



**LUPUS  
EUROPE**

UNITING PEOPLE WITH LUPUS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

# NEWSFLASH

The Newsletter of LUPUS EUROPE

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Dear Friends,

This week was the first Trustee Meeting in London of this year. We discussed our plans for 2011 and beyond. We like to remind you that in April LUPUS EUROPE will take part in the 8<sup>th</sup> European Lupus Meeting Porto 2011 and in May an information stand is planned at the EULAR Congress 2011 in London. To remind you of Rare Disease Day February 28<sup>th</sup> this brief NewsFlash is sent now. In March you receive another NewsFlash with more news about the different items.

We wish you pleasant reading.

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### \*\*\* Rare Disease Day \*\*\*

Rare Disease Day is an annual awareness-raising event coordinated by EURORDIS at the international level and National Alliances of Patient Organisations at the National level. Last year 46 countries joined in -- making it a truly international campaign.

This year's focus is on **RARE DISEASES & HEALTH INEQUALITIES**.

The official website is [www.rarediseaseday.org](http://www.rarediseaseday.org)

If you are a patient or patient representative and are planning an awareness-raising event, please contact your [National Alliance](#) .

If you are not a patient rep you can also participate by becoming a [Friend of Rare Disease Day](#). You only have to post the logo on your website and link your website to [www.rarediseaseday.org](http://www.rarediseaseday.org).

The slogan of the campaign is « **RARE BUT EQUAL** ». We encourage you to use it, together with the **logo, banner and poster**, which are available in the '[Downloads](#)' section of [www.rarediseaseday.org](http://www.rarediseaseday.org)

You can also:

Join Rare Disease Day [Facebook](#) Group or follow Rare Disease Day on [Twitter](#)

Questions? Suggestions? Drop an email at [rarediseaseday@eurordis.org](mailto:rarediseaseday@eurordis.org)

Get involved – this day is *the* Day to put rare diseases in the spotlight!

### \*\*\* Patients' Rights Day April 18<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* to be celebrated in Brussels on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Active Citizenship Network (ACN) together with a group of European citizens organisations in 2002 drafted the European Charter of Patients' Rights.

Please see [www.activecitizenship.net/content/view/283/165/](http://www.activecitizenship.net/content/view/283/165/) for Patients's Rights in your own language. Take a look at [www.activecitizenship.net/content/view/331/179](http://www.activecitizenship.net/content/view/331/179) for more information about the conference in Brussels.

On the 11-12<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 ACN organize the European Conference of the 5<sup>th</sup> European Patients' Rights Day to bring together different stakeholders to discuss the real conditions of citizens in the health care services in Europe.

### \*\*\* European patients' Forum Annual Meeting in Brussels on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*

EPF is involved in the activities on Patients' Rights Day. The Trustees are happy to announce that Katharine Wheeler, delegate of the Lupus Group Belgium (French) is willing to represent LUPUS EUROPE at the EPF Meeting.

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