World Headache Alliance (WHA), International Headache Society (IHS), European Headache Federation (EHF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are working together to reduce the burden of headache worldwide and improve the quality of the lives of those affected.

WHA is the global cooperative of non-medical headache organizations. WHA is an international non-governmental organization, established in 1997, that represents the concerns and interests of headache disorders.

Headache disorders are real, common, and affect men, women and children everywhere in the world. They are often disabling and burdensome. Lifting The Burden is the Global Campaign to reduce the burden of headache worldwide. Lifting The Burden seeks to understand the scope and scale of the burden attributable to headache in all parts of the world, and put in place projects to alleviate it region by region. The partners as a cooperative enterprise, Lifting The Burden will bring the need to allocate resources to study and alleviate the burden of headache to the attention of governments and other resource providers.

The International Greppi – Sicuteri Award 2006

The Italian Society for the Study of Headaches (SISC) announces the competition of the biennial International Greppi – Sicuteri Award 2006. The award will be granted to the best unpublished original paper, written in English by researchers of any nationality, dealing with the epidemiological, genetic, pathophysiological or therapeutic aspects of headache. Each prize amounts to 2500 euro. Authors of all ages are eligible for the award. The papers must be submitted in electronic format, in accordance with the editorial instructions of The Journal of Headache and Pain. The winning article will be published in The Journal of Headache and Pain within twelve months of the presentation of the award. Since the award is under the auspice of the European Headache Federation, the recipient is also invited to present...
On Behalf of the University Centre for Adaptive Disorder and Headache (UCADH) and the Casimiro Mondino Foundation of Pavia, Italy, the Cluster Headache Award is given yearly to a research group which, following the tradition of the Headache Centre over the last three decades, has given a relevant contribution in the field of cluster headache. The prize is acknowledged on the basis of a peer reviewed manuscript published the previous year. The ad Hoc Committee is made of eight world-wide scientists known in this field, who scored 31 full papers published in 2004. The Winner of the second edition has been the article: A polymorphism of the hypocretin receptor 2 (HCRTR2) gene and cluster headache was found. This paper has shown the first evidence of an association between a DNA polymorphism and the disease. The Authors have shown that genetic variations within the HCRTR2 gene influence the risk for cluster headache and suggests new strategies for a better understanding of the pathophysiological mechanisms of this excruciating headache.

The recipient will present a summary of his research during the Annual Meeting Of the Italian Neurological Society, in Cernobbio October 2005. This year the prize amounts to € 2500,00 and it will be awarded by the Award President (G. Nappi MD,) to Dr. Innocenzo Rainero. GSK Italy has kindly sponsored the Award.

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The 2nd Edition of Cluster Headache Award

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The paper at the 8th European Headache Federation Congress, to be held in Valencia, Spain 26-29 April 2006. Manuscripts should be sent by e-mail to sisc@sisc.it no later than 28 February 2006. For more information on the prize rules: http://www.sisc.it/enrico_greppi/principale.html
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people with headache disorders around the world. International Headache Society (IHS) - The global scientific society for professionals concerned with headache disorders. IHS is an international non-governmental organization, established in 1981, with a mission to work with others to reduce the world burden of headache. European Headache Federation (EHF) is the alliance of professional European headache societies. EHF is an international non-governmental organization, established in 1992, that is concerned with the treatment of headache disorders in Europe.

World Health Organization (WHO) - the international body concerned with issues of public health. In cooperation with WHA, IHS and EHF, WHO will provide global expertise and contacts to assist the international headache organizations drive Lifting The Burden in both developed and developing countries, finding viable solutions in each area. http://www.l-t-b.org/pages/1/index.htm

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