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Raising the voice of people with MS in Europe

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Elisabeth's Corner: Message from the Managing Director

Bringing We are glad to get back to you with the latest news from Brussels, EMSP Secretariat and our EMSP members.

These past months have been marked by important developments from the European Union that reminds us of the importance of working together and remaining focused on our mission to improve the quality of life of people living with MS across Europe.

In September, the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker delivered his State of the Union address at the European Parliament. Should we be worried that health was not mentioned during that speech? The Commission is now working on a new strategy called "Health in all policies", making health part and parcel of all policies instead of being its own separate subject; thus, giving health a lower visibility on the political agenda. The shifting priorities of the European Commission, Brexit negotiations coupled by other uncertainties are concerning. Therefore, EMSP will be closely monitoring new developments and influence changes to keep access to better healthcare and support for

people with MS a priority.

Continuing a busy September, EMSP was present at the biggest event in health policy, the European Health Forum Gastein. This event gathers experts from the Public Health field from across Europe and offers a unique opportunity to link the work we are doing to major trends and initiatives involving renowned experts and providing insights for the definition for our overall strategy.

EMSP was also represented at the European Medicines Agency which offered an opportunity to promote the importance of the Patients' registries initiative.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding with Caritas Norway. This new partnership will enhance our work in the field of disabilities and offer opportunities to develop further proposals to support national MS societies work in the future. We will keep you informed on developments on due time.

In other news, we can't forget about the summer break! Madeleine Cutting, a dear MS supporter from Spain, shares her experience on how to deal with the impact of the heat as an MSer.

Do not miss the upcoming events organised by EMSP and its members. You will find them in the next session of this newsletter!

Finally, I am glad to introduce you to our new Communications and Membership Officer, Cherie Wee, who came from as far away as Canada, to join and support our Team! You can read more about her in this newsletter.

Wishing you a happy reading,
Elisabeth



A jolly hello!

My name is Cherie Wee and I am pleased to join the EMSP team as your new Communications and Membership Officer! I come to you with over 3 years of experience with the Government of Canada as a past Communications Officer for the Department of Canadian Heritage.

A jam-packed September: updates from EMSP's meeting with the European Medicines Agency

After almost a year and a half of collaboration and consultations and following-up with a workshop held in July 2017, EMSP is proud to announce that the European Medicine's Agency has recently published the report on Multiple Sclerosis Registries.



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GASTEIN

EMSP at the European Health Forum Gastein

3 days, over 500 participants and countless conversations on the future of European health policy. The town of Bad Gastein in Austria once again played host to the 20th annual European Health Forum.

Improving our understanding of MS: Survey from the Medical University of Warsaw

Here at EMSP, we are constantly looking for ways to support better understanding of MS. Drs. Marta Brzostowska and Weronika Chacińska from the Department of Haematology, Oncology and Internal Diseases and the Department of Neurology at the Medical University of Warsaw have been working on an online survey since 2013 and recently launched "*Cure for MS*" - *Study of optimal therapy goals at different stages of the disease.*



Rising with the sun - a personal story on dealing with the impact of heat

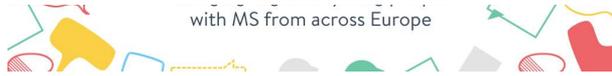
Many European countries experience scorching temperatures in the summer. When temperatures during this season rise like a volcano, discomfort also rises. I am sure that there are a lot of people with MS who can relate.

Article by: Madeleine Cutting (AEDEM)



From Tatry to the Danube: Bike for and with MS

The Slovakian Multiple Sclerosis Society invites you to bike From Tatry



Countdown to MS Sessions: Young People's Conference

Countdown is on! From November 25-26, EMSP together with Shift.ms will be co-hosting the first MS Sessions: Young People's Conference.

MS Sessions is a 2-day festival for young people with MS in one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Prague! We will be bringing together experts to talk about everything from nutrition, employment, sexual health and more.

to the Dabune: **Bike for and with MS!** Strength, grit, determination and inspiration are the words that come to mind when describing our friends from Slovakia.



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