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# Rare Disease Day

## In Canada

- **8-page national newspaper insert** (circulation of 1.7 million) devoted to rare disorders and the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders. **12 stories** profiling various diseases, individuals, researchers, clinicians, and research companies.
- **Press conference** at National Press Gallery to start day on 28 February with several Members of Parliament and other distinguished guests in attendance. Keynote from our **Member of Parliament who lost a grandson to rare disorders** and is our **champion**.
- **Day of Action on Parliament Hill** with over **30 volunteers having individual meetings with 65 Members of both Senate and House of Commons**. We received very positive response for our **proposal to create a national "Chance for Life Fund" for rare disorders**. Many of the MPs will follow up with letters to the Health Minister and government.
- A **motion** for Parliament to consider establishing a rare disorders program was raised in the House of Commons. There should be a vote on moving forward with investigation in the next week or two. This is a tremendous step forward since Canada has no official definition of rare disorders or diseases.
- There have been nearly 1,000 responses to our **appeal** for the public to write to their Members of Parliament to establish the **Chance for Life Fund**.
- 5 out of 10 provinces issued an official **Royal Proclamation** of February 29th as Rare Disease Day
- A **one-hour show** on Rare Disorders featured CORD's treasurer, together with a patient and a parent on **national TV**. This, and local TV and radio interviews in various cities generated numerous phone calls and visits to CORD's website.



Hold The Date

## Welcome to CORD

**1st International Rare Disease Day - February 29, 2008**

" A Rare Day for Very Special People"

**Make Feb 29, 2008, 1st International Rare Disease Day, the start to a "Chance for Life" for Canadians with Rare Disorders.**

Ask your Member of Parliament to support the Chance for Life Fund.

Patients, family members, and friends are travelling to Ottawa to present a proposal for a "Chance for Life" fund. This fund will support treatment for Canadians with severe and life-threatening rare disorders. Please urge your Member of Parliament to support this very important initiative.

Please join us in Ottawa on Thursday February 28th for a "Day of Action."

To send a letter or email to your local MP, please [click here](#).

### *"A Chance for Life Fund"*

Canada is one of the only developed countries in the world that does not have an orphan drug policy. Not only does Canada not support research and development into treatments for rare and neglected disorders, Canadian patients with rare disorders often do not have the same access to life-saving therapies as patients in other countries. CORD requests immediate action on the following proposals.

- Establish a national (federal/provincial/territorial) "Chance for Life Fund" equivalent to 2% of the total annual public drug expenditure to be designated for therapies for rare disorders.
- Establish a multi-stakeholder Advisory Body, including treaters (medical caregivers) and patients, to recommend treatment access for life-threatening or serious rare disorders based on scientific standards and social values (humanitarian, ethical and compassionate criteria).
- Establish Centers of Reference for specific rare disorders, comprised of national and international experts, who will develop criteria for treating patients based on scientific evidence and patient impact and provide on-going surveillance into the real-world safety and effectiveness of these treatments on individual and group basis.
- Provide incentives through Orphan Drug Regulation and policy equivalent to those in the

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Through an educational and  
information support network,  
CORD is committed to the  
enhancement of the lives of all  
persons affected by rare

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## In Denmark

- A **film** with two Danish children suffering from rare diseases and the Crown princess Mary was produced. The film was shown on **prime time** on one of the two leading Danish TV-channels. One and a half hour before the film was shown there was an **interview** with one of the families in the "early evening show" on the same channel.
- On the other leading Danish TV channel, Rare Disorders Denmark was "advertising" a **trailer**, during two weeks twice a day every day, educating about the problems rare disease patients face and referring them to Rare Disorders Denmark. You can see this trailer on the Internet <http://www.dr.dk/dr1/obs>.
- Rare Diseases is the theme in the February issue of "**Health**" **magazine**, which is distributed in all **Danish pharmacies**.
- Two-page article in one of the **leading Danish newspapers** and in several local newspapers and the General Director of the national alliance was interviewed by four journalists.
- The **conference** on the 29th was completely sold out!
- There were over 1000 people at the **march**. There was media and press coverage.





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Velkommen til Sjældne-dagens kampagnesite.

Formålet med Sjældne-dagen er at sætte fokus på de sjældne sygdoms- og handicapgrupper på den sjældneste dag.

