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Dear Friends,

One week ago we left Copenhagen after the 22nd LUPUS EUROPE Convention. In this NewsFlash a big THANK YOU for our colleagues in Denmark, Caroline's story about our visit to Town Hall and an important reminder: 15th October is the deadline to register for taking part in the Conference *Excellence in Rheumatology*, January 2012 in Madrid.

We wish you pleasant reading.
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***** THANK YOU DENMARK *****



We will all see a lot of pictures, taken by our photographer Zóltan Purgel and others, in the near future through Picasa-links etcetera. We have to be patient for a while.

But we don't need pictures to remember Kirsten Lerstrøm, Tove Cassøe and all the other ladies from Denmark who has done a tremendous job in organizing a very good programme, wonderful events and found a quiet hotel where we could rest after days that were loaded with meetings, conversations and new impressions. You will read more about the 22nd Convention in Minutes and Caring & Sharing.

Please wonderful Danish ladies, take your time and rest!

***** Visit Town Hall Thursday 22nd September 2011 *****

Report on our visit to Town Hall in Copenhagen from Caroline Daly from the Irish Lupus Support Group.

On Thursday morning all the delegates board the coach for the town hall. We arrived into the bustling town square and saw this amazing imposing building.

It was designed by architect Martin Nyrop in the national romantic style but with inspiration from Siena City Hall in Italy. We entered the building through large wooden doors and made our way down beautiful corridors of mosaic on the floor and walls, until we reached a large staircase with brass ornamentation. We all headed up to the next floor where we entered a room set for morning coffee. This room was covered in original wood panels and decorative mosaic. It was beautiful, but that was not all. The tables were set for tea and coffee with Royal Copenhagen china, with its delicate colour of blue.

We all thought we were royalty!

After a while we were served a traditional dish of pancakes with almond nuts and cream. Very nice, but an inch on the hips. Then it was down to official business.

The Lord Mayor, a petite young lady entered the room. She was the Mayor for the Ministry of Health and she welcomed us all. She stated that she had never heard of Lupus until she watched a programme on TV a week previous. She said there was a need to make awareness of the disease as it hits so many young women, and as she is young it could hit her at anytime. Her role is to provide help to people who need it and it is the delegates job through the Lupus Europe Networks to inform people about Lupus and keep up awareness. She thanked all the delegates. The CEO of the Danish Rheumatism Association, Lene Witte, thanked the mayor for her time and understanding of Lupus. We finished up our pancakes and made our way around the beautiful building, and onto the library, admiring the oak staircase with all its beautiful paintings on the wall. One side the countryside in olden times Copenhagen and the other side the city of Copenhagen in older times.

Next we entered a large hall with lots of Danish flags hanging from the roof. This is the wedding hall used for official engagements. I took some photographs and then we all headed out to the town square and home to the hotel for the rest of the convention.



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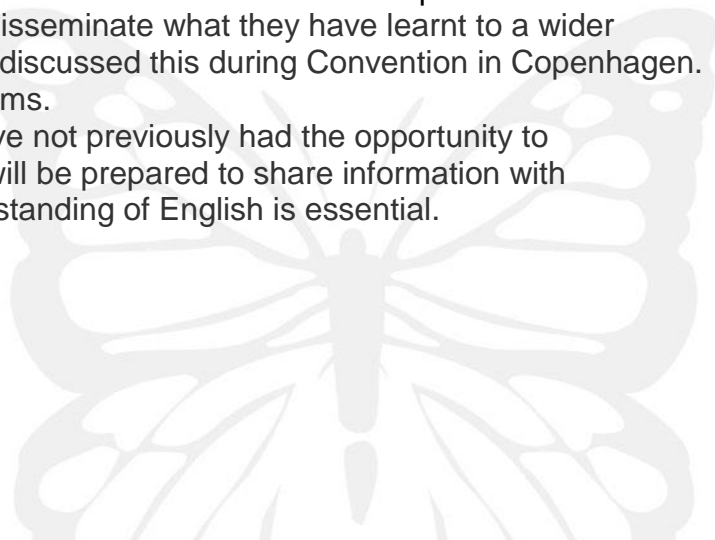
***** Excellence in Rheumatology*****

The second Excellence in Rheumatology Conference will take place in Madrid, 25-28 January 2012.

The Conference will boast a number of innovative ideas including a Patient Programme focusing on Lupus and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA).

For the first time ever, bursaries will be available for patients to attend a scientific Conference. A total of 50 bursaries will be shared by Lupus and RA, 25 each. The Lupus bursaries will be offered to all member countries/Groups, with 1 delegate from each Group being able to attend the Conference at no cost to themselves except for the time and commitment to fully participate and to disseminate what they have learnt to a wider patient audience in their home country. We discussed this during Convention in Copenhagen. Until today we received eight application forms.

Preference will be given to patients who have not previously had the opportunity to attend international Conferences and who will be prepared to share information with other patients on their return. A good understanding of English is essential.



Also at the Conference:

- Expert patients manning stations that health professionals can visit during breaks
- 'Hot Spots' where patients can discuss issues with health professionals
- Patient delegates will have open access to scientific sessions

Application forms are mailed to all member Groups with the closing date for return being 15th October 2011.

Bursaries will include:

- Economy class tickets from country of origin to Madrid
- 3 nights' accommodation in Madrid for the duration of the Patients' Meeting and EiR
- Registration to attend the Patients' Meeting and EiR

If you have not registered already **please visit now** www.excellence-in-rheumatology.org to discover more about the Conference and the list of Speakers and Facilitators for the exciting Patient Programme **and fill in the Application form.**

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