tumor Network (JBTA) since May 2018. In early 2016, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent two awake surgeries to remove most of it, followed by radiation and chemotherapy. Living with this rare cancer and experiencing it firsthand inspired her to improve the lives of cancer patients, particularly those with rare cancers such as brain tumors, both in Japan and abroad.

Driven by her desire to make a difference, Ms Laureline joined the patient organization Rare Cancers Japan as a board member in 2018. She is dedicated to advancing research and treatment, including genomic medicine, with the belief that these efforts will eventually enhance the environment for all cancer patients. In both organizations, she and her colleagues also do their best to support patients in need.

Ms Laureline envisions progress not only through Japan's efforts but also by fostering cooperative relationships with Asian countries and integrating them with the broader efforts of the EU, the US, and other global partners. She advocates for a collaborative approach involving various stakeholders, including academic institutions, healthcare providers, technology companies, patient organizations, regulators, and the pharmaceutical industry. Through collective efforts, she hopes to contribute to the ongoing quest for better treatments and ultimately a cure for cancers, starting with brain tumors and rare cancers.

Topic: Panel Discussion - How Can Healthcare Professionals Support Brain Tumour Patient Organisations in Developing and Developed Countries