**Program for Sjældne-dagen:**  
Kl. 9:00 - 16:00 Konference "Et sjældent godt liv" [Program](#) (pdf)  
Kl. 16:00 - 17:00 Sjældne-march, hvor du kan "gå-penge-hjem" til en forening [Læs mere](#)  
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Tirsdag den 26. februar 2008 viste TV2 filmen **Mads, Marie og Kronprinsessen** i anledningen af Sjældne-dagen. [Læs mere og se billeder fra filmen](#)

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## In France

- At the **Press Conference**, which took place on Feb 27th at the Groupama for Health Foundation in Paris, the following topics were discussed:
- European Rare Disease Policy –Ségolene Ayme  
Rare Disease Task Force
- The French dynamic on Rare Diseases and its impact on other European countries' Rare Disease policies – Christel Nourissier, Secretary General of Eurordis
- An example of European Rare Disease Network (Porphyria)
- Rare Diseases in France, spokesperson for the French RD Alliance





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## À la Une

vendredi 29 février 2008



**Rare Disease Day**

**6 000 maladies rares  
30 millions d'européens concernés  
Un enjeu majeur de santé publique**

Un jour rare entièrement consacré aux maladies rares ? C'est enfin une réalité !

Le **29 février 2008**, l'Alliance Maladies Rares, collectif français de 181 associations, sous l'égide d'EURORDIS, fédération regroupant 34 pays, organise la **1ère Journée européenne des maladies rares**.

[Lire la suite](#)

## Coups de cœur

15/02/2008 : Appel à projet de la Fondation Roche

25/10/2007 : Premier forum maladies rares à Marseille

08/11/2007 : Premier forum maladies rares à Nice

[Plus de coups de cœur](#)

## Agenda

21/02/2008 : Colloque « Lutte contre le cancer : état des lieux et perspectives »

28/01/2008 : Colloque sur la certification des sites santé

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## Actualités

### 1ère Journée européenne des maladies rares

*Date de parution: 7 février 2008*

### Ni Pauvre Ni Soumis

*Date de parution: 18 février 2008*

### Consultation publique sur une action européenne dans le domaine des maladies rares

*Date de parution: 8 janvier 2008*

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Pour écouter, informer et orienter malades, proches de malades et professionnels de santé :  
**Maladies Rares Info Services**

**0 810 63 19 20** (numéro Azur, prix d'un appel local)  
est disponible du lundi au vendredi, de 9h à 18h



L'Alliance Maladies Rares bénéficie du soutien de l'Association Française contre les Myopathies



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## In Germany

In an official celebration, the first “**Eva Luise Köhler Research Award for Rare Diseases**” was granted by Eva Luise Köhler, the wife of the President of Germany and patroness of the ACHSE, the German Alliance for Rare Diseases.

The **price** is granted by the “Eva Luise and Horst Köhler Foundation for Rare Diseases”

At the awarding ceremony Stephen Groft of the NIH (Office of Rare Diseases - USA) was a special guest and part of a discussion on the importance of research.



Eva-Luise Köhler (l) mit  
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. H.-J. Galla (M)  
und Prof. Dr. med. Volkmar Gieselmann (r)

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## Germany - ACHSE Allianz Chronischer seltener Erkrankungen

Erster europäischer Tag der Seltene Erkrankungen  
*Ein seltener Tag für außergewöhnliche Menschen*

### SUPPORT MESSAGE OF EVA LUISE KÖHLER

Patroness of ACHSE - The German Alliance for Rare Disease

People living with a rare disease need our support. A proper diagnosis within a reasonable time frame, the best possible treatment and adequate medication is not self-evident for many of them. Our society should take on the challenge of changing this: by improving the knowledge on rare diseases, by furthering research for better and different treatment, by improving the standards of care and by understanding the specific needs of those affected.

As patroness of ACHSE and as Head of the Board of the Eva-Luise-and-Horst-Köhler-Foundation for Rare Diseases I bid you to join this cause and to support those living with one of these many diseases. They need help from friends and family, from politicians, doctors, scientists, insurers and so on, from neighbours and passers-by, from you and me. If we join forces we can contribute to a better life for many.

I therefore fully support the Eurordis' initiative of celebrating a European Rare Disease Day on the 29th of February and hope that it will lead to more awareness of the difficulties people living with a rare disease are confronted with.

