

Press Release re: Budapest

Maltese Participation at the 28th International Epilepsy Congress

Two representatives of the Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association, took part in the 28th International Epilepsy Congress which was held this month in Budapest. This congress was organised by the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) in conjunction with the International Bureau of Epilepsy (IBE).

Around 3,200 professionals and lay people from all over the world attended this congress. Epilepsy, is the most common neurological disorder worldwide, affecting 1% of the population. During this congress the most recent scientific and medical developments in its treatment and management were discussed.

Talks were also organized by IBE which were of direct relevance to persons with epilepsy and their families. Issues such as youth, treatment, doctor/patient relationships, campaigns and cross cultural difficulties were discussed. The Maltese participants were able to network with colleagues worldwide and exchange experiences on how the stigma associated with epilepsy could be overcome.

The two Maltese representatives namely Dr. Janet Mifsud and Ms. Victoria Dimech were appointed Vice President Europe in the International Executive Committee of the International Bureau for Epilepsy, and Member in the European Regional Executive Committee respectively. Through their new appointments, these representatives will be in a better position to monitor what is happening within our region and obtain further insight on how to be better able to help all those who are affected by epilepsy in one way or another.

The participation of the Maltese delegates was made possible through the sponsorship of Novartis, and The Corinthia Group of Companies.