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NEWSFLASH

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The Newsletter of LUPUS EUROPE **April 2009**

Dear Friends,

LUPUS EUROPE proudly introduces its first Newsflash. This newsletter will replace the former Broadsheet. We will inform you every six to eight weeks on the activities within LUPUS EUROPE. If you have any items you would like to see in this Newsflash, please forward your news to the Secretary. Any comments are welcome too.

We wish you pleasant reading.
Trustees of LUPUS EUROPE

***** New Lupus Group *****
Congratulations to LES Romania! This Lupus Support Group has recently been established in Romania. We hope to welcome them in Strasbourg in September.

***** Strategy Meeting for Trustees in Brussels, 3-4 February 2009 *****
All Trustees and co-opted persons of LUPUS EUROPE met in Brussels in February to discuss the future of the group. A full two day program led to a clear and structured Strategic Plan. Together with Fiona Duncan from *Think Consulting Solutions*, the Trustees managed to put a clear vision, mission, core values and time planning on paper. The Strategic Plan will be sent to all members soon and the content will be discussed during the next annual convention in Strasbourg, September 2009. LUPUS EUROPE is very grateful for the opportunity UCB gave us to have this meeting.

If you want to know more about this meeting, please contact the Chair or Secretary

***** Trustee Meeting in Düsseldorf, 21-22 February 2009 *****
The first Trustee Meeting of 2009 was held in Düsseldorf, Germany. During a two day meeting, all Trustees and co-opted persons worked on the future of LUPUS EUROPE. As

a lot of things are changing rapidly in a positive way, the group worked hard to get all points sorted out. The Minutes of this meeting will be distributed together with the Newsflash.

If you want to know more about this meeting, please contact the Chair or Secretary

***** WORLD LUPUS DAY, May 10th *****

May 10th is coming closer. In a lot of countries all over the world, this has become a very special day and a golden opportunity to raise awareness for Lupus. LUPUS UK has developed a special text/e-mail action for May 10th which LUPUS EUROPE is asked to join with. In a separate attachment you will find a template that can be forwarded on May 10th. Please feel free to insert your own organisation's logo. In this way, we can reach a lot of people all over the world. Please take action and forward this template letter to all your members.

If you want to know more about this initiative, please contact the Chair or Secretary

The German Lupus Group has started a wonderful action with postcards for WLD: check it out on
http://www.postcrossing.com/blog/2009/04/11/lupuscrossing---butterflies-are-crossing-the-world
Send Simone as many cards with butterflies as you can find, forward the address to all your contacts and raise awareness for Lupus.

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If you want to know more about this initiative, please contact Rudi Hocks

***** New LUPUS EUROPE Leaflet *****

A new leaflet has been prepared and will be distributed at EULAR, June 2009. At the annual convention in Strasbourg, you will be able to collect your own copies.

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