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## Dear EUROPSO Members,

Here is the new info letter of Europso.

I hope you had a nice summer and you can do your volunteers job for your associations very fruit full and with joy.

The season with a lot of work starts again, for Europso also

### Norwegian

We have an invitation for Europso board member to go to the General Assembly of the Norwegian Psoriasis association in the Soria Moria Hotel in Oslo from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. We are happy with this invitation from one of our members.

### IFPA Conference in Stockholm 2009.

We congratulate IFPA with the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis Conference in Stockholm June 2009 where 968 delegates from 66 countries participated.

New findings indicate a need for new medical approaches. Contrary to popular belief, psoriasis is not a skin disease, but a systemic disorder. At the 2nd World Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis Conference, new findings on this matter has been presented. Europso support this approach!

Europso participated at this conference in Stockholm with 4 members of the board and 2 substitute members; we thank our sponsors **Abbott** and the **Deutscher Psoriasis Bund e. V.** for sponsoring this trip and accommodation .

We were presenting ourselves with our banners for about 960 participants of the conference. There was a board meeting were we decided to have our members meeting in Düsseldorf (Germany) 2010.

And we had meeting with Ifpa and our sponsors. It was a really busy time for us.



Tiina Pöllumägi (substitute member Estonia) and Viveca Lindahl (substitute member Sweden) at the board meeting in Stockholm.

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Philippe Piels (treasurer) and Antoinette Romeo (vice President) at the board meeting in Stockholm.

## Poland

We had a meeting with Prof. Baran of Poland in Stockholm. He asked our mediation about the Polish situation that it is impossible to speak with several associations about the biologic medicines. According Prof. Baran there must be only one association where the public health administration can deal with.

Well of course this is an internal affair of the Polish associations. But Janusz Jagiello of our Polish Psoriasis association replied on our letter that the situation in Poland with 5 associations is not so bad at all this moment. All the associations will have the same goal; they are all interested in the biologic medicines. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October all the associations will have a meeting in Lublin together and then there will be talked about the situation. So we think it is all right that there will be discussions at least. Europso, President Ottfrid Hillmann has been invited to speech at this conference and explain about the biologic medicines has been integrated in the Western countries already.

Due to the interference of the President of Europso Ottfrid Hillmann, Professor Kaszuba and Prof. Glinski; The 5 local patient organisations in Poland were united in 1 umbrella Organisation. Congratulation to the Polish Organisations for this decision. More Informations will come in the next Infoletter.



The new Organisation will continue the membership in Europso.

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## Members meeting 28. - 30. May 2010 in Düsseldorf (Germany)

One of the items we will discuss with our members is the amount of the fee. At this moment we ask every member to pay 200 Euro fee.

We are aware that we must change this amount. Smaller countries can pay less fee than bigger countries. It also must depend on how many members this association has. In that way we can attract more smaller countries to become a member of Europso. Therefore we try already to invite associations who are no member of Europso also to come to our member meeting in Düsseldorf 2010. At the member meeting they can be present but not vote until they really become a member and pay according the new rules. And at this meeting we will see what the members will decide!

## Request of French association APLCP

Dalila of the French association APLCP wrote Europso an e-mail on 21 th of April 2009. She would like to know if we have info about the evolution (increase/decrease?) of the number of dermatologists (working for themselves, and not in hospitals) equipped with photo therapy materials.

According to her, the number of such dermatologists seems to decreasing but she would like to get figures. Not only for France but also for other countries.

Prof. Louis Dubertret of <http://www.psoriasis-international.org/> send an e-mail and he answered. Following this request we have contacted the French Society of Photo-dermatology, as well as the National Syndicate of Dermatologists. The Syndicate provides in its website ([www.syndicatdermatos.org](http://www.syndicatdermatos.org)) a free-access directory listing all practitioners with photo therapy machines, whether PUVA or UVB TL01, what avoids the ethical dilemma of "publicity". Moreover, one can easily search the dermatologists by criteria: specialty, region, etc. The Syndicate is also preparing a paper version of this directory. Maybe it could be helpful to investigate if such a directory exists in the other European countries, and if not, it might be interesting to make such suggestion to the national professional associations of dermatologists

Therefore we ask every member association of Europso to investigate in your local country the "national professional associations of dermatologists" if there is a free-access directory listing all practitioners with photo therapy machines, whether PUVA or UVB TL01. Send please this information to: E-mail [andre.cats@europso.eu](mailto:andre.cats@europso.eu)  
Thank you in advance.

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We ask every member of Europso:

to send their activities to the Europso secretary

to check your contact addresses on the website and when there is change please report this to the secretary.

We will ask the member associations to send to the secretary of Europso every issue of their magazines. We will collect them and publish the front page and the index on the website of Europso

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