Eva Luise Köhler

### Activity Highlights:

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The first school project on rare diseases will start in Berlin. In the Private-Kant-Schule the children will be addressing the problems and needs of people living with a rare disease. The idea of the project is also to gather



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## In Greece

- **Press Conference** in the press-room of the Ministry of Health and Social affairs about NPRD.
- **TV spot** appeared on 10 national TV channels and a **radio spot** with the voice of a very well-known Greek actress that played in all radio stations for 20 days
- **Information material**, leaflet, dossier, poster
- Presentation to specific social-interest **TV programs**
- Awareness event in a central place in Athens
- Announcement of the winners of a **Writing competition** at schools (ages 12-17) all over Greece running on January 2008, with the subject "rare diseases"
- A **reception** was held by H.E. The President of the Hellenic Republic Dr Karolos Papoulias and Mrs May Papoulia in honor of the members of the Greek Alliance of Rare Diseases (PESPA) at the Presidential Mansion on Friday 29th February 2008.
- Extensive **press coverage**







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**2008**



Υπό την αιγίδα του  
Υπουργείου Υγείας και Κοινωνικής Αλληλεγγύης

Η οργάνωση με την ευγενική χορηγία της





Marianna Lambrou, President of the Greek Alliance of Rare Diseases (PESPA) with the President of the Hellenic Republic Dr Karolos Papoulias and Mrs May Papoulia at the Presidential Mansion



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## In Hungary:

1. Information booklet on rare diseases and three other flyers about Rare Disease Day, HUFERDIS, and planned Habilitation Centre for Rare Diseases. All of them were distributed to decision makers and the media.
2. Appointment to meet with Ágnes Horváth, the Minister for Health of the Republic of Hungary, followed by a series of consultations with decision makers and experts.
3. Letter writing and email campaign sent to more than 10000 addresses.
4. Starting of an exclusive Hungarian home page for the Rare Disease Day containing all the programmes and presentations.
5. Interviews to specific radio and TV channels expressing social-interest: 4 long (30-60 minutes) interviews to 3 radio channels (including the national radio), one short report in TV2 which one of the two leading Commercial Hungarian TV-channel.
6. Conference and Exhibition on rare diseases on 02.27 in the beautiful building of National Health Insurance Fund: nearly 300 participants!
7. Expert conference in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on 02.29 on rare diseases. 87 participants of the research and health care sites from all over the country.
8. Conference organised on Reference Centres of Rare Diseases in the Hungarian Parliament on 03.19.





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# A Ritka Betegségek Első Európai Napja



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## In Italy

- Official Opening of the campaign “ Rare Diseases “at the **Town Hall of Rome** with the **press conference**.
- A **Press Kit**, including a CD with special EURORDIS UNIAMO label, with all the documents, was handed over to all the participants as well as forwarded to all the journalists previously contacted. 12 journalists attended.
- UNIAMO's President introduced the First European Rare Disease Day “ A Public Health Priority“ and reported on the European Commission Communications process.
- 40 people attended. **Mrs Galluppi was interviewed by the main national TV Network ( RAI 1 )** and two regional networks
- A **cartoons video clip** on Rare Diseases, especially created for the event to reach children as well as a **8-minutes film** about real life experiences of three families with children affected by rare diseases were shown.
- Press conference organised by DEBRA at the **European Parliament in Rome**
- **Workshop** in Rome organised by SIP ( Italian Paediatric Society ) and SIMGePeD (Genetic Paediatric Disabilities ): Priority of training, updating and research in the field of the rare diseases in the age of development. 80 participants.
- A **concert** with an Italian famous singer at the Auditorium in Rome. Presentation of the First European Rare Disease Day made by UNIAMO President, Mrs Galluppi. The cartoons video clip and the movie “ Special Lives “ were shown again to the **1500 participants** among them politicians, health professionals, pharmaceutical industry representatives and patient representatives.
- The list of **regional events** is available on UNIAMO web site page [www.uniamo.org](http://www.uniamo.org)



### 3. Prima Giornata Europea delle Malattie Rare

La giornata europea delle malattie rare, in Europa e oltre.

Le organizzazioni di pazienti di diversi Paesi in rappresentanza di una gran varietà di malattie rare, in grande scala per una grande campagna in favore delle malattie rare.

In vari Paesi europei ed in Canada si terranno conferenze stampa, forum di discussione, marce e manifestazioni, tutto in funzione di migliorare la conoscenza dei bisogni delle persone colpite da malattie rare.

