38th EUROPEAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONFERENCE
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Potentially life-changing conference in the heart of Europe

Brussels Square welcomes 38th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference 2015

Brussels - June 04, 2015 – From June 10 to 13 the 38th European Cystic Fibrosis Conference will take place in Square, the international conference centre in Brussels. Cystic Fibrosis (CF or mucoviscidose) is the most common life threatening hereditary disease in Belgium and Europe. We are on the verge of the discovery of new life changing therapies so this conference is of extreme importance for the whole scientific, medical and patient community.

Prof Kris De Boeck, President of the European Cystic Fibrosis Society which is organizing the conference explains: *'The gathering of over 2200 Cystic Fibrosis experts from more than 50 countries offers a unique opportunity for researchers, health care professionals, patient representatives and industry to share their knowledge and learn from each other. They will discuss the latest advances in research, novel treatments and optimal care and work together towards a better future for every child and adult living with Cystic Fibrosis in Europe and beyond.'*

Conference President Prof. Dr. Georges Casimir: *"We are very happy to host this potentially life-changing conference in the heart of Europe. The CF community is very active in Belgium. This conference taking place in our country is an enormous support and motivation for the researchers and all who fight for a better survival and quality of life for CF patients around Europe."*

Since the last time that this CF Conference was organised in Belgium, 20 years ago, a lot has changed. *"People with CF live longer and better, in many countries more than half of the patients are adults, the care is organized by specialized multidisciplinary teams following the European standards of care, the first treatments tackling the cause of the disease are developed. But Cystic Fibrosis is still an incurable and life threatening disease. Research for more effective treatments is the only hope for the patients and their families."* explains Karleen De Rijcke, president of CF Europe and director of the Belgian patient association.

The conference will enable us to set further steps forward in realizing the dream of all CF patients and families: a long and healthy life: *"Who says 'research' says hope for my little daughter. We are positive that research for better treatments is ongoing, we keep our faith and hope and we know that with the support of all of you, we'll get there." (Celine, mother of a toddler with CF)*

Set to attract more than 2.200 delegates, with approximately 80% from Europe and 20% from countries in the rest of the world, the conference represents a wide range of CF professional disciplines. The conference scientific programme is developed by a Scientific Committee and focuses on topics covering the entire spectrum of CF related issues. The programme includes presentations within plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, special interest groups, ePoster sessions and 'Meet the Experts' discussions.

More info

- Conference website: www.ecfs.eu/brussels2015
- Conference Venue: SQUARE – Brussels Meeting Centre, Glass Entrance rue Mont des Arts, B-1000 Brussels, www.squarebrussels.com
- Free entrance as a journalist granted upon presentation of a current and valid press card.
- To arrange interviews with top researchers, clinicians and patient representatives contact ECFS: ecfs2015@kit-group.org or from 8 June: +32 2 505 9525,

About the European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS)

The European Cystic Fibrosis Society is a learned society of scientific and clinical professionals committed to improving survival and quality of life for people with CF by promoting high quality research, education and care.

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