



## 2 PanEuropean Conference on Haemoglobinopathies

*"Patients and health professionals together for optimal care"*

13–14 March 2010, Berlin

## First Announcement

The Thalassaemia International Federation is pleased to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan-European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies, organised in partnership with Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin in the context of its 300-year anniversary.

The conference is the first Europe-wide event dedicated to haemoglobinopathies. It follows TIF's first European Workshop on Thalassaemia held in 2007, which attracted 150 doctors and patients from across Europe and demonstrated a need for a larger-scale educational event. The purpose of this conference is to bring together patients, medical professionals and other stakeholders from across Europe in order to share best practices on patient care, prevention and patient empowerment, and to encourage European countries to recognise and address the public health burden of Hb disorders.

### Who will benefit from the conference

- Patients affected by haemoglobinopathies from EU member states and candidate countries
- Health professionals involved in treating haemoglobinopathies (haematologists, paediatricians, internists, cardiologists, endocrinologists, nurses, social workers, etc.)
- European and international medical professionals' bodies
- European and international NGOs in the field of public health
- Representatives of EU institutions
- Representatives of national governments
- Rare disease platforms
- Pharmaceutical and other medical industry representatives.

### Scientific programme

The programme is divided into plenary sessions and interactive workshops for health professionals and patients. Topics include:

- Status of haemoglobinopathies in Europe
- Ethical and other challenges in prevention
- European policies and developments in the field of rare diseases
- Holistic clinical management
- The importance of adherence to therapies – doctors' and patients' perspectives
- Consistency of treatment, expert centres and patient registries

- New scientific developments
- Patients' social integration and quality of life

The full programme is available on TIF's website [www.thalassaemia.org.cy](http://www.thalassaemia.org.cy).

### Registration

Delegates can benefit from a reduced early bird rate by registering before **10 December 2009**. Registration fees for different delegate categories and the registration forms can be downloaded on TIF's website.

### Travel grants

The Thalassaemia International Federation provides a number of travel grants for patients from European Union and candidate countries to cover their travel and accommodation costs for the event. There are also a limited number of grants for medical professionals. For more information see TIF's website. The deadline for applications is **10 November 2009**.

### Accommodation and venue information

The conference will be held at the Charité Mitte Campus, Berlin. Detailed information on the venue can be found on the TIF website. Special rates for conference delegates have been secured at the **Courtyard by Marriott Berlin City Center Hotel** (4\*, Axel-Springer-Strasse 55 Berlin) which can be booked through the registration form. Hotels in Berlin fill up quickly so early booking is recommended.



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### Conference committees

The organisation of the conference is overseen by a Scientific Committee, responsible for formulating the programme, and an Organisation Committee. The Committee members include internationally recognised experts in the field of haemoglobinopathies, as well as patient representatives for thalassaemia and sickle cell.

#### Organisation Committee

Gerhard Gaedicke (Chair)  
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**For further information visit**  
[www.thalassaemia.org.cy/conference.html](http://www.thalassaemia.org.cy/conference.html)