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The greetings of the President

Dear readers of the EHF newsletter

It is with great pleasure that I am addressing the readers of the EHF newsletter as the new president of EHF. I thank the members of the general assembly, representing the national headache organisations for voting for me. The EHF congress in Valencia was extremely well attended and well organised by Mi-

guel Lainez and his team. The new executive committee will start its activities immediately. These are some of the immediate goals:

1. We aim to merge the headache meetings of the EHF and the Migraine Trust to one meeting every 2 years to be held in the UK and central Europe in alternating fashion. I think it makes sense to concentrate resources, both of partici-

pants and funding companies and increase attendance. Negotiations have reached a level that promises to predict a positive solution. At times when meetings are held in continental Europe we will aim at places that can be reached by low cost airlines and are accessible for participants from Eastern Europe.

2. EFNS agreed kindly to have headache at a main

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The European Headache Alliance (EHA)

The EHA was launched to the scientific community during the opening ceremony of the European Headache Federation (EHF) Congress in Valencia on April 26th 2006. I had the opportunity of stating the importance of speaking with a unified voice in part-

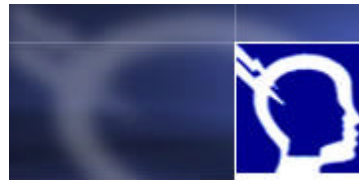
nership (with other related interest groups) to influence policy makers and key opinion leaders throughout Europe. Our thanks are due to Prof. M. Lainez and the Board of EHF for giving us this opportunity. We look forward to forging a successful working relation-

ship in the future. Individually we can do so little, together we can achieve so much. Unity is Strength! EHA aims to promote awareness and understanding of migraine and any other headache disorder.

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The Hellenic Headache Society

The Hellenic Headache Society has been established at 1990. Since then, almost one hundred neurologists are countering in the membership list. Other physicians are also included and encouraged to participate, mostly from internal medicine era. The major aim of the Society is to improve knowledge about headache management within Greece and its principal activity is the biannual National Headache Congress. The educational plan of the Society is divided however into several seminars: the annual Summer Headache School and 3 one-



day teaching courses planned to be held in various cities across Greece every year. The Society is often invited by other Medical Societies to co-organize teaching courses during other Congresses or Meetings, whereas it participates actively in the biannual National Congress of the Hellenic Neurology Congress. The official journal of the Society is Kefalalgia, published every 3 months, since 1991. The web site is under con-

struction. After the last elections president of the HHS remains Dr Clinta Karageorgiou, while Dr Dimos Mitsikostas became the Vice President. Dr George Georgiadis remains as General Secretary. Other members at large of the new executive committee that started its activities immediately after elections (April 2006) include Drs Tasos Spantideas, Sotiria Harmoussi-Peigioglou and Kostas Spigos.

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(Athens)

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ders. Moreover EHA goal is to improve access to appropriate diagnosis and treatment for people affected by a headache disorder.

The way forward: Official Launch to the Political Community in the European Parliament 2006. Develop and implement Plan of Action for EHA.

EHA Country Members at the present time: Audrey Craven, Ireland, Ann Turner, UK, Hilikka Kettinen, Finland, Cristina Tassorelli, Italy, Astri Walseth, Norway, Colette M

Andrée, Switzerland, Peter Vriezen, The Netherlands, Elena Ruiz de la Torre, Spain, Srdjan Sretenovic, Yugoslavia.



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Back from Valencia....

The 8th EHF congress, held in Valencia brought together 930 participants from 55 countries and over 200 high quality abstracts were presented both orally and as poster presentations. The general feeling of the Organisers and many participants, sponsors and exhibitors was that this was a very successful meeting from the level of science, quality of the presentations and the general interactions between participants. A variety of topics were covered in symposia, debates, scientific sessions as well as plenary lectures by eminent headache specialists. The participants were given a unique opportunity to present their research to a truly international audience. In addition, a clearly recognisable programme was presented for European General Practitioners, where they had the opportunity to discuss problems of specific interest to them.

Since its foundation, the EHF has sought to improve the life for those afflicted by headache by dedicating its efforts to improving awareness of headache disorders and their impact, as it did during the congress.

In no small part was this achieved by the preceding work in the promotion of the congress by all the member countries, all of whom were represented at the meeting.

We would like to thank you all for traveling to Valencia and contributing to the success of the 8th European Headache Federation Congress.

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Master's Degree in Headache Medicine
Information:

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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
denise@conference2k.com

📅 **18th-20th September 2006, London, UK**

16th Migraine Trust International Symposium
Information: www.migrainetrust.org

📅 **5th-7th October 2006, Castrocaro Terme (FC), Italy**

European Headache Federation School, 2006 course
(International School on Adaptive Disorders and Headache)
Information: neuronet@libero.it

📅 **17th-21th May 2008, Istanbul, Turkey**

VII International congress on Headache in children and adolescents
Information: congress@topkon.com
<http://www.topkon.com>

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theme in the uneven years in which no European headache congress takers place. EHF will be able to organise 1 or 2 teaching courses at the EFNS meetings.

3. EHF will as in past promote headache research and care

for headache patients. Therefore we have a close collaboration with patient organisations in Europe and the World Headache Alliance.

H.C. Diener (Essen)