



Message from Isabel Saraiva, Chair of the European Lung Foundation:

It's been a busy few weeks at ELF, with preparations well under way for the next ERS International Congress. This year the Congress will take place in Madrid, and I'm very pleased to report that patient involvement will feature throughout the event.

At the beginning of the Congress we have exciting plans for the patient organisation networking day, which will see patient organisations from many different countries come together to learn from each other and plan for the future. It promises to be a lively day with time for networking, debate, and even a flamenco demonstration! Spaces are limited so please [register as soon as possible](#) if you'd like to join us.

Throughout Congress we will also be producing videos, so that people who can't join in person will be able to catch up with the highlights each day. And finally, we are coordinating the involvement of patient speakers to feature in different sessions, to make sure that the patient voice is heard by delegates throughout the Congress.

On a smaller scale, we were pleased to be able to involve patients in the recent ERS Presidential Summit, where patient representatives attended as a group to discuss the future of research in different disease areas with ERS leaders. You can read more about what went on at this event in the article below.

Finally I couldn't make it through this month's introduction without mentioning the heatwave many countries have been experiencing. As many of us know, extreme weather can increase breathing difficulties for people with lung conditions, so please stay safe and plan any outings to include plenty of breaks, shade and water!

for the future

Air pollution may worsen pulmonary arterial hypertension

[Find out more](#)

Damp and mould linked to poorer lung health in adults

[Find out more](#)

People with a chronic cough that doesn't respond to treatment are less able to suppress their cough

[Find out more](#)



CHILD FACTSHEET TRANSLATIONS

The ELF factsheet on Childhood Interstitial lung disease (ChILD) is now available in multiple languages:

[Bulgarian](#)
[Dutch](#)
[French](#)
[German](#)
[Greek](#)
[Italian](#)
[Portuguese](#)
[Romanian](#)
[Russian](#)
[Serbian](#)
[Spanish](#)
[Turkish](#)

ELF RESEARCH REVEALS UNMET COMMUNICATION NEEDS OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY IPF

ELF patient representatives and staff were involved in a recent study published in ERJ Open Research, which looked at the experiences and unmet needs of people living with Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) and their carers.

[Find out more](#)



NEW ELF SURVEY ON THE IMPACT OF BRONCHIECTASIS ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Influence childhood bronchiectasis research and treatment by sharing your experiences in a new survey.

The survey is available in multiple different languages and will help healthcare professionals and researchers understand more about the challenges of treating and looking after children with bronchiectasis.

[Find out more](#)



ELF PATIENT REPRESENTATIVES AT ERS PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT 2019

Patient representatives from several different ELF Patient Advisory Groups (PAGs) attended the Summit to discuss unmet needs in lung disease management and treatment. This collection of PAG members included representatives from bronchiectasis, sarcoidosis and the SHARP clinical research collaboration (CRC).

[Find out more](#)



BEING A PATIENT SPEAKER - THEO SCHILPZAND

Theo Schilpzand talks about his experiences as part of a discussion panel at ERS International Congress 2018 in Paris.

[Find out more](#)



PATIENT ORGANISATION ROUND UP, JULY 2019

This month, lots of patient organisations have been involved in fundraising, to ensure continued support for people with lung conditions.

[Find out more](#)





The European Lung Foundation (ELF) was founded by the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in 2000 with the aim of bringing together patients, the public and respiratory professionals to positively influence respiratory medicine.

You are receiving this email because you subscribed to ELF's mailing list, or have worked with us in the past.

[Unsubscribe instantly](#) or [change your preferences](#)

It's your responsibility to make sure this email is virus free. ELF accept no responsibility for any loss or damage in any way arising from its use. Please save a tree and only print this email if necessary.

[Can't see this? View the web version](#)