The web page of the World Headache Alliance

WHA was incorporated on November 12, 1997 and is a charity registered in the UK. Through its office in London, England, WHA brings together the efforts of almost 40 national headache organizations in nearly 30 countries in different parts of the world - together speaking on behalf of those whose lives are affected by headache disorders. WHA proudly liaises with the International Headache Society (IHS), a professional scientific group with a similar mission, in furtherance of the fundamental belief in the strength of the patient-physician partnership. In cooperating with its partners, WHA strives to inform, influence and interact with policy makers and those responsible for developing services and support for people affected by headache disorders. WHA encourages and facilitates education, mutual support and exchange of views within and between existing headache organizations and assists with the development of new organizations where none currently exist.

In the past 10 years, WHA has successfully hosted a number of global conventions, published the WHA Website, established a World Headache Awareness Month, worked with its members on governmental affairs and media training initiatives, and has developed a relationship with the World Health Organisation through its official partnership in Lifting The Burden Campaign launched in March 2004.

Mission and Aims

WHA's mission is to work with partners so that the genuine needs of people affected by headache disorders are recognized and relieved everywhere in the world.

WHA's role within the partnership is to advocate for people affected by headache disorders everywhere.

WHA's partners in its mission include the World Health Organization, the International Headache Society, those who work for or represent people with headache anywhere in the world and supporters from industry and elsewhere. WHA measures its achievements in terms of reduced worldwide burden of headache. For more information, please contact WHA at info@w-h-a.org

Aims

WHA has three key strategic objectives, upon which its activities are founded.

1. To form Networks of Knowledge of genuine needs of people affected by headache disorders worldwide;
2. To convert its knowledge of needs to Advocacy of Awareness; and
3. To forge alliances with Partners for Progress.
The Italian Society for the Study of Headaches (SISC) was founded on June 14, 1976. The Founding Members: A. Agnoli, B. Anselmi, G. Bono, E. De Amicis, E. Del Bene, P.L. Del Bianco, M. Fanciullacci, G. Franchi, M. Giacovazzo, N. Martucci, S. Michelacci, G. Nappi, G. Nattero, M. Poloni, F. Rosano, F. Savoldi, F. Sicuteri, distinguished clinical researchers in the field of cephalic pain, had decided that Florence would be the seat of the Society in honour of Professor Enrico Greppi. Professor Greppi was, in fact, the first clinician to try to systematize the clinical characteristics and to understand the pathophysiological mechanisms of migraine.

SISC, has over 600 members from different disciplinary areas such as Neurology, Child and Adolescent Neuropsychiatry, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Anaesthesia, Gynaecology, and Clinical Pharmacology and this multidisciplinary nature has characterised represented the educational and update initiatives of the Society.

SISC annually organises a National Congress or Update Course usually holding joint sessions with other scientific disciplines, and local events promoted by the Regional Sections presently represented by Abruzzo-Marche-Umbria, Basilicata-Puglia, Calabria, Campania, Emilia Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia-Trentino Alto Adige-Veneto, Lazio-Molise, Liguria-Piemonte-Valle d’Aosta-Sardegna, Lombardia, Sicilia, and Toscana. In addition, the Society endorses scientific events related to issues dealing with headache and headache comorbidity.

Among the many initiatives promoted by SISC worthy of mention is the Enrico Greppi Award, granted every two years during the International Congress of the European Headache Federation (EHF). An international committee chaired by the President of SISC, selects the best unpublished original paper dealing with the epidemiological, clinical pathophysiological, genetic, or therapeutic aspects of headache.

Furthermore, during the Society’s National Congress, the Franco Michele Puca Award is granted to the best project presented by young researchers.

The Committee is composed of the President, Past Presidente, and Vice Presidente of SISC, and two external members (chosen at a national and international level). The winner is invited to present the results of the project at the forthcoming National SISC Congress.

Since 1999 SISC is formally involved in educational activities through the Board of Qualification and from 2005 with the foundation of the School of Advanced Education in Headache, a triennial multi-modules course open to physicians from the various disciplines. The lessons are held by specialists qualified in the various disciplines and integrated with interactive and practice sessions.

SISC’s News bulletin “Giornale delle Cefalee”, publishes editorials and scientific news of major interest in the field of headache and the calendar of events, a summary of national and local events of the Society, and also book and article reviews.

The close relationship between SISC and the associations of headache patients permits the Society to adequately divulge information, understand patients’ needs and organise educational project throughout the territory. In this sense, SISC has promoted, in the past two years, a national event called “National Headache Day”.

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THE ENRICO GREPPY AWARD 2013

The Italian Society for the Study of Headaches (SISC) announces the competition of the Enrico Greppi Award 2013. The award will be granted to the best unpublished original paper dealing with clinical, epidemiological, genetic, pathophysiological or therapeutic aspects of headache.

The prize amounts to € 10,000 and is open to researchers of all nationalities. The papers must be submitted in accordance with the editorial instructions of The Journal of Headache and Pain. The winning article will be published ex officio in The Journal of Headache and Pain within three months of the Award presentation. The remaining papers are considered as submitted to The Journal of Headache and Pain and may be published after undergoing the peer-reviewing process.

The 2013 Award is endorsed by the European Federation of IASP© Chapters (EFICÔ). The winner will be invited to present the paper at the 8th Congress of European Federation of IASP© Chapters (EFICÔ, to be held in Florence on 9-13 October 2013.

Manuscripts should be sent by e-mail to the President of SISC at sisc@sisc.it not later than 31 May 2013.
What’s on..
Panorama of national and International congresses and courses where Headache is an issue

8-10 June 2013
Barcelona, Spain
23th Meeting of the European Neurological Society
Info: www.ensinfo.org

27-30 June 2013
Boston, USA
16th International Headache Congress and 55th Meeting of American Headache Society
Info: www.ihc2013.com

21-26 September 2013
Vienna, Austria
XXI World Congress of Neurology
Info: www.wen-neurology.com

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