Welcome to the EPF newsletter.

This week, 23-29 April, is European Immunization Week. Check out our video, that spotlights the experiences of two patients from Italy. This is part of our contribution, alongside others, to raise awareness on the benefits of vaccination and the importance of better and more patient-friendly information. Help us transform vaccine hesitancy into vaccine confidence for patients!

At this critical time, as discussions are underway on EU priorities post-2020, strong leadership in health is a must. Together with 14 other NGOs from the public health sector we released a statement that details our six ‘asks’ behind our vision for the future of the European Union, where health plays a central role. Read about the #EU4HEALTH joint statement and how it was received.

On 12 April, we celebrated World Health Day 2018 with the theme ‘Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere’. On this special occasion, that also marks the 70th anniversary of the World Health Organisation, EPF supported WHO’s call on world leaders to live up to the pledges they made when they agreed the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 and commit to concrete steps to advance #HealthForAll.

Throughout the first quarter of 2018, we have been very active on the topic of non-discrimination in the workplace and the inclusion of people with chronic conditions in employment. So far, we have engaged in two European Parliament initiatives, EU projects and have published three different resources developed by EPF and its members for our networks.

The First Open Forum on Patient Engagement in the life cycle of medicines, together with EUPATI, and PFMD took place in Brussels on 10 April. The Forum launched the IMI project PARADIGM, which we co-lead with EFPIA, focusing on patient engagement in medicines development.

Also in April we held our 15th AGM, bringing our members to Brussels to take stock of our 2017 achievements and to look together into the future activities of 2018 and beyond, with a leadership meeting on the European Elections campaign that included a very entertaining and informative quiz.

In our blog, the RED NOSES CEO Monica Culen tells us more about patient empowerment in healthcare clowning.

Finally, some changes in EPF Secretariat, as we are saying goodbye to Danielle and welcome to Brendan as our new Finance Manager this month.

Enjoy the reading!

Marco Greco, EPF President and Nicola Bedlington, EPF Secretary General

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PARADIGM: A UNIQUE COLLABORATION FOR BETTER PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN MEDICINES DEVELOPMENT

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an Improved Generation of Medicines and is funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative.

On 14-15 April 2018, EPF members gathered in Brussels for the 15th EPF Annual General Meeting. The event was the occasion to report on our activities in 2017 and to glance at what we have planned for 2018. The meeting also saw the election of new board members and the approval of 1 new member organisation.

RED NOSES is an artistic organisation that empowers hospitalised persons. Our Secretary General, Nicola Bedlington delivered a key note at their recent Healthcare Clowning International Meeting in Vienna. We asked their CEO Monica Culen to write a guest blog post on patient empowerment.

This month, we said goodbye to Danielle Flores, EPF Project Manager and welcomed Brendan Togher, our new EPF Finance Manager!
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