

24TH ANNUAL EUROMEETING COPENHAGEN 2012

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DIA Patient Fellowship – Join us in Copenhagen in March 2012

Who are the Drug Information Association (DIA)?

The DIA, an independent, neutral, non-profit organisation, established the DIA Patient Fellowship to promote the participation of patient organisation representatives in the annual DIA EuroMeeting.

What is the DIA EuroMeeting?

The EuroMeeting is an annual conference that takes place in March each year. It is global in scope, attracting well over 3,000 professionals from over 50 countries. It brings together professionals from the biopharmaceutical industry, contract service organisations, academic research centres, regulatory agencies and health ministries. This convergence affords attendees the opportunity to network with professionals from around the world.

The EuroMeeting will feature over 120 sessions, an exhibition floor with approximately 240 booths and two large networking receptions. A number of initiatives which will be launched at the EuroMeeting in Copenhagen will add real value for patient representatives attending.

What will you learn at the DIA EuroMeeting

An excellent forum providing an opportunity for patient groups to learn more about development and regulatory affairs for medicines and to interact with representatives from the European Medicines Agency, national authorities, academics and members of the pharmaceutical industry.

Who should apply for a DIA Patient Fellowship?

Representatives of non-profit patient groups active in Europe, in any therapeutic area.

Why should you apply for a DIA EuroMeeting patient fellowship?

You will have the opportunity for the patient voice to be heard by regulators and payers, industry and academics. No other meeting in Europe provides you with this opportunity to meet all these people in one place.

- **Monday 26 March (morning) optional complimentary Pre-Conference Tutorial**
- **Monday 26 March Patient Networking lunch**
- **Patient feedback debrief meetings**
- **Patient Fellow ribbon**
- **A dedicated DIA Patient Fellowship Booth which will act both as a centre for Patient activities and also as a source of information for EuroMeeting attendees**
- **Patient Poster Session where Patients can display information about their organisation**

Deadline for submission of completed applications 25 November 2011

Introduction

The DIA Patient Fellowship Programme, now in its seventh year, has enhanced the participation of patient representatives as both speakers and participants. It has contributed to strengthen their links with industry, public health authorities and academia. The DIA acknowledges the valuable support of EURORDIS in supporting, developing and promoting the Fellowship.

Objectives

The main objectives of this programme are to create a platform to:

- include all interested parties
- stimulate mutual understanding and cross-culture co-operation
- allow knowledge acquisition and training for patient organisation representatives
- identify potential new patient organisation representatives' leaders in regulatory affairs

Longterm Goals

The long-term goal of the programme is to develop sustainable participation of patient organisation representatives in future DIA EuroMeetings and allow patient associations in Europe to:

- acquire knowledge and provide training to patient organisation representatives
- develop an understanding of the strategies and concerns of the pharmaceutical industry and regulatory authorities
- interact with an industry network
- receive recognition and support from a neutral forum, i.e. the DIA

Eligibility

- Be a representative of non-profit patient organisation in Europe in any therapeutic area;
Major chronic diseases
Rare/Orphan diseases
Diseases with limited or no treatment options
- Serve in a leadership staff/volunteer role
- Engage in, or be familiar with, activities related to clinical trials and drug development
- The business language of the conference is English. Patients Fellows should be able to understand scientific content in English and network with other attendees with ease.

Requirements

Selected Candidates must agree to participate in the following activities including:

- attend all three days of the DIA EuroMeeting 2012
- participate in Patient Fellowship activities during the EuroMeeting
- make use of the booth as a networking place to meet with other patient fellows and stakeholders
- participate in and complete and return the Fellow Feedback form after the EuroMeeting
- an optional opportunity to present your organisations activities on a poster

Fully Supported Patient Fellowships: Total of 22 Available

- Complimentary registration to the 24th Annual EuroMeeting (including refreshments, lunch, and networking receptions)
- Optional complimentary admission to pre-conference tutorial
- Return travel to and from Copenhagen (economy class) for one person
- Hotel accommodation for two nights (Monday-Tuesday) or if attending a pre-conference tutorial three nights (Sunday-Tuesday) at the headquarters Bella Hotel, Copenhagen

Partly Supported Patient Fellowships: Total of 25 Available

- Complimentary registration to the 24th Annual EuroMeeting (including refreshments, lunch, and networking receptions)
- Complimentary admission to pre-conference tutorial.

The Hotel and Convention centre are accessible for disabled people.
The DIA will provide detailed information on acceptance to the programme.

What some EuroMeeting Geneva 2011 Patient Representatives have said?

““Being able to exchange with Speakers and other DIA members was really helpful”

“I learned that it is very useful especially for patients in isolated regions to have a platform for discussion and exchange, the DIA EuroMeeting gave me this platform”.

“The environment is changing we as Patients are now being accepted as Partners”.

“The 2011 EuroMeeting was wonderful and it should keep on going in the same format”.

“This gave me the feeling that there are people that care – united we could do more and sooner or later there will be more working together to find solutions”.

“The best thing for me was meeting the other Patient Representatives”.

‘It is a fantastic opportunity to meet key decision makers in the drug regulation process and to get involved in debates about how new drugs are introduced’