Le delegazioni venute nei vari Paesi saranno presentanti il 4 marzo al Parlamento Europeo a Bruxelles per una audizione pubblica sulle malattie rare.

Il sito europeo [www.rarediseaseday.org](http://www.rarediseaseday.org)

UNIAMO, titolare per Eurordis dell'organizzazione della giornata nel nostro Paese, coordina le iniziative di piazza, il cui [elenco](#) è in continuo aggiornamento, e che vedrà protagoniste sia associazioni federate che non federate.

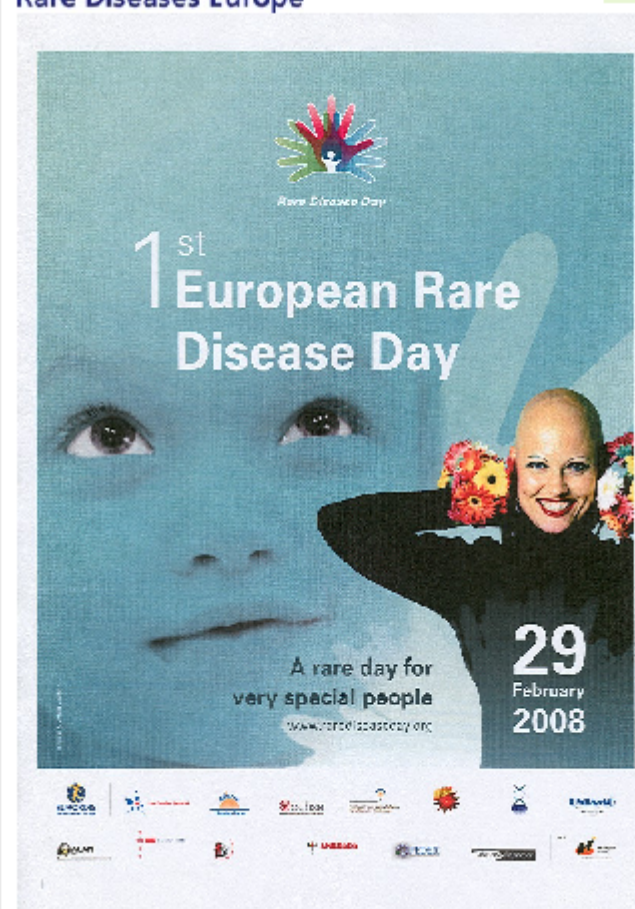
L'iniziativa di UNIAMO per la giornata europea si compirà il 28 febbraio con un concerto che si terrà nell'auditorium della Conciliazione a Roma. Il concerto, che è realizzato in collaborazione con l'INDUSTRIA, inizierà alle ore 21.00. L'ingresso è ad inviti. Per ulteriori informazioni rivolgetevi alla vostra associazione locale o alla segreteria UNIAMO.

### Conferenza nazionale di UNIAMO per la Giornata Europea delle Malattie Rare

Venerdì 21 febbraio si svolgerà a Roma presso la "Sala del Carroccio" nel Palazzo del Campidoglio la conferenza stampa nazionale di presentazione della Prima Giornata Europea delle Malattie Rare.



