



### A message from Isabel Saraiva, Chair of the European Lung Foundation:

Happy New Year to everyone – I wish you a fantastic 2020 and look forward to all the progress we can make together in the fight for lung health.

2020 looks to be an exciting year for ELF. First, it will be the end of my mandate and we will welcome a new ELF Chair. I am delighted to say that this process has started – we have advertised, short-listed and interviewed – and I can announce that the new ELF Chair starting September 2020 will be Kjeld Hansen. Kjeld is a long-term friend of ELF and you can read more about him below.

In my last few months as Chair, we will work hard on many issues, but above all we want to ensure that respiratory health stays at the top of the European health agenda.

We will outline below some of the many projects that we plan to work on, but also, in the patient organisation round-up, those of other patient organisations throughout Europe.

Please do get in touch to discuss ways we can work better and stronger together, and we welcome you to apply for a Healthy Lungs for Life grant, attend the ELF Patient Organisation Networking Day at the ERS Congress, join one of our patient advisory groups, use or signpost your colleagues to our factsheets and materials in your language, complete some more EPAP modules or record a video about your experiences. I look forward to working with you!

### Key dates:

- Deadline to submit abstracts for ERS Congress travel grant: 13 February
- Deadline to apply for a Healthy Lungs for Life event grant: 29 February

### Awareness days:

- World Cancer Day: 4 February
- World Aspergillosis Day: 27 February

- Rare Disease Day: 29 February



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New research explores what people need to know about lung cancer screening

[Find out more](#)

Reducing air pollution improves health quickly

[Find out more](#)

Differences in pulmonary sarcoidosis found between ethnic groups

[Find out more](#)



## NEW IPF FACTSHEET TRANSLATIONS

The ELF factsheet on Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) is now available on the [ELF website](#) in: [English](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Czech](#), [Danish](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), [Serbian](#), [Spanish](#), [Swedish](#), [Turkish](#) and [Ukrainian](#).

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## NEW ELF CHAIR

After receiving six excellent applications for the new ELF Chair position, we are pleased to announce that Kjeld Hansen will take over Isabel's role as ELF Chair in September 2020 during the ERS Congress.

[Find out more](#)



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## ELF PLANS FOR 2020

ELF has a lot of exciting activities planned for the year ahead. We are looking forward to continuing our work alongside respiratory professionals, patients, patient organisations and the public to provide further information and resources to positively influence lung health.

[Find out more](#)



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## GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR HEALTHY LUNGS FOR LIFE EVENTS

For the second year in a row, ELF is offering grants of €1,000 to support Healthy Lungs for Life events around the world.

Grant applications are now open and will close on 29 February.

[Find out more and submit your application](#)



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## ERS CONGRESS 2020, VIENNA

Here we share the key dates in the registration process in order to help you plan your trip to Vienna in good time. This includes registration to the ELF Patient Organisation Networking Day and travel bursary applications.

[Find out more](#)



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## TRAVEL GRANTS FOR BEST ABSTRACTS

ELF is awarding travel grants to attend the ERS Congress 2020, which will be awarded to the authors of the best abstract in patient-centred research and a topic related to the Healthy Lungs for Life campaign.

[Find out more and submit your abstract](#)



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## LAUNCH OF NEW GUIDELINES

ELF patient advisory groups (PAGs) have been involved in the development of three new ERS guidelines on severe asthma, bronchopulmonary dysplasia and chronic cough, which have been published this month.

[Find out more and access the guidelines](#)



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## PATIENT ORGANISATION ROUND-UP: JANUARY 2020

For the first patient organisation round-up of 2020, we asked patient organisations to share their recent news as well as their plans and goals for the year ahead.

[Find out more](#)



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