

European Headache Federation

# EHF NEWS



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## The European Headache School: 2006 appointment in Castrocara Terme

According to the mission statement, one of the goals of the European Headache Federation (EHF) is to “Educate Europe” about headache through the teaching of the key health personnel, such as young physicians and all involved in headache management about the seriousness of headache disorders. The European Headache Federation is gathering in Italy on 5th-7th



October 2006 for a high level update course designed to improve Euro-

pean doctors’ understanding and skills to deal with the complexities of primary and secondary headache according to the International Headache Classification criteria. The course will be held in Castrocara Terme (FC) organised in the framework of an already established tradition of teaching carried on by the Interuniversity Centre for Adaptive Disorders and Headache (UCADH) and the

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## The European Headache Alliance (EHA) update

**The Need for a European Headache Alliance**  
Patient umbrella groups with clearly defined aims and objectives can achieve more success at intergovernmental level than the individual member-groups can achieve in their own regard. Unity is strength. Specifically, a European Headache Alliance is needed:

- To represent the views and concerns of Headache patients across Europe to the European Union and its institutions with the aim of relieving the burden of headache internationally.
- To represent these views and needs to the World Health Organization (WHO) with the aim of influencing WHO policy on headache disorders.

- To work in partnership with any other organisations in related fields to promote common aims and goals within Europe.
- To co-ordinate the efforts of national advocacy groups in Europe.

### Aims and Objectives of the EHA

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## Call for nominations to the EHF Executive Board



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journals...

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As the current EHF Executive Board's term of service is coming to an end, the election of new Officers is approaching. Member national societies are invited to submit their **nomination for election to the Office for the period 2006-2008**.

**Deadline** for receipt of nomi-

nations is **April 14th, 2006**.

Nominations must be accompanied by a bio-graphy, evidence of the nominee's willingness to serve and should be submitted via the respective Country Representatives. The election will be held during the Annual General Meeting on April 29, 2006 in Valencia during the 8<sup>th</sup> EHF

Congress.

We strongly encourage you to use this possibility and influence the future leadership of the EHF. Your opinion is greatly appreciated.

For more information, visit [www.ehf-org.org](http://www.ehf-org.org)

**EHF Administrative Office**

## The European Headache Alliance (EHA) update (continue from page 1)

- Promote awareness and understanding of migraine and any other headache disorders.

- Improve access to appropriate diagnosis and treatment for people affected by a headache disorder.

How will this be achieved?

- Promoting education and disseminating information about migraine and other headache disorders.

- Gathering information and bringing the needs of people with migraine and other headache disorders to the attention of policy and decision-makers.

- Promoting research on migraine and other headache disorders.

### Initiatives towards an EHA

In September 2003, alongside the WHA Convention, an informal meeting of European patient organisations made it clear that there was great interest and belief in

setting up an umbrella group of national patient associations. All present felt that such an organisation could take the lead in implementing initiatives to raise headache issues and strengthen patient advocacy in the European context.

A Steering Group was formed at a meeting in Dublin in January 2005 and since then has met on a number of occasions, to work towards an official launch in 2006.

### The way forward to form such an Alliance

The following steps are viewed as important to move the creation of an EHA forward:

- Become a legal not for profit organisation.

- Official Launch to the Scientific Community at European Headache Federation Congress, Valencia, April 2006.

- Official Launch to the Political Community in the Euro-

pean Parliament 2006.

- Develop and implement Plan of Action for EHA.

### EHA Steering Group Members

Audrey Craven, President, Migraine Association of Ireland

Colette M. Andrée, Director, Swiss Migraine Trust Foundation

Ann Turner, Director, Migraine Action Association, UK

Cristina Tassorelli, Alleanza Cefalegici, CIRNA Foundation, Italy

Hilkka Kettinen, Chair, Finnish Migraine Association

Elena Ruiz de la Torre, AEPAC (Asociación Española Pacientes con Cefalea), Spain

Astri Walseth, Chair, Norwegian Migraine Association

Peter Vriezen, President, Dutch Headache Patient Association.

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 European Headache Federation (EHF)  
**8<sup>th</sup> EHF**  
**CONGRESS**  
 Valencia, Spain  
 April 26-29, 2006

**DEADLINES TO REMEMBER**  
 Abstract submission January 18, 2006  
 Reduced registration fee January 26, 2006

EHF President, Chairman  
**Miguel J. A. Láinez**

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that final preparations of the 8th EHF Congress are progressing very nicely and we anticipate an extremely well attended and rewarding event. We would like to inform you all of some important updates:

**CME CREDITS**

Following the approval from the Spanish Accreditation Council for CME (SACCME), the EACCME has granted 24 European CME credits (ECMEC) to the congress.

More information at: <http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/cme.asp>

**TEACHING COURSES**

Details of the teaching courses available at this year's congress may be viewed on the congress website, you may register for the teaching courses in addition to the main congress program by simply completing the appropriate section on the online registration form. As space will be limited you are advised to confirm your participation at your earliest convenience. More details at: <http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/tc.asp>

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

The latest program of scientific sessions and speakers is available to view at:

[http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/sc\\_prog.asp](http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/sc_prog.asp)

**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

Please take the time to mark your calendar with some of the social events we have planned during the congress dates <http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/social.asp>

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

This year's congress is expected to be very well attended and as such hotel availability is quickly being booked, we would encourage you to book your accommodation through the congress website at <http://www.ehf-org.org/8ehf/accom.asp>

Please do not hesitate to contact the congress secretariat for any questions with regards to any aspect of the congress and above all we hope you enjoy your time in Valencia.

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## What's on...



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"La Sapienza" University of Rome, Italy**  
Master's Degree in Headache Medicine  
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📅 **30 June-1° July 2006,  
Glasgow, Great Britain**  
VII International Congress on Headache  
in Children and Adolescents  
Information:  
[www.ICHCA2006.org](http://www.ICHCA2006.org)  
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📅 **18th-20th September 2006,  
London, UK**  
16th Migraine Trust International  
Symposium  
Information: [www.migrainetrust.org](http://www.migrainetrust.org)

📅 **5th-7th October 2006,  
Castrocaro Terme (FC), Italy**  
European Headache Federation School,  
2006 course  
(International School on Adaptive  
Disorders and Headache)  
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new Guidelines for the organization of the Headache School in Europe (Funct Neurol 2005;20:89-93).

The European Headache School meets uniform standards of excellence and of code of conduct. Scholarship for young doctors from developing countries are available.

The course, organised in the relaxing atmosphere of a well known thermal resort, will last three days. It consists of theoretical teaching and video presentation.

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