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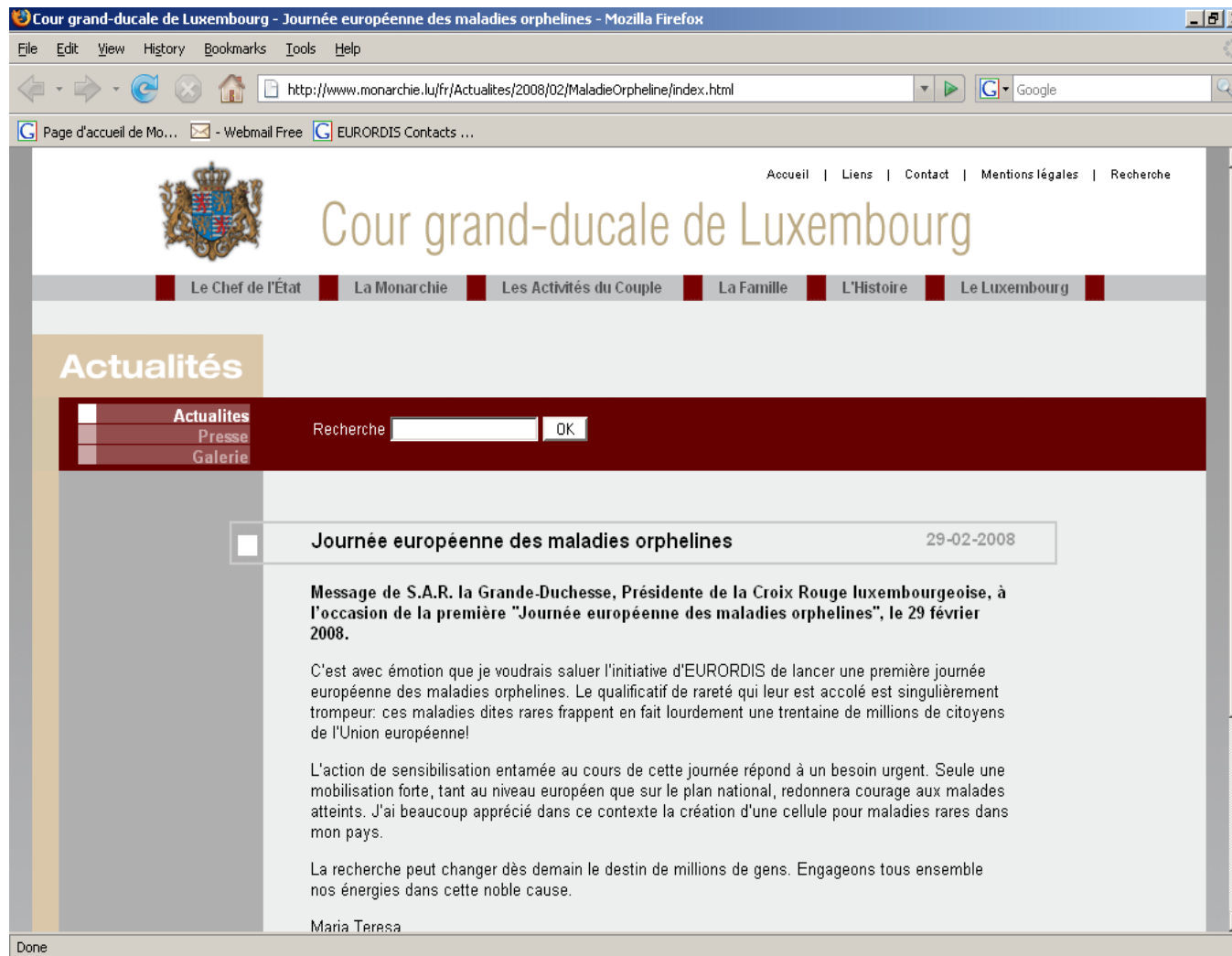
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## In Ireland

- The celebrations started early on Friday morning when a patient affected by **Fabry Disease**, Dr Colin O'Reilly appeared on the **only Irish breakfast television programme** – Ireland AM (TV3) to tell his story. Appearing with him was Ms. Eibhlin Mulroe who is CEO of the Irish Platform for Patients Organization Science and Industry (**IPPPOSI**) to highlight the **statistics** and the current position on rare disorders in this country.
- At 11am a group of 100 patients and scientific representatives **released balloons** at a **photo shoot** which was followed by a **formal meeting** on rare disorders at the **Lord Mayor of Dublin's residence** – The Mansion House. The meeting was hosted by GRDO and was attended by 100 specially invited representatives from patient groups, the scientific community, industry and government bodies to discuss the acute needs of patients affected by rare disorders in Ireland and the **development of a national plan for rare disorders**.
- The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Judy Windle of GRDO and was addressed by Professor Andrew Green, Director of the National Centre for Medical Genetics in Crumlin, representing the scientific and medical community. The diversity in patients needs from diagnosis to access to treatment was represented by Dr. Colin O'Reilly (Fabry Patient) and Mr. Hubert McCormack (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). Ms Eibhlin Mulroe the Chief Executive of IPPOSI spoke about the current situation in Ireland with regard to **Orphan Drug Regulation**.
- **Extensive media coverage** was secured in both national and regional press and the story was carried in three Evening News programmes on RTE One and TV3.

