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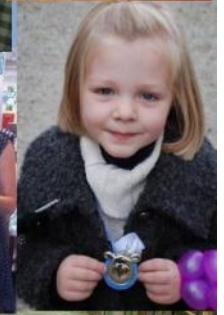


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Important dates to remember

Friday 2 December

(AM) IDF Europe
General Assembly
(PM) IDF Member
Association Consultation
Meeting

Saturday 3 December

IDF Global General
Assembly & Elections

**Please ensure that
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WORLD DIABETES DAY 2011 ACT ON DIABETES. NOW.



Awareness event in the Council of Europe

Act on Diabetes. Now.

Take the Blue Circle Test: Come and get yourself tested for diabetes!



Council of Europe, Strasbourg
(exact location, tbc)
10th November 2011

09:00 - 18:00: Take the Test
12:00 - 14:00: Conference on Diabetes Prevention
in Europe

RSVP before November 1st at: lala@idf-europe.org

Thank you very much in advance for your support.



Location: the Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Date: 10 November
Objective: Raising awareness of the staff and visitors to the Council regarding the increasing burden of diabetes and the importance of prevention and early diagnosis; first event organized in partnership with the Council.
Visitors: more than 250 out of which about 150 took the glucose test and about 20 took the risk test;



Awareness event in the Council of Europe



Last minute check up before the stand is open.

Irene Salgado offers support to a visitor



The experience of the Youth Camp was brought in by Pauline Brailly-Vignal (French Diabetes Association).

Awareness event in the Council of Europe

The conference on diabetes prevention in Europe



Maud de Boer-Buquiccio,
Deputy Secretary general of
the Council of Europe



Ute Dahremöller
General Director of Administration,
the Council of Europe



Professor Sehnaz Karadeniz,
IDF Europe Board Member



Professor Michel Pinget,
President of the European Centre
for the Study of Diabetes



Laure Charreton,
Member of the staff of the Council of
Europe

Awareness event in the Council of Europe The conference on diabetes prevention in Europe



Dr Marianne Mengus,
Council of Europe

Participants to the conference asking
their questions



At the end of the conference
discussing the outcomes

Awareness event in the Council of Europe

Blood glucose testing with the support of the European Centre for Study of Diabetes and the French Diabetes Association.



Awareness event in the Council of Europe

The International Diabetes Federation European Region marks the day in the Council of Europe

STRASBOURG, France – During the event dedicated to the World Diabetes Day, IDF Europe discussed for the first time in the Council of Europe the impact of diabetes and the ways to prevent it.

Organised by the International Diabetes Federation European Region (IDF Europe) and the Directorate General of Administration and under the patronage of Maud de Boer-Buquiccio, Deputy Secretary general of the Council of Europe, the event included information sharing about diabetes, testing of the risk to develop diabetes, testing of the level of blood glucose, and a Question and Answers session on the topic of Preventing diabetes in Europe.

In the global movement to stop the NCDs epidemic, the experience of diabetes may be used as best practice: team work, therapeutic education, patient centred medical assistance, the development and use of National Diabetes Programmes, and personalized care are only some of the leading elements that may help other chronic conditions becoming even greater burdens for our health systems.

Type 2 diabetes may be prevented – as indicated by local studies in Germany and Finland. Most of the diabetes late complications may be prevented or postponed as well. All it is need is a system that invests in future results and that ensures proper support of a continuum of services from general public prevention, early diagnosis and proper treatment and education.

Policy makers are called now to think strategically and act before it becomes too late.

Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquiccio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe said in the opening remarks: *“We are happy to host the World Diabetes Day event this year as it coincides with the 90th anniversary of the discovery of insulin by Professor Banting”*.

Considering the high impact diabetes is having on our health systems and personal lives, the Council agreed to have this awareness and testing event bringing the attention of our countries representatives to the problems and potential solutions related to diabetes. *“Our aim is to create the possibilities for people with diabetes living as close to normal lives as possible”* specified Dr Marianne Mengus in her intervention.

“This it is the first time IDF Europe organises an event in the Council of Europe and we are looking forward to continue the cooperation we just started” stated Professor Sehnaz Karadeniz, member of the board of IDF Europe.

Professor Michel Pinget, President of the European Centre for the Study of Diabetes discussed some of the potential causes of the present epidemic of diabetes as combinations of inherited and environmental factors.

