



EXCELLENCE

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## PATIENTS MEETING during EXCELLENCE IN RHEUMATOLOGY

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 January 2012

**The Patients' Meeting Committee** consists of **Ailsa Bosworth** (UK), **Maarten de Wit** (NL), **Marja Kruithof** (NL), **Peter Norton** (UK), **Yvonne Norton** (UK), **David Scott** (UK), **George Kitas** (UK) and **Piet van Riel** (NL).

### A programme designed by patients for patients

The first Patients Programme will take place during the Excellence in Rheumatology conference, Madrid, 25-28 January 2012.

The Patients Programme's main objective is to stimulate exchange of information, experiences and ideas among local and regional active patient representatives.

The Patients Programme has been developed by representatives from NRAS, National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, Lupus Europe, the NHS (National Health Service) and rheumatologist clinicians. It comprises of two half days, including a general part and two distinctive parts focusing respectively on issues related to Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus.

**Fifty patient bursaries have been assigned to patients delegates to attend this conference**, with each bursary entitling the delegate for complimentary:

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

**Twenty-five Lupus awardees** have been nominated from: UK, Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway, Hungary, Malta, Cyprus, Denmark, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia and Estonia

**Associations actively involved:** Lupus UK, CIB-Liga Belgium, Association Lupus Erythemateux ASBL, Lupus EUROPE, NVLE The Netherlands, Trustee Lupus Norway, The Norwegian Lupus Group, Hungarian Lupus Group, Lupus Malta, Cyprus League Against Rheumatism, Lupus Denmark, Italian Group for the Fight Against SLE, Associagao de Doentes com Lupus, Spanish Lupus Federation, Rheuma Association of Slovenia, Estonian Rheumatism Association

**Twenty-five RA awardees** will attend from: UK, Northern Ireland, Spain, Romania, Greece, Hungary, Cyprus, Estonia, The Netherlands and Belgium

**Associations actively involved:** Arthritis Care, NRAS, Liga Reumatologica Galega, Romanian Leagues Against Rheumatism, Conarthritis Spain, Hellenic League Against Rheumatism, Hungarian Association of Patients with RA, Cyprus League Against Rheumatism, Estonian Rheumatism Association