# Rare Disease Day In Luxembourg



- Press Conference

- Evening TV program on Rare Disease

- Articles in all major newspapers





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Créée en 1998 par des personnes atteintes de maladies neuromusculaires et leur famille, l'ALAN a.s.b.l. a pour objectif premier d'améliorer la vie quotidienne des personnes concernées. L'association est reconnue d'utilité publique par l'arrêté grand-ducal du 29 avril 2000.

Vous trouvez sur notre site des informations sur les différentes maladies, ainsi que les moyens que nous mettons en œuvre pour venir en aide aux familles et personnes concernées. Notre forum a été spécialement créé pour faciliter l'échange de renseignements et d'expériences.

N'hésitez pas à nous contacter pour tous commentaires et suggestions.

**Bonne visite !**

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## In Romania

Bucharest Feb. 29

- **Roundtable** “Rare Diseases – a public health priority In the EU” at the Ministry of Public Health. At the meeting **the Minister signed a partnership agreement on the National Plan for Rare Diseases** and informed the media about the objectives and activities that will be Developed in the Plan. **Press conference** that was organised the same day attracted 5 national TV channels and all national newspapers.
- Presentation of the NPRD at the **National Forum of Family Doctors**, attended by 300 family doctors.
- Dorica Dan, President of the Romanian National Alliance was **interviewed on the BBC** and national TVR2 (45 min report)



# In Romania

- **Scientific Seminar** on Rare Diseases organised by the University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- **Information materials** (12 000 leaflets, 500 stickers, 500 journals, 400 posters) have been delivered in the streets, hospitals, medical institutions and NGOs by PeaceCorps and student volunteers in 20 cities.
- **3 billboards** have been placed in central places in Bucharest, Iasi and Cluj for the entire month of February;
- **Official opening** of the campaign on Feb. 25 at **Zalau's City Hall**. 200 people attended. There was a press conference and interviews from two local TV stations.
- Presentation of the **film** "Rare People and Rare Diseases"
- A musical **concert**
- Special courses on **inclusive education** in schools all month of February
- **Art contest** "A rare day for very special people" - 18 winners received awards from the County Council.
- A **workshop** on management of RD in Romania and in Europe, in **Targy Mures**
- A **seminar** about RD diagnosis and treatment possibilities in Romania, in Bucharest
- A **workshop** on the impact of rare diseases in neonatology, in **Iasi**
- A **seminar** entitled "The First European Rare Disease Day" in **Oradea**
- A **seminar** entitled "Together for Rare Diseases", 400 participants in **Timisoara**
- One week campaign, **tent** with exhibit and information materials. Organised by the University of Medicine of Timisoara and NGO "Save the Children".



# Prima Zi Europeană a Bolilor Rare

## 29 februarie 2008

*Campanie națională organizată de  
Alianța Națională pentru Boli Rare România  
la inițiativa EURORDIS*



ZIUA BOLILOR RARE

### Sumar campanie:

Lansare campanie – Zalău, 25 februarie  
Seminarii boli rare: Cluj, București, Oradea, Iași,  
Timișoara, Tg. Mureș, 26-29 februarie  
Întâlnire Ministerul Sănătății – 29 februarie  
Distribuire materiale informative în 20 de orașe

**„O zi rară pentru oameni foarte speciali”**  
**Bolile rare: o prioritate de sănătate publică”**



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## De ce este nevoie de campanie?

- Pentru că este nevoie în mod constant să creștem nivelul de conștientizare asupra bolilor rare în rândul factorilor de decizie, al profesioniștilor din sănătate și al publicului general.
- Pentru că acționând simultan în întreaga Europă, vocea pacienților cu boli rare va fi cu siguranță auzită de mai mulți oameni.
- Pentru că bolile rare sunt o prioritate azi în Uniunea Europeană.
- Pentru că o zi concentrată pe boli rare poate aduce speranță și informație persoanelor afectate de boli rare, aparținătorilor și familiilor lor.
- Pentru că Europa este punctul focus al majorității acțiunilor noastre azi; sperăm ca în viitor această Zi Europeană a Bolilor Rare devină o Zi Internațională a Bolilor Rare. Concentrându-ne pe Europa este un prim pas.
- Pentru că dorim egalitate de acces la îngrijire și tratament pentru pacienții cu boli rare din Europa.
- Pentru că avem nevoie de o acțiune care să unească toți pacienții și implicăți în comunitatea bolilor rare, având același scop.
- Pentru că avem nevoie de mai multe fonduri pentru cercetare, îngrijire, și de mai multă cercetare și mai multe eforturi direcționate către bolile rare.
- Pentru că trebuie să continuăm să milităm pentru pacienții cu boli rare.

