



Attendance Report

EASL Congress 2023 | The Patient & Advocate Forum “Lived experiences – Challenges on the ground & patient perspectives” (20-24 June 2023)



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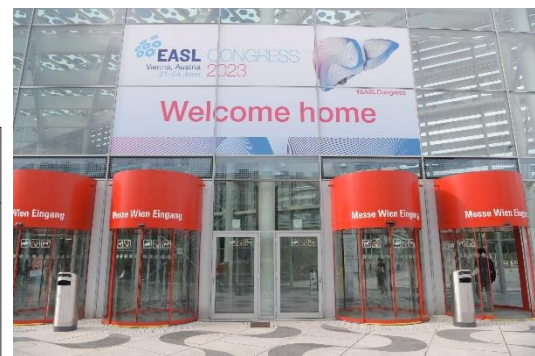
Mr. George Constantinou, Member of the Board of Directors, and Prof. John Koskinas, Hepatologist, represented TIF at the “Annual Congress of The European Association for the Study of the Liver - The International Liver Congress 2023”, which ran from 21 to 24 June 2023 in Vienna, Austria. Organised by the European Association For The Study Of The Liver (EASL), the Congress brought together more than 10,000 professionals of different specialties, all levels of expertise and multidisciplinary approaches to improve patient care and community outcomes, covering hepatology-related topics.

TIF delegates participated in the annual meeting of the EASL Patient Forum held on 22 June 2023 and delivered a joint presentation on Liver Disease in Thalassaemia, providing attendees with both the medical and the patients’ perspectives. Prof. Koskinas outlined the pathophysiology of liver disease in thalassaemia, while Mr. Constantinou shared his personal story and called for the development of synergies between specialties for better clinical outcomes. Both delegates highlighted that specialists may consult TIF’s Guidelines for the Clinical Management of Transfusion-Dependent and Non-Transfusion-Dependent Thalassaemia to improve services provided to people with thalassaemia, the number of whom is on the rise in the EU Member States.

EASL Congress 2023: The Patient & Advocate Forum

« Lived experiences – Challenges on the ground & patient perspectives »
Wednesday 21 June, 8:30 – 10:00 / Room Stolz 1

5 min	Opening Remarks Prof. Maria Buti & Ivana Dragojević (ELPA) (Chairs)
5 min	Liver Patients International – Robert Mitchell-Thain
5 min	How we got here, where we are going – Jeff McIntyre, Global Liver Institute
5 min	Liver Disease in Haemoglobin Disorders: A Public Health Issue
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to liver disease in thalassaemia – Prof. Koskinas, Thalassaemia International Federation
5min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient perspective – Mr. Constantinou, Thalassaemia International Federation
5 min	Community-led recommendations – Danjuma Adda, World Hepatitis Alliance
5 min	How to improve the care of patients with rare live disease in Europe - Dr. Ida Schregel, ERN RARE-LIVER
20 min	Expert/hepatologists respond – Responses to patient challenges Prof. Loreta Kondili, EASL Policy, Public Health & Advocacy Committee Prof. Jeffrey Lazarus, EASL Policy, Public Health & Advocacy Committee
15 min	Official question – Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What actions need to be taken to steer blame away from patients and individuals and towards systemic policies which reinforce and encourage unhealthy behaviours?
15 min	Patient to expert Q&A
5 min	Concluding remarks Prof. Maria Buti & Ivana Dragojević



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