



## PRESS CONFERENCE

**EuroHYP presents new ground breaking research on treatment of stroke and a plan for a EU wide clinical trial**

***a stroke victim will answer questions on his experience with therapeutic hypothermia***

Brussels, 24 January 2011, 10.00 am (Coffee and registrations from 9.00)

Federation of Belgian Enterprises, Rue Ravenstein n. 4, 1000 Brussels

*Meeting room: 418*

Every day 1000 Europeans die of stroke: one every 90 seconds. Current treatment options for the large majority of strokes (80-85%) due to cerebral ischaemia are extremely limited but results from new research can bring hope to stroke victims. Growing evidence points to a new procedure which can significantly improve the treatment of stroke, reducing death and disability. Therapeutic hypothermia, or cooling acts by inducing a kind of hibernation in the brain, slowing the need for oxygen and preventing further damage. The technique is also being watched with interest by the European Space Agency because of its possible applications for the future of long distance space travel.

Eminent scientists from Universities, hospitals, network organisations which include researchers and patients from all over Europe and EU officials are meeting in Brussels on Monday, January 24, 2011 to review current stroke research priorities in the light of the new findings at the **EuroHYP EUROPEAN STROKE RESEARCH WORKSHOP.**

**Journalists will hear the testimonial of a patient, who suffered a stroke and underwent therapeutic cooling at Copenhagen University Hospital.**

**He will be available to answer questions from the press about his experience.**

**A REPORT on the findings and the trial project to be presented by EuroHYP**

The aim is to focus scientists' work towards the most promising research and harness resources in an EU wide effort for a trial to bring concrete treatments to stroke patients in the shortest time frame.

### **TRIAL PROJECT:**

The number of hospitals participating in the proposed trial project is expected to be around 80 in total, from 21 countries in Europe, the countries being: **Germany, Italy, UK, France, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Croatia, Belgium, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal and Turkey.**

***On the agenda:***

- The latest data on the burden of disease related to stroke and the outlook for the coming decades in Europe.
- The latest stroke research results, and identify the most promising current and future research priorities.
- Therapeutic hypothermia: the number one opportunity for a novel stroke treatment.
- EuroHYP-1 trial: key objectives and aspects of the research program, including the involvement of patients and SMEs.
- European stroke research programs: novel approaches and priorities to support clinical trials defining novel treatments.

The workshop is organised by the **European Stroke Research Network for Hypothermia (EuroHYP)**, the **European Stroke Organisation (ESO)** and **Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE)** with the support of the **World Stroke Organisation**, **Society for Cryobiology** and the **European Space Agency**.

***Speakers include:***

- **Dr. Malcolm Macleod**, Senior Lecturer and Head of Experimental Neuroscience at the Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences at the University of Edinburgh and President of EuroHYP,
- **Prof. Dr. Stefan Schwab**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, Vice President of EuroHYP
- **Prof. Didier Leys**, Professor of Neurology and Head of the Neurological Department at the Lille University Hospital in Lille, France and President Elect of the European Stroke Organisation (ESO),
- **Derk W. Krieger MD, PhD**, Professor of Neurology and Cerebrovascular Diseases, Copenhagen University, Denmark, Consultant Neurologist at Copenhagen University Hospitals,
- **Dr. Markus Wagner**, Head of the Prevention Department at the German Stroke Foundation (SAFE),
- **Prof. Dr. Andreas Meisel**, Director of the Center for stroke research of Charité Berlin (ESN) as well as patients representatives and European Commission officials.

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**The morning discussion is OPEN to the press; journalists are welcome to stay for lunch.**

The afternoon is closed to the press. Symposium ends 18.30 pm CET

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