# Rare Disease Day

## In Spain

- 15 media attended FEDER's **Press Conference**, three of them National Press Agencies, one local TV. Even though the media attention was focused on the debate between the two candidates for the Spanish Government Presidency. The **press pack** was entitled "Inequalities in care for RD patients" and included a report on RD at European level and a focus on the situation in Spain
- Many **regional awareness-raising activities** took place in Cataluña, Andalucía, Extremadura, and other regions
- A **ceremony** took place in the Spanish College of Pharmacists, chaired by the president of the College and the President of FEDER, together with Prof. Josep Torrent and a patient, representative of the Neuromuscular Association.
- A great deal of **media** called all day long. FEDER's President, Rosa Sanchez de Vega, gave an interview, in English, for an English radio station in the Mediterranean for English speaking people who live there.







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A casi un 30% de los pacientes les resulta difícil o imposible acceder a las consultas de los especialistas sanitarios. Cuando lo consiguen, en un 40% de los casos el diagnóstico suele ser erróneo



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# Rare Disease Day

## In Sweden

Her Majesty, the Swedish Crown Princess Victoria, attended the RDDay and handed the 'David Lega' Award to an exemplary young person living with a cranofacial disability



RD Day was celebrated along with **10th anniversary** of the Swedish National Alliance at the *Nalen* 'dancing' Palace in downtown Stockholm.

A **seminar**, focusing on the need for **national centres of reference** for rare diseases, was inaugurated by the State Secretary at the Ministry of Health and was attended by other distinguished lecturers from the medical profession, patient representatives and from the government (National Board of Health & Welfare and County Councils). The seminar was attended by **200 people representing 25 rare diseases**. An **evening dinner** for members and guests/VIPs, followed.

Extensive **media coverage**. One of the largest daily newspapers in Sweden, Svenska Dagbladet, distributed a special edition concerning rare diseases on February 29. The President of the Swedish National Alliance, Elisabeth Wallenius was interviewed in a radio programme broadcasted from the local radio of Stockholm on February 28. The Day was also mentioned in a nationwide radio channel, P1, in the programme "Scientific news".

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**En sällsynt dag,  
för sällsynta diagnoser,  
då sällsynt blir vanlig.**

Välkommen att här ta del av information om den Sällsynta dagen. En dag som skapats för att uppmärksamma att det finns människor som har sällsynta diagnoser och därför lever med särskilda svårigheter.

Dagen har inrättats för att upplysa allmänhet, politiker och vårdgivare om att det finns sällsynta diagnoser och att det är många olika diagnoser. Det är inte ovanligt att ha en sällsynt diagnos. Men de som har en hamnar ändå en ovanlig situation.

Riksförbundet Sällsynta diagnoser är initiativtagare till dagen som genomförs i flera europeiska länder. Det är vi som anordnar Sällsynta dagen i Sverige.

Riksförbundet Sällsynta diagnoser är en handikapporganisation för människor med sällsynta diagnoser som leder till omfattande och livslånga funktionshinder. Förbundet har ca 7 500 medlemmar och representerar ca 50 olika sällsynta diagnoser.

Det är vår förhoppning att öka medvetandet i samhället om sällsynta diagnoser. Stöd oss och sprid ordet vidare!





