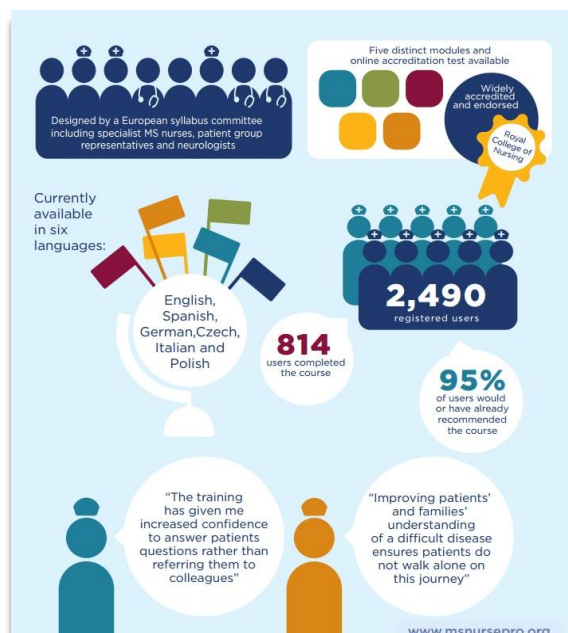


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EMSP at ECTRIMS 2015: Focus on MS care and advocacy



EMSP's main focus at the 31st Congress of the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis ([ECTRIMS](#)), held between 6 and 10 October in Barcelona, Spain was our **MS Nurse Pro** programme, an online educational tool dedicated to MS nurses.

In three years since their launch, the MS Nurse Pro training modules were completed by over **800 nurses**.

To mark this achievement, EMSP ran a social media campaign which reached nearly **150,000 people** during ECTRIMS.

Read more [here](#).

While in Barcelona for ECTRIMS, EMSP's representatives visited the local MS Centre of Catalonia, **Cemcat**, a modern 2,000-square-metre facility with 4,500 people with MS in its database.

Details [here](#).

Also at ECTRIMS, EMSP's President **Anne Winslow** gave a [presentation](#) on the need for increased involvement of people with MS in the decisions regarding their own healthcare.

Details [here](#).

True to the goal of empowering people with MS, EMSP also showed its support for the [Oceans of Hope](#) project, which has been **circumnavigating the world** with a boat manned by MSers.

Details [here](#).

For information on the scientific progress highlighted at ECTRIMS, from progressive MS to MS risk factors and prevention, find a [summary](#) put together by our partners from the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation ([MSIF](#)).

MS advocate Shana Pezaro wins EFNA award



Left to right: Camille Bullot (EPF), presenter Nick Ross, Shana Pezaro, Maggie Alexander (EMSP) © Isabelle Pateer/Otherweyes

EMSP's Young People's Representative, **Shana Pezaro**, was among the winners of the European Federation of Neurological Associations' ([EFNA](#)) Advocacy Awards ceremony, organised on 13 October, in Brussels, Belgium.

Upon receiving the award for her outstanding work on multiple sclerosis (MS) advocacy, Shana Pezaro stressed that the daily lives of people with chronic conditions such as MS are affected in many different ways.

Read more [here](#).

STAKEHOLDER NEWS

MSIF: 1st November deadline for employment survey



The Multiple Sclerosis International Federation ([MSIF](#)) is inviting people who live with MS and their carers to complete a worldwide survey on employment.

You can take part in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#) or [Spanish](#).

The survey will give MS organisations an opportunity to tell governments and employers how they can help people with MS to enter or stay in employment.

The results will be used in a report for **World MS Day 2016**.

Find more details [here](#).

EPF: Patient input required for HTA report

The European Patients' Forum ([EPF](#)) is inviting patients and patient representatives to report on their involvement in health technology assessment (HTA) processes.

Feedback is required by **4 November**.

Details are available [here](#).

What is HTA?

Health technology assessment (HTA) refers to the systematic evaluation of properties, effects, and/or impacts of health technology.

The full definition [here](#).

Alzheimer Europe: Sign for a European Dementia Strategy

Glasgow Declaration 2014



"We think dementia should be higher on the EU agenda so we support the #GlasgowDeclaration" - European Working Group of People With Dementia (EW6PWD)



Alzheimer Europe ([AE](#)) is inviting healthcare stakeholders to sign its **Declaration** calling for the creation of a European Dementia Strategy and national strategies in every country in Europe.

Sign the Declaration **before 30 November** by *clicking on the image above*.

More details [here](#).

DIA: 31st October deadline for Patient Fellowship applications

The **Drug Information Association** ([DIA](#)) is inviting patient advocates to apply for **Patient Fellowships** granting them participation at DIA's annual EuroMeeting.

The event will take place in April 2016, in Hamburg, Germany.

More information [here](#).

Who is DIA?

The Drug Information Association (DIA) is an independent, neutral, non-profit organisation who has served, for more than 50 years, as a global forum for all those involved in health care product development.

Find more information [here](#).

PEOPLE WITH MS

MS advocate Trishna Bharadia becomes new UK MS Society ambassador



Trishna Bharadia had a rollercoaster year. She rose to near stardom in March 2015 after [participating](#) in the BBC's TV series **'The People's Strictly' Comic Relief Special**, and she was once again in the limelight this October as a nominee for the [Women of the Year Awards](#) in the UK.

In between, she participated as special guest at EMSP's [2015 Spring Conference](#) where [she talked](#) about the importance of getting **young people with MS** more involved in activities related to their disease area.

Last but not least, she was named as **an ambassador** of the [UK MS Society](#), featuring in this role alongside important volunteers, musicians and TV personalities.

In this position, Trishna Bharadia will be raising funds, building support for advocacy campaigns and using her influence to spread the word about MS in the media.

This is not in her first collaboration with the UK MS Society. Trishna was named **'Volunteer of the Year'** at the MS Society Awards of 2013 for her work with the support group Asian MS.

The UK MS Society is one of EMSP's 40 [member societies](#) in 35 European countries.