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UNITING PEOPLE WITH LUPUS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

# NEWSFLASH

The Newsletter of LUPUS EUROPE

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Dear Friends,

In this second Newsflash you will find all details about the LUPUS EUROPE activities at the next EULAR conference. We hope we will meet a lot of you in June in Copenhagen, as it will be a most interesting program for Lupus patients. Do not forget to fill in the survey, the outcome is very valuable to us.

If you have any items you would like to see in this Newsflash, please forward your news to the Secretary. Any comments are welcome too.

We wish you pleasant reading.  
Trustees of LUPUS EUROPE

### \*\*\* Satellite Symposium at EULAR \*\*\* European League Against Rheumatism

LUPUS EUROPE is very proud to present the Satellite Symposium on *Lupus – Considering the Future*, on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June, at 17.30h, during the EULAR congress in Copenhagen, organised together with and by the support of UCB.

With Professor David Isenberg (UK) as chair, three prominent consultants will present important topics, relevant to people with lupus and their carers, and Kirsten Lerstrom (Denmark) will give a lecture from the patient's perspective.

If you attend the EULAR Congress, you are most welcome to attend the Satellite Symposium. A report on the event will be distributed to all members after EULAR.

EULAR Congress this year has also brought more attention to Lupus/SLE, as besides our Satellite Symposium. It will be the topic of three business sessions - clinical trials, Best Practice and biology (relapse and remissions). Other lectures during the four days of Congress will also feature lupus/SLE.

Nele Caeyers, LUPUS EUROPE Secretary, will be chair at three sessions and giving two speeches. Kirsten Lerstrom, LUPUS EUROPE Trustee, will also be speaking at a PARE session.

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If you want to know more about this symposium, please contact the Secretary at [Nele@ReumaNet.be](mailto:Nele@ReumaNet.be) or Kirsten Lerstrom at [kirsten@lerstrom.dk](mailto:kirsten@lerstrom.dk)

Further information on EULAR can be found on [www.eular.org](http://www.eular.org).

**\*\*\* Internet Survey for the Satellite Symposium at EULAR \*\*\***

LUPUS EUROPE has developed in collaboration with UCB an online survey to offer you an opportunity to make your voice heard at the satellite symposium at EULAR. The anonymous survey will give a clearer view on what lupus means for people living with it. The responses will be collated and discussed by the faculty at the Lupus Symposium. It will not take long to complete, so please go to the link below and help us raise awareness for lupus. Please forward this Newsflash to all your members and friends and tell them to open (press 'Control' and click hyperlink) and complete the survey. DO NOT CUT AND PASTE the hyperlink. The more results we receive, the better. The survey is in English, but easy to understand.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mi\\_2fHT\\_2bGMhGTqP\\_2bUYIBNE8Q\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mi_2fHT_2bGMhGTqP_2bUYIBNE8Q_3d_3d)

Three important things to know:

- We have a target of 70 responses from each country.
- The survey will close on 01<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 24.00 h. After this date you will not be allowed access.
- You can return to previous pages in the survey and update existing responses until the form is finished or until you have exited the survey. After the form is completed, you will not be able to re-enter the survey.

If you want to know more about this survey, please contact the Vice-Chair Rudi Hocks ([rhlupus@aol.com](mailto:rhlupus@aol.com)) or the Secretary ([nele@reumanet.be](mailto:nele@reumanet.be)).

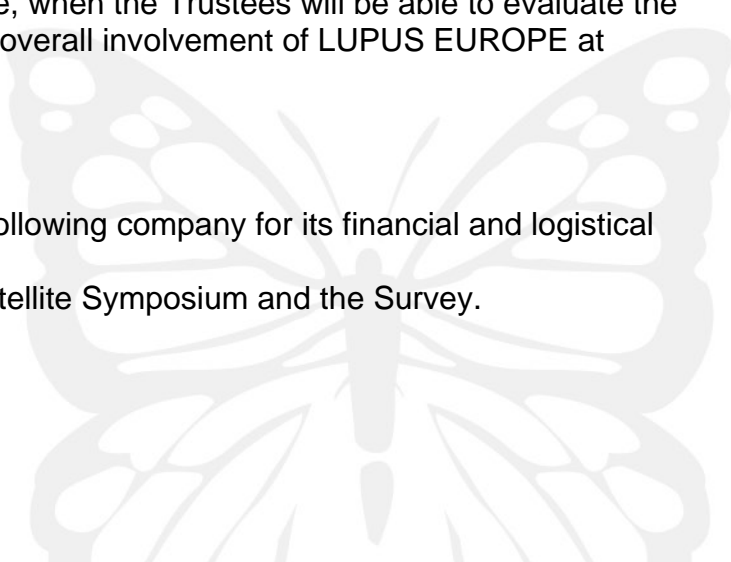
**\*\*\* LUPUS EUROPE TRUSTEE MEETING \*\*\***

The next Trustee Meeting will take place in Copenhagen, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. A further Meeting will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, when the Trustees will be able to evaluate the success of the Lupus Symposium and the overall involvement of LUPUS EUROPE at EULAR.

**\*\*\* Thanks to... \*\*\***

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UCB for their help and support with the Satellite Symposium and the Survey.



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Nele Caeyers  
Secretary LUPUS EUROPE

