



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

We have had a busy start to the new year, and I am looking forward to the coming months.

I am happy to announce that registration has now opened for ELF Patient Organisation Networking Day on 5 September at the ERS Congress 2020. We are offering bursaries for representatives from patient organisations to attend the patient organisation day and the full Congress. Find out whether you are eligible and how to register later on in this newsletter.

This week we will be at the ERS Lung Science conference in Estoril, Portugal. At the conference, we will be holding the first Cross Patient Advisory Group (PAG) meeting. This is an exciting opportunity for the well-established PAGs to get together to learn from each other, to discuss how we can best integrate PAGs in ERS/ELF activities and to talk about issues common to all lung diseases. We will also be leading a stakeholder workshop for a new EU project called DiscovAIR, which you can find out more about in this newsletter.

Don't forget to apply for a grant to support your Healthy Lungs for Life events. We have extended the deadline to Sunday 8 March. You can read about how grants given last year helped people have impactful events in the interview we did with Tessa and Lindsay available in this newsletter.

Finally, we have tried in this newsletter to answer some of your questions on COVID-19. These are very worrying times for people living with lung conditions and we are working closely with the ERS to ensure we can bring you reliable and useful information.

Key dates

- Deadline extended to apply for a Healthy Lungs for Life event grant: 8 March [Apply here.](#)

Awareness days

- International Women's Day: 8 March
- International Day of Happiness: 20 March

- World TB Day: 24 March

Air pollution can increase the risk of childhood conditions, new research shows

[Find out more](#)

Asthma may lead to increased risk of frailty in older adults

[Find out more](#)

Screening for lung cancer results in fewer deaths from the disease, research shows

[Find out more](#)



NEW PULMONARY EMBOLISM FACTSHEET TRANSLATIONS

The ELF factsheet on pulmonary embolism is now available on the [ELF website](#) in the following languages:

- [English](#)
- [Greek](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Portuguese](#)

More translations will follow.

ERS CONGRESS 2020 - PATIENT ORGANISATION NETWORKING DAY REGISTRATION

This year's ERS International Congress will take place from 5 – 9 September 2020 in Vienna, Austria. Registration to attend the ELF Patient Organisation Networking Day and bursary applications are now open.

[Find out more](#)



COVID-19: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY A RESPIRATORY EXPERT

We took your questions and spoke with an infectious diseases expert from the European Respiratory Society

(ERS), Professor James Chalmers.

This will give you up-to-date and respiratory-specific information about COVID-19.

[Find out more](#)



ESR-ERS JOINT STATEMENT ON LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Members of the ELF lung cancer patient advisory group were involved in a new paper published in the European Respiratory Journal on lung cancer screening. The paper was produced by the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS).

[Find out more](#)



NEW EU PROJECT: DISCOVAIR

We have recently joined an exciting new European project called DiscovAIR. DiscovAIR aims to create a 'lung atlas'. This will be a detailed computer image of a healthy lung.

[Find out more](#)



HLFL GRANT AWARDEES SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES OF RECEIVING A GRANT

Tessa Jelen and Lindsay Zurba talk about their experiences of receiving a Healthy Lungs for Life grant in 2019 and about the impact that their events had.

[Find out more](#)



PATIENT ORGANISATION ROUND-UP: MARCH 2020

Patient organisations have been campaigning to raise awareness of lung conditions and to improve

involvement and access to activities and resources aimed to help people living with lung conditions.

[Find out more](#)



Un momento della presentazione al ministero della Salute della campagna 'Ho l'asma e faccio sport'



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