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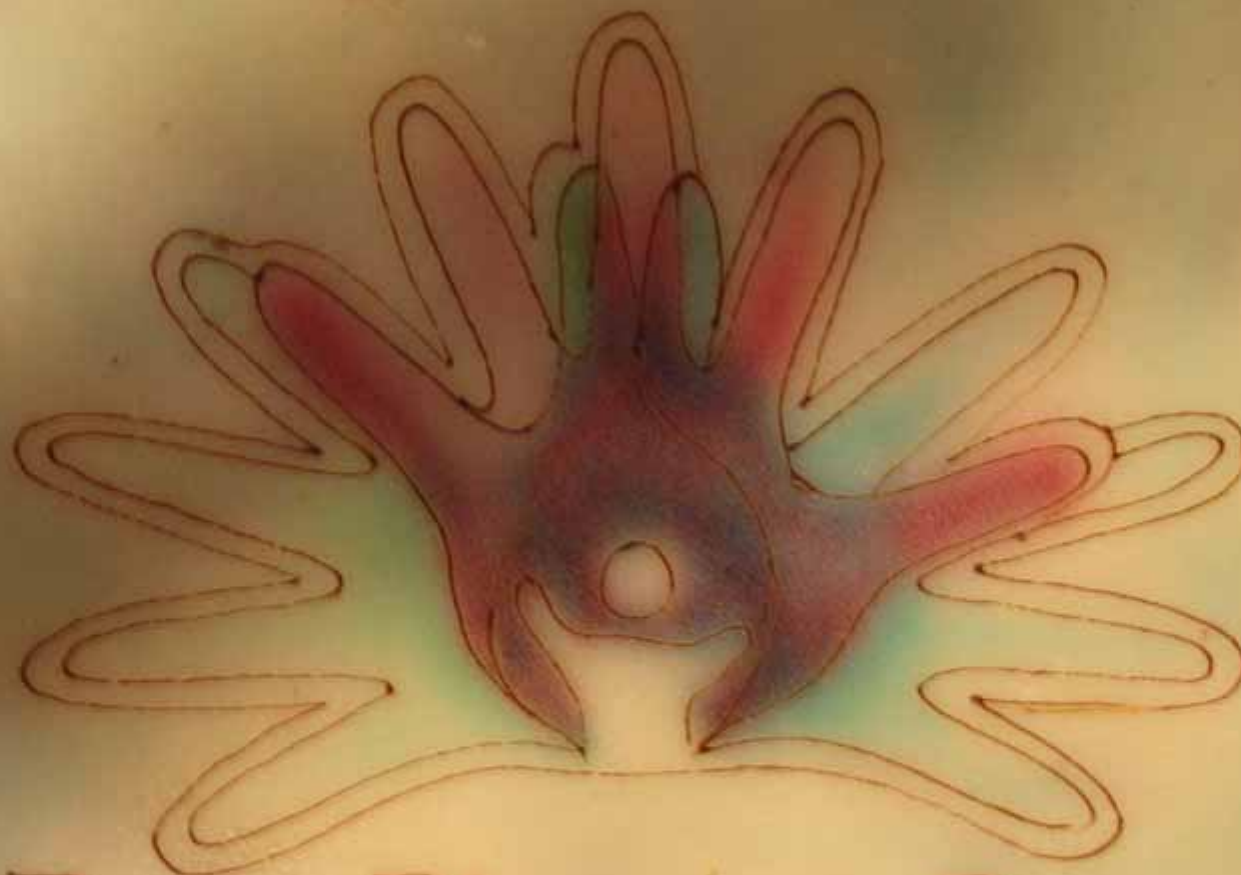
## In the UK

To mark Europe's first Rare Disease Day 29th February 2008 over **150 patients** from across the country traveled to **Westminster to meet parliamentarians face to face** to raise the awareness of the needs of patients with rare diseases and to discuss policy developments at a UK and European level.



Dr Evan Harris MP hosted GIG's Rare Disease Day event on 26th Feb at the House of Commons. Over 200 people attended.





Rare Disease Day



**Conference is devoted to  
1<sup>st</sup> European  
Rare Disease Day**

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## **Problems of Rare Disease in Armenia**

**A.Matevosyan MD,PhD**  
Head of the Republic Center  
of Medical Genetic

# Rare Disease Day

## In Russia

- **Press Conference** in St Petersburg on February 26th, gathered doctors, government officials, patients, patients' relatives, patient organisations and mass media.
- Presentation of the Russian Patient Organisations National Alliance  
« **Genetics** »
- Distribution of **flyers**
- Exhibit of **drawings** made by children suffering from rare diseases and their photos
- **Information meetings** at first-level medical centres from Feb. 26-28

# Rare Disease Day

## In Ukraine

- Press conference in the Kharkiv's Press Room on February 29th. The Regional Public Health Affair took part in it.
- Production of an social TV program, devoted to SMA and other rare diseases, and a short film describing the daily lives of children with rare diseases. This was shown on national television and via satellite TV on February 28th.
- Billboards in several locations in Kiev
- Press releases were sent to Ukrainian media throughout the country before the RD Day. Interviews on specific TV channels expressing social-interest.
- Letter writing and email campaign to the Ministry of Public Health, Regional Health Affairs and institutions.
- Fund raising campaign.





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Over 12,000 visits to the RDDay website

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