

## **RSE Annual General Assembly**

October 9, 2010 Edinburgh



# Our Aims (bylaws)

#### **Article IV. Aims**

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  - **3.**To promote, as a representative European organisation, the interests of people with Rett syndrome and their families.
  - 4. To expand the RSE to all European countries and to assist, if necessary, in the creation of national associations.
  - **5.**To promote research into Rett syndrome.
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  - **4.** Exerting influence on decisions concerning legislation in relation to medical, health, and education in professional and social fields.



## **Activity Report 2009**

- External cooperation, influence and advocacy
  - Elected in the EUCERD (European Union Committee of Experts in Rare Diseases
  - Eurordis
    - Summer School on "Patient advocates in clinical trials and drug development"
    - GA and tasks forces
    - EURPLAN
  - DIA Euromeeting patient fellowship programme
  - EMEA (European Medicine Agency)
    - in the PCWG (patient and consumer working group)
      - Meetings
    - Elected in PDCO (pediatrics committee)



## **Activity Report 2009**

- Organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Congress
  - Programme and logistics
- Godmother
  - Vera Zvonareva (N° 4 WTA)
- Support for the creation of Rett Syndrome Russia
  - Olga Timutsa
- Involvement in the **EuroRett** project
  - European research network funded by EC
  - Board Meetings



## Financial Report 2008

OPENING BALANCE on 2008.01.01.

1.900,00

4.815,30

Expenses

702,54

(World Rett Congress – Paris, website maintenance cost):

Revenues (membership fees paid by patient organizations)

CLOSING BALANCE on 2008.12.31.

6.012,77



## Financial Forecast 2009

OPENING BALANCE on 2009.01.01.

6,012.77 EUR

Revenues (membership fees paid by patient organizations):

4,500 EUR

### Expenses

Website improvement

Support to economically weak countries

Membership fees (EURORDIS, etc.)

Projects (EABR, etc.)

Miscellaneous

2,000 EUR

2,400 EUR

500 EUR

500 EUR

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**TOTAL** expenses:

6,400 EUR

CLOSING BALANCE on 2009.12.31.

4,112.77 EUR

### Vote

- On activity report
- On election of the board members
  - To renew
- On financial report

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### Weaknesses

- Fragile organisation
  - Division, dimergers in some countries
  - Reduction of funds
  - Unpaid membership fees
  - Poor reactivity
    - Questionnaires on organisation profile
  - Duplication
  - Organisation and cooperation to be improved



## Unmet objectives

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## Facing the future

- How to to advocate, to develop better and best day to day practices?
- We are entering the drug development phase (the challlenge of Orphan Drug): are we ready?
  - Informed?Eurordis charts (relationship with industry, CT)
  - Trained?
  - To be an active partner?
  - Our role?

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## Call to action

- To each country
  - To change the definition of Rett Syndrome
  - To become member of national alliance for Rare Disease
- Membership fees
  - Country = sum of 10€ per member
- Organisation
  - Board
  - External presentatives
  - Board of WG pilots
- Projects



## Working groups

- Working group on communication
  - preparation of the next european congress in 2011 in Kazan
  - New website and web portal
  - PR plan
- Working group on guidelines and best practice recommandations
- Working group on fund raising and charity actions
  - Under the partnership with Vera (european Tennis Federations?)
- Working group on research (patient-driven research)
  - interface with EABR
- Working group on European High Level Advocacy