Rare Disease Day
2012
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- February 29 – leap year!
- 5th edition of RDD

- EURORDIS’ 15th Anniversary
- Same date as EURORDIS’ Gala
- European advocacy: EU 3rd Public Health Program + 8 Research Framework Programme (2012-2020)
Theme: Solidarity
Working together on common goals
Solidarity:
- Between patients
- Between patients and carers
- Between experts
- Between rare diseases
- Between rare and common diseases
- Between countries
- Between society and vulnerable groups
Wide and flexible

Each participants or stakeholder could use it to bring forward issues that require solidarity

For example:

- reimbursement / health reform (US)
- access to orphan drugs
- healthcare pathways
- multidisciplinary care
- international research infrastructures
- cross border healthcare
- pooling of expertise / ERNs
Stressing international

- RDD 2011 = 56 countries = int’l movement
- Objective: RDD official UN date
- RDD + (Orphanet ICD) part of EU CERD and EC action to promote RD as an international public health priority at WHO General Assembly 2013
- Princeps paper: RD as an Int’l Public Health Priority (endorsed by NA) +partnership with NORD, CORD, ZORD and ICORD
Steering Committee 2012

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Simona Bellagambi, UNIAMO, Italy
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Volunteered to work with Paloma and discuss practical issues, decide on website, slogan, poster...
Poster ideas:
Slogan ideas:

- Rare but not Alone
- Rare but stronger, together
- Fighting rare diseases together
RDD 2011 - communication

- Website: Country pages
- + European page
- «Friends of Rare Disease Day»
- Newsfeed (Meltwater)
- Social media: Facebook/Twitter/
- Photos on Flickr
- Videos on the RDD Youtube channel
New ideas for RDD 2012

- Awareness-raising video
- Video can be used to introduce a local awareness-raising event
- Viral campaign to promote the video
- Counter for new countries, new Friend, new FB fans, new photo entry, new video entry...
- « Wear a Pearl: Show your solidarity with RDs »

Facebook application to invite your friends to support the campaign
How can Federations participate?

- Europe page on website
- Disease-specific campaigns (ie. PH Blue lips and Fight against NTD campaign) can latch on to RDD
- Clarify RDD policy to endorse those campaigns (use of logo, play on multiplying effect but avoid cacophony of messages)
- Clarify EURORDIS/CEF policy to endorse other world days
- Reciprocity (in each other’s communication)