15 Years of Circulating Information

When in April 1993 The European Headache Federation decided to publish the first issue of EHF News twice a year, I accepted to be the first Editor who knew the heavy work I was going to face and the great possibility for the EHF to be identified as individual scientific and growing entity.

After 15 years of continuous activity it is interesting to leaf the eight pages of the first issue and to see how the message provided is still actual. Jean Schoenen, President of the EHF at that time, wrote that a European newsletter, according to La Palisse, has to provide you with news.

EHF was still in "childhood shoes" as it was founded in 1991 and the goal was to have first hand information circulating among those interested in headache problems widely as possible. He added that "readers have the right to know what is going on in the Federation founded on democratic principle". It is by chance that the mission of the European

New insight form The Headache Management Pattern program

The Headache Management Pattern (HMP) had the objective to assess the clinical behaviour (including differential diagnosis of headache/migraine, the treatment approach and referral pattern) of a large cohort of physicians actively engaged in community practice. The criteria being that they regularly treat patients with headache and are familiar with the use of triptans as well as other non-specific headache medications. The questionnaire was designed with the support of three migraine experts from the mentioned countries: Dr Jan-Peter Jansen, Dr João Sequeira Carlos and Dr Nina De Klippel. In this program 685 General Practitioners (GPs) from Germany (n= 340), Portugal (n=180) and Belgium (n=165), who regularly treated migraine patients, completed a ques-
Back from the European Headache Summer School in Nice

An European Headache Summer School was held in Sophia-Antipolis from 3rd to 5th October 2008 in Sophia-Antipolis. This Summer School was a 3 days course organized by Michel Lanteri-Minet & Dominique Valade on behalf of by the French Headache Society (Société Française d’Études des Migraines et Céphalées—SFMEC), the Pain Department of the Nice Pasteur Hospital and the Emergency Headache Center of the Paris Lariboisière Hospital.

The aim of this course was to enable participants to gain knowledge, skills, and understanding in the area of unusual primary headaches. This Summer School allowed also three lectures about surgical approach of trigeminal neuralgia, dependence behavior in medication overuse headache patients and translational research in trigeminal pain.

Twenty-five participants were admitted, mainly neurologist residents. The audience was international with participants from Canada (1), Greece (2), Germany (2), France (14), Italy (2), Morocco (2), Romania (1), and Spain (1).

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“THE HMP PROGRAM PROVIDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND REFERRAL PATTERNS OF HEADACHE IN PRIMARY CARE.”

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Master in Headache Medicine

The Master in Headache Medicine is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, pathophysiological, diagnostic, social-health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge of headache, a disease that has a considerable impact on the general population. This high-level post-graduate course will provide successful applicants with the instruments necessary to make a modern evaluation of headaches that will allow the correct management of affected patients. Course participants will be able to acquire multidisciplinary competences that will enable them to relate to the problems of headache patients by means of the most wideranging, inter-cultural skills. The Master is included in the Global Campaign to Reduce the Burden of Headache Worldwide (GC), an initiative in collaboration with WHO, and is endorsed by the European Headache Federation. The e-learning section is organized in alliance with Springer. For further informations, please contact: Caterina Panetta Master in Headache Medicine Registrar’s office 2nd School of Medicine and Surgery University of Rome “La Sapienza” Via Vittoriano 81

A Read-Out on JHP’s Rapid Expansion

The Journal of Headache and Pain held its Editorial Board in London, during the recent EHMTIC. The expansion observed in the last twelve months is expressed by a huge increase of downloaded papers and a further reduced publishing timeline JHP’s inclusion into Science Citation Index Expanded has been reported and its forthcoming inclusion into Current Contents will occur after twenty-four months, according to the usual timeline of Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI). June 2011 will be the publishing date of JHP Impact Factor in Journal Citation Report. These results are astonishing if we consider the journal’s young age (only nine years) and the keen competition in the Neurosciences area. Yet they rely on the trust of EHF members towards JHP, which they feel now as own journal, and a complete editorial independence. A new Editorial Board has been appointed and in the future the bond between the journal, its readership and EHF will be reinforced.

What’s on...

12th-14th March 2009, Palma De Mallorca, Spain
European Headache School
Information: laineza@medynet.com

9th-12th September 2009, Lisbon, Portugal
6th Congress of the European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC)
Information: E-mail: secretary@efic.org

10th-13th September 2009, Philadelphia, USA
14th International Headache Congress/51st Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Headache Society.
Information: E-mail: ahshq@talley.com

12th-15th September 2009, Florence, Italy
13th Congress of the European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS)
Information: www.kenes.com/efns2009

28th-31st October 2010, Nice, France
European Headache and Migraine Trust International Congress.
Information: ehmtic@kenes.com
6000 physicians in and outside Europe.

I am proud to mention the help of the different Vice editors, who have alternated along the years, provided a valuable source of energy to increase the importance and the diffusion of the bulletin.

Fabio Antonaci (Pavia)

The message after such a long time is still actual and the EHF News that is now issued electronically every other month reaches more than 6000 physicians in and outside Europe.

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