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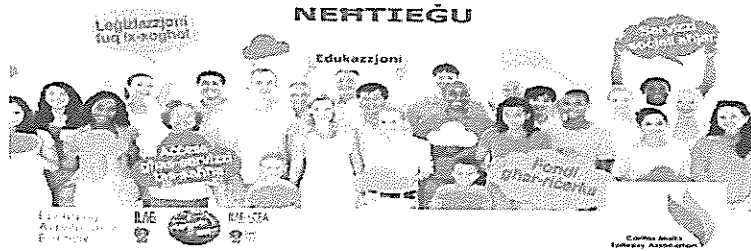
Subject: National Epilepsy Conference

Kindly view the attached communication from The Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association, in conjunction with the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Malta. A National Conference is being organized on Saturday, 22nd February, 2014, at Dolmen Resort Hotel, Malta.

George Borg
Director General
Directorate for Educational Services



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National Epilepsy Conference

Dear Colleagues

The Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association, in conjunction with the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Malta, is organizing its national conference on Saturday 22 February 2014, Dolmen Resort Hotel, Malta. The title of this year's conference is:

Epilepsy is more than just seizures *L-Epilessija mhijiex sempliciment accessjonijiet*

There are over 3,000 persons who have been diagnosed with epilepsy in Malta and Gozo. Epilepsy is often a hidden medical condition which requires several varying medical and support services and it can greatly affect a person's social and personal life. This year's national conference will discuss how stigma in epilepsy causes discrimination, inequality, social exclusion and employment problems. In order to improve quality of life of persons with epilepsy we need employment legislation, access to treatment, education and funding for research. We are honoured that among the speakers at the national conference will be Prof Phil Smith, Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital of Wales, UK and Ms Christine Bennett, UK Epilepsy Nurse. We also have several distinguished local speakers and also interactive workshops. We are sure that, as usual, this conference will be of great interest to all the participants.

Attached you will find the programme and an application form for this conference. The cost has been kept at a minimum of €25 per person, lunch and coffee breaks included. There is a limited number of seats, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

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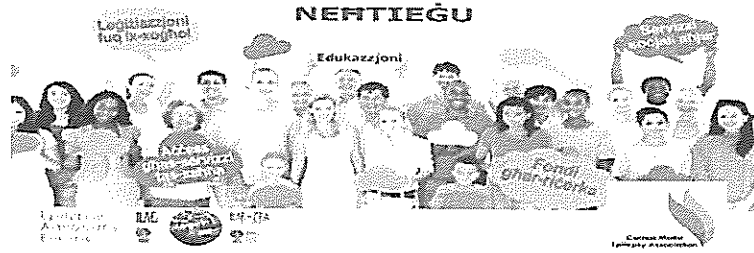
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Choice of Workshop A B C Vegetarian option YES NO

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National Epilepsy Conference Saturday 22 February 2014 Dolmen Resort Hotel, Malta Programme

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 Chair Prof Roger Ellul-Micallef, Head, Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Malta

09:05 Welcome Remarks Mgr Carm Farrugia, Director, Caritas Malta; Mr Mario Dimech, President, Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

09:30 Epilepsy is more than just seizures
Prof Phil Smith, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff UK

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Chair
Prof Janet Mifsud, Vice President Europe, International Bureau of Epilepsy

11.05 Epilepsy: the role of the epilepsy nurse
Ms Christine Benett, Epilepsy Specialist Nurse, Hull and East Yorkshire Trust, UK

11:30 Round table: The local scenario
Chair: Mr David Casa, MEP member of the European Advocacy Epilepsy Group.
Panel: Dr Doriette Soler, Ms Victoria Dimech, Mr Matthew Attard, Mr Frank Portelli

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Workshops
A Addressing medical needs – Prof Phil Smith/Mr Matthew Attard
B How can an epilepsy nurse help? – Ms Christine Benett/ Ms Caroline Attard
C Addressing children's needs – Dr Doriette Soler/Ms Adriana Soler

15:30 Report from workshops Prof Janet Mifsud



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