The Q&A session was part of a series of activities organised by the IDF Europe at the Council of Europe to mark World Diabetes Day 2011. Printed information was handed out at the stand placed in the Council of Europe building in Strasbourg. The stand was open on 10 November and interested persons learned more about diabetes and the social misconceptions about, took a risk or blood sugar level test, or found out the main policy issues that affect the persons with diabetes in the Europe.

Youth leaders call the European Parliament to account

Act on Diabetes. Now.

Youth Leaders in Diabetes: Developing a future-proof strategy for diabetes management in the EU



European Parliament, Strasbourg
(exact location, tbc)
15th November 2011

09:00 - 18:00: 'Diabetes Pathway' with young celebrities
12:00 - 14:00: Lunch Debate on a future-proof Diabetes Management Strategy

RSVP before November 1st at: lala@idf-europe.org

Thank you very much in advance for your support.
Christel Schaldemose MEP
Simon Busuttill MEP
Marisa Matias MEP
Sarah Ludford MEP



Location: the European Parliament, Strasbourg
Date: 15 November

Objective: Raising awareness of the MEPs and European Commission regarding the increasing burden of diabetes and the importance of prevention and early diagnosis; shared experience and lobby of youth leaders

Outcome: the lunch discussion was attended by 14 MEPs and EP staff; 12 MEPs attended the Diabetes Pathway; Commissioner Dalli visited the stand and discussed with the youth leaders; Commissioner Vassiliou had a private meeting with members of the IDF Europe Board and the youth leaders; the third edition of the Policy Puzzle was officially launched.



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Private discussion with Commissioner Vassiliou



João Nabais, Bas van de Goor, Commissioner Vassiliou and Jenny Petterson



Bas van de Goor in the IDF Europe stand



João Valente Nabais, President Elect of IDF Europe Presenting the Policy Puzzle



Jenny Petterson (above) and Bastian Hauk (right) telling their stories during the lunch meeting.



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**Commissioner Dalli
visiting the
IDF Europe exhibition**



Youth leaders call the European Parliament to account

STRASBOURG, France – To mark World Diabetes Day this year, the International Diabetes Federation European region (IDF Europe) has teamed up with several youth advocates to organize high level events in the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 15 November 2011.

The central event consisted in a high-level lunchtime meeting, hosted by MEP Christel Schaldemose (co-chair of the EU Diabetes Working Group). The 3rd edition of the Policy Puzzle (a report on the status of diabetes related policies and services in Europe), which for the first time covers the entire European region (i.e. 47 countries) was launched and its main findings were highlighted.

Five inspirational youth leaders subsequently shared their real life experiences and advice of how to live full lives and manage diabetes successfully. The youth leaders urged the European Parliament to take concrete steps to help the many people living in the European region who do not have adequate access to diabetes care and treatment. MEP Schaldemose closed the lunch debate by stating *"We must continue working together to support people with diabetes live fulfilling lives. While it is important to have a holistic approach to healthcare, we must also push for disease specific strategies to address the health needs of all"*.

Commissioner for education, culture, multilingualism, sport, media and youth, Mrs Vassiliou, met privately with the youth leaders in order to gain greater understanding of the actions they have been leading. Building on the youth on the move initiative, possibilities of future collaboration were discussed and will be further explored.

IDF Europe also presented an exhibit called the "Diabetes pathway" that highlighted the importance of prevention, diagnosis and management of this chronic condition. The pathway was brought to life thanks to a collection of paintings by children and young adolescents living with diabetes. The Commissioner for health and consumer protection, Mr Dalli, attended the exhibition, during which he received a commemorative token from IDF Europe and spoke with the youth leaders. President elect of IDF Europe, Joao Nabais warmly thanked the Commissioner for his presence and called for a continued collaboration with the European Commission. *"In this time of economic turmoil, Europe must provide adequate care for people living with diabetes or risk higher health costs due to costly complications"*.

Youth leaders call the European Parliament to account



MEPs Christel Shaldemose, Simon Busuttil, Baroness Sarah Ludford and Marisa Matias (Co-chairs of the EU Diabetes Working Group) and João Valente Nabais (President Elect of IDF Europe)



IDF Europe Board Members, staff and Youth Leaders who worked for the event in the European Parliament

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