



Message from Isabel Saraiva, Chair of the European Lung Foundation:

This month I am pleased to announce the launch of Live@ERS for patients - a pilot project that aims to expand the reach of the ERS Congress to patient organisations and patients who weren't available to make it to the conference in person.

The Live@ERS for patients website features interviews from lung health experts and organisation leaders, who talk about the latest research in their areas and their own work.

I would also like to remind those of you who would like to submit an abstract for the next ERS congress that time is running short! If you are new to this sort of thing, have a look at our latest webinar on submitting an abstract, which talks you through the steps from collecting your ideas to applying, and producing a poster if you are successful.

I was very happy to read the updates from our patient organisations this month - please remember to tell us about your activities and campaigns so that we can support them. I would also like to encourage all patient organisations to link to the ELF website, and connect with us on social media.

Finally, we are sad to announce that Emma Thompson, who has worked with ELF on our communications for the last five years, has moved on to a new role. We wish her the best of luck in her next venture!

In her place, we are happy to welcome Rachel Orritt, our new Communications and Education Coordinator, who started with us at the end of January.

February highlights and key dates:

- 6 - 7 February: ELF attending the German Lung Centre meeting to advise on patient input and patient outreach

- 12 - 14 February: World Health Organization expert consultation on reducing exposure and minimising health effects of air pollution



Air pollution linked to emergency hospital visits for breathing problems

[Find out more](#)

ELF survey results: fewer than 2% of eligible patients take part in pulmonary rehab, but those that do take part recommend it

[Find out more](#)

Blood test could help detect lung transplant rejections earlier

[Find out more](#)



FREE WEBINAR RECORDING: SUBMITTING A PATIENT RESEARCH ABSTRACT TO THE ERS CONGRESS (DEADLINE 13TH FEB)

A webinar that we ran in January on submitting a research abstract to the ERS Congress is now available to view online.

It is an introductory video for people who are considering submitting an abstract for the first time, and contains information about getting your ideas together, writing and submitting the abstract, creating a poster and presenting your research.

The session was produced with patient representatives and patient organisations that have successfully presented their research at the Congress in the past.

[Watch the video](#)

PLAN YOUR HEALTHY LUNGS FOR LIFE EVENT – GRANTS AVAILABLE

A new scheme to support Healthy Lungs for Life events has been launched, with 5x €1,000 grants now available to individuals, not-for-profit organisations, patient groups and respiratory professionals.

[Read more and apply](#)



NEW SARCOIDOSIS PATIENT PRIORITIES PROJECT

We have recently launched a new project to develop patient-led guidance on what matters most to people affected by sarcoidosis. We'll work with our international patient advisory group to produce up-to-date information on sarcoidosis for a website, and to create a joint statement and checklist for patients about best treatment.

[Find out more](#)



FUTURE PLANS FOR THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH COLLABORATION FOR CHILDREN'S INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE (CHILDEU)

A group of researchers came together in April 2016 to work together on Children's Interstitial Lung Disease (ChILD), a group of over 200 rare lung conditions affecting the tissue and space around air sacs in the lungs. Their past work and future plans are summarised in a recent article, published in the *European Respiratory Journal*.

[Read our summary](#)



REFRESH YOUR MEMORY OF ERS CONGRESS 2018 – EXPERT INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSION VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Head over to the Live@ERS website to catch up on the highlight of last year's congress. Hear from some of the biggest names in lung health and research talk about the latest advancement across different disease groups.

[Visit the website](#)



INTERVIEW WITH DR CARME HERNÁNDEZ, DIRECTOR OF SEPARPACIENTES

This month we interviewed Dr Carme Hernández, the Director of SeparPacientes together with Dr Eusebi Chiner. Dr Hernández discusses the organisation's

activities and how it is helping to bring people living with lung conditions in Spain into the work of the Spanish Society of Pneumology and Thoracic Surgery (SEPAR).

[Read the full interview](#)



PATIENT ORGANISATION ROUND UP, FEBRUARY 2019

Patient organisations have been busy supporting and advocating for people living with lung conditions throughout Europe. Read our summary of a selection of these activities.

[Read the full round-up](#)



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