



IDF-Europe

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A Word from the Managing Director of IDF Europe:

Many IDF-Europe Member Associations have expressed interest in having a regional newsletter. This preliminary newsletter is a round up of the recent news and events concerning IDF-Europe. From the first issue, we shall draw more attention to the activities on diabetes in your country and any further information that you want to share. Therefore, please help us make our newsletters a success by sending us short texts in English (5-10 lines) on:

- Specific activities on diabetes in your country
- Success stories: examples of successful activities that could be used in other countries
- World Diabetes Day: The major event of 2002
- Partnerships: joint ventures with other associations, industry, etc
- Summer Camps: for the people with diabetes
- Fundraising activities: the ones that work!
- Links: the electronic link to your own website and/or newsletter, plus other useful links
Be short- but do send us some of your best practices please.

Pascal Onraed

IDF-Europe Office News

IDF-Europe moved offices on 26 July 2002 to Avenue Emile De Mot 19, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium. The new offices are spacious, modern and a definite improvement.

The Executive Office of IDF-Europe is now:

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IDF-Europe also appointed a stagiaire, Miss Annie Montenero Turco, a student of a school of nursing, endorsed by the Associazione Italiana per la Difesa degli Interessi dei Diabetici (AIDID) during the summer of 2002 to help with the move and administrative duties.



IDF-Europe Presidential Report 2001-2002

The **Presidential Report** by the President of International Diabetes Federation Europe, Professor Massimo Massi-Benedetti, will be presented at the IDF-Europe General Assembly **in Cyprus on October 11 2002**. The report includes information about the **creation of awards** presented to associations, institutions, industries and individuals that have supported IDF-Europe and its action in favour of a better life for people with diabetes in Europe.

Member Association Awards to:

- The **Cyprus Diabetes Association**, for promoting the Cyprus Plan for Diabetes and involving IDF-Europe in this process and also for organising the 2002 annual regional meeting.
- The **Dutch Diabetes Association**, for supporting the implementation in the IDF-Europe region of the "Life for a Child" initiative through a generous funds collection, and for organising the 2001 annual regional meeting.
- The **Diabetes Association of Croatia**, for organising the 2000 annual regional meeting.
- The **Associazione Medici Diabetologi (AMD)** for the generous support given to the IDF Educational Foundation and for supporting the IDF-Europe Office.

Corporate Partners:

A recognition award will be presented to the following IDF-Europe corporate partners:

- **Eli Lilly**
- **GlaxoSmithKline**
- **Pfizer**
- **Sanofi-Synthelabo**
- The award for best contributor will be presented to **Novo Nordisk**

Special Awards:

- Gruppo di studio sul rischio cardiovascolare nel diabete (Chairman Professor Gaetano Crepaldi) and Novartis Italy for creating an opportunity of support for IDF-Europe through a national survey on CVD.
- The Lions Club International Foundation for a partnership in the survey on eye disease.

Personal Recognition:

- Kurt Clemmensen finishing his second term in the IDF-Europe Board for his services to IDF

The order of IDF-Europe Award:

- Professor Harry Keen for longstanding commitment to diabetes in Europe

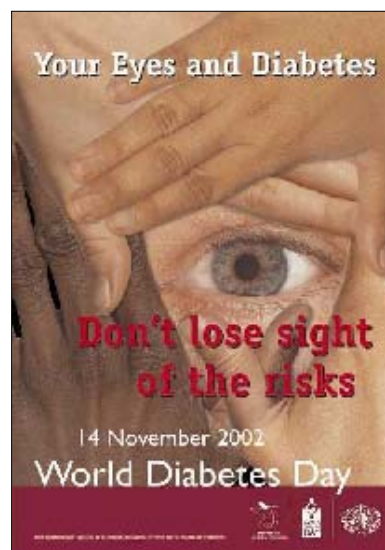


IDF-Europe news

IDF-Europe may be joining the **European Patient's Forum**, which would be an enterprise backed by the EU Commission.

World Diabetes Day 14 November 2002

For the past 12 years, IDF's member associations have actively contributed to foster World Diabetes Day (WDD) through a range of activities supported by IDF. This year, this crucial public awareness campaign focuses on the link between diabetes and eye disease. In order to highlight the importance and urgency to address diabetes to Europe, **IDF-Europe is organising two important events** that will take place during the month of November 2002 in the European Parliament.



Round table lunch debate hosted by MEP John Bowis: Diabetes & Your Eyes: How to avoid Blindness

Tuesday, 5 November 2002, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

MEP's are invited to take part in this important meeting that will address key issues facing people with diabetes in Europe.

Diabetes Testing, Press Conference and Reception

November 19-21 2002, European Parliament, Strasbourg, France

The increase in diabetes is caused by different reasons, including lifestyle-related factors such as the lack of physical exercise and poor nutrition. In order to limit the increase in the number of people with diabetes in Europe, IDF-Europe is committed to stimulate awareness on the impact of diabetes and the possibility of prevention. MEP's will have the chance to have their blood glucose level checked by medical professionals, while receiving information on how to prevent and manage diabetes. Their eyes will also be checked using a retinograph. Many Parliamentarians are backing our event. Let's hope it is for the better of people with diabetes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would greatly appreciate having further assistance to the local nurses who will be helping out with the diabetes testing in Strasbourg. We need your help in sending diabetes specialist doctors/nurses from the EU and from candidate countries as well to assist with the diabetes testing. We would need appropriate documentation in your own language to be distributed to your MEPs. Contacts with your own MEPs should also be taken.

Further information about this will be sent to you shortly by the Managing Director, Pascal Onraed.



Regional News

From the first issue onwards, regional news will be divided into sub-regions: **East European Countries (EEC)**, **Central European Countries (CEC)**, **Mediterranean Countries** and **E.U Affairs**.

Hungary

Ever since the creation of the **Hungarian Diabetes Association** (MDT) in 1971, the study and management of diabetes have been thoroughly promoted in Hungary. MDT set up a diabetes nurse-training scheme 7 years ago. The training is unique in Europe since it unites practice and theory qualifying 30-35 diabetes nurses annually. In addition, MDT finances *Diabetes*, the nations patient magazine, which celebrated its 10th anniversary with a festival. For more information about the Hungarian Diabetes Association, look at:

www.diabet.hu MDT's home page

www.diabetes.hu *Diabetes'* home page

Spain

Spanish Diabetes Associations have been involved in a whole range of activities, including an **expedition to the North Pole by people with diabetes** (Diabetes Foundation), **Survey of the Diabetic Retinopathy** (RETINDIAB ZARAGOZA) and **Survey for undiagnosed diabetes** in Galicia and Cataluña.

There have also been numerous success stories, including:

- **"Diabetes and Driving" and "Cholesterol control in Diabetic People" campaigns** (Spanish Diabetic Federation, FEDE)
- Summer school **"Diabetic Foot Care"** and **"Diabetes Education"** in Madrid (FEAED)
- Working Party: **"Educative Aspects in early insulin therapy"** (FEAED) and SED
- **Award CLAVE 2002 for Diabetic Associations, Madrid.** (Diabetes Foundation)
- Symposium **"Therapeutic education in childhood and adolescence"** and **"Cooking Skills for diabetes educators"**, Toledo (FEAED)

Yugoslavia

The Diabetes Association of Yugoslavia has created an electronic link for the association available in the Serbian language:

www.diabeta.net