I am very pleased to announce that the European Headache Federation has reached an agreement with the Migraine Trust to hold the biannual European Congresses on Headache jointly with the Migraine Trust. The reason is that on the one side one meeting is enough and on the other hand industry is no longer willing to financially support two separate meetings in Europe. The arrangement we reached is as follows:

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Back from Castrocaro...

The European Headache School, held in Castrocaro (4-7 October 2006) brought together 38 participants from 7 countries and an Italian faculty of 15 Italian and 4 foreign teachers. The course was organized according to the new guidelines for organizing European Headache School (Antonaci F et al. Guidelines for the organisation of headache education in Europe: the headache school. Funct Neurol 2005; 20: 89-93). The general feeling of the Organisers and many participants 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 from the primary headaches to secondary and symptomatic headache form. Video-tape case report presentation was the occasion for a fruitful discussion among eminent headache specialists on one side and participants on the other. The participants were given a unique opportunity to discuss their clinical experience in front of the an international audience. In addition, they had the opportunity during the frontal lectures, to follow the topics on a syllabus with abstract and slide presentation. The multiple choice

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The cooperation project between the European Headache Federation and The Journal of Headache and Pain is now fully effective. After the première in Valencia, where the JHP supplement contributed to achieve the Congress’ great success, we must take conscience that in Europe exists a cultural centre revolving around EHF and its journal JHP. Concrete evidence of this partnership has been reached through 432 new subscriptions for EHF members right after Valencia. Wor-thy to be cited is the development of JHP’s educational vocation, which has been well combined with the 9th Edition of the EHF Headache School, held in Castrocaro, where complimentary subscriptions were offered. The Journal of Headache and Pain will continue to support EHF Headache School also in its next editions. JHP’s growth inside EHF is witnessed by the strong European imprinting emerging from the analysis of the powerful surge in terms of downloaded papers as shown in the graphic, occurred after the admission into Index Medicus/Medline. The natural evolution of this process consists in the increase of citations, with the purpose to appear to ISI Indexing evaluation in a proper way, for the inclusion into Current Contents and the achievement, after two years, of the yearned and declaimed IF. We must continue in trusting our journal and, through the scientific rigour which marked its seven-years-long life, I believe we will be able to compete ho-nourably.

This will not be easy, if we consider the field journal of reference has been included in Current Contents thirteen years after its birth, in 1993 and in a time where competition in Neurosciences was more accessible in terms of cut-off. Although ambitious, this irrefutable direction standing forward JHP embodies its strategic priority. We can manage it if JHP will continue to be perceived by all of us EHF members as our scientific home.

Paolo Martelletti (Editor-in-Chief, The Journal of Headache and Pain)

More about the partnership between EHF and JHP

Questionnaire distributed at the beginning and at the end of the course showed a 29% improvement in the correct answers. Since its foundation, the EHF has sought to improve the life for those afflicted by headache by dedicating its efforts to improving the knowledge of the specialists on headache disorders, as it did during the course. The European Headache Federation sponsored 19 registrations and accommodation to the teaching course (Bulgaria, Albania, Serbia, Romania, Slovenia, Moldova and Russia). During the course there was a drawing of five one-year free registrations to the Journal of Headache and Pain (see picture). On behalf of EHF I would like to thank you all the participants for travelling to Castrocaro, the sponsors, the Cirna Foundation, the International School on Adaptive Disorders and Headache (UCADH) for contributing to the success of the European Headache Federation Course 2006.

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The next joint Migraine Trust/European Headache Federation congress in 2008 will be held in the United Kingdom. Hampton Medical Conferences in the UK will organize this meeting. In 2010 the EHF/Migraine Trust European Headache Congress will be in mainland Europe and organized by Kenes International from Israel. The scientific committee will be composed equally from the two organizations. After the 2010 meeting we will decide which congress organization will be responsible for future meetings. Anyway, these will alternate between the United Kingdom and Continental Europe every second year.

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What’s on...

- Academic Year 2006-2007, “La Sapienza” University of Rome, Italy
  Master’s Degree in Headache Medicine
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- 19th-21th February 2007, Tel Aviv, Israel
  3rd Annual Update Symposium on Clinical Neurology and Neurophysiology
  Chronic Pain and Headache Workshops on: Localized Treatment of Pain
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  Information: http://www.neurophysiology-symposium.com
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- 28 June-1st July 2007, Stockholm, Sweden
  The 13th Congress of International Headache Society
  Information: http://www.ihc2007.com
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