



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

Dear friends,

We are pleased to announce that registration for the first ever virtual ERS International Congress 2020 is now open.

Thank you to the ELF Patient Advisory Committee who recently met with us online to discuss patient involvement at this year's ERS Congress. We are looking forward to this new and exciting format, and to be able to hear about the latest developments in lung health and disease. Find out how to register in this newsletter and don't miss out on the early discount available to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ERS Congress.

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback about patient activities during the Congress, in particular for the ELF Patient Organisation Networking Day. We can now confirm that it will take place online on Saturday 5 September 2020. The day will be free, virtual and will focus on the topics of psychosocial wellbeing and COVID-19. We will send more details about the day and how to register in due course.

Key dates:

- ERS International Congress registration open: **Register before Monday 15 June for 30th anniversary discount**

- Deadline to complete COS-AECOPD survey: 22 June
- Deadline to submit artwork for COPD art competition: 30 June

Awareness days:

- World Environment Day: 5 June

EU proposes major boost for health in latest budget announcement

Risk factors for chronic cough

Healthy diet linked with lower risk of COPD

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NEW ELF FACTSHEET: MENTAL WELLBEING

We have produced a new factsheet on mental wellbeing when living with a lung condition. If you live with a lung condition, you might be more likely to experience problems with your mental health in addition to your physical symptoms. This factsheet explains how to look after your mental wellbeing, what mental health conditions you might experience, and where to find support if you are not feeling well.

[Download the factsheet in English.](#) More languages will follow.

VIRTUAL ERS CONGRESS: REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the virtual ERS Congress 2020 is now open. Patient representatives can register now and benefit from the reduced ERS member fee. You can get a further discount to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ERS Congress by registering before 15 June.

[Find out more and register.](#)



BEAT-PCD: GET INVOLVED

ELF is looking for people with experience of primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) to get involved in a new ERS project to help improve diagnosis and care for PCD patients and carers.

[Find out more.](#)



ELF AND ERS JOIN NEW EU PROJECT – DRAGON

ELF and ERS are joining a new EU project called DRAGON. The project will use artificial intelligence to help identify people who have got COVID-19 and other novel coronaviruses that may arise in the future.

[Find out more.](#)



REPRESENTING WOMEN WITH COPD: ART CONTEST

It has been great to see so much interest in the COPD art contest to raise awareness of women with COPD. Don't forget to submit your artwork by **30 June** to be in with a chance of receiving a commission of €5,000.

[Find out more and enter the competition.](#)

Art Competition
Representing women with COPD

Winner receives
€5000

 **ELF** EUROPEAN LUNG FOUNDATION europeanlung.org/en/news-and-events/copd-art-contest

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES OF COPD FLARE-UPS

The core outcome set survey for COPD exacerbations has been extended to **22 June**. If you have COPD or care for someone with COPD, don't forget to complete the survey to help researchers develop the best treatment.

[Find out more and complete the survey.](#)

Which factors are most important to patients during a COPD exacerbation?

COS-AECOPD survey: europeanlung.org/en/news-and-events/news/cos-aecopd

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PATIENT EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

People with lung conditions have been sharing their experiences of living during the pandemic to help support people in similar situations.

[Read/watch the stories](#) and [share your experiences](#).

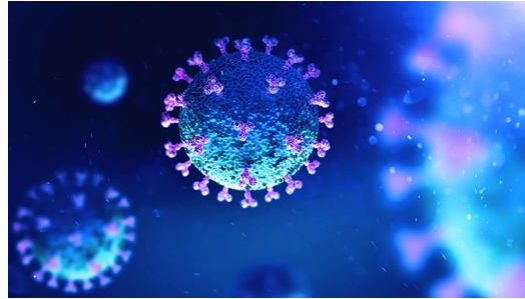


COVID-19 NEWS ROUND-UP

[Ebola drug found to improve recovery time for COVID-19 patients](#)

[Smoking can increase the risk of severe illness with COVID-19](#)

[Recovering from COVID-19: is lung function back to normal when leaving hospital?](#)



[Visit the COVID-19 newsroom.](#)

INTERVIEW WITH LAURA RENTOUL

Laura Rentoul, from Dundee, Scotland has been ventilated five times due to her asthma. She shares what this was like for her and her family.

[Read Laura's story.](#)



PATIENT ORGANISATION ROUND-UP: JUNE 2020

Patient organisations have been connecting online more than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have shared patient stories with each other and worked with healthcare experts to prepare information on the impact of specific lung conditions on COVID-19.

[Find out more.](#)



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