

## Newsletter January 2019

### Bio-Iron 2019

The Eighth International Bio-Iron Congress takes place in Heidelberg Germany from 5 - 10 May 2019. See <https://bioiron.org/meetings/upcoming-meetings/details.aspx?id=203>. The IBIS conference programme can be found at this website in the near future.

The charge for patients, representatives of societies and students is 420 euros for the whole conference. This includes Thursday's joint HI and EFAPH AGM, Friday's joint meeting and the gala dinner. For Thursday and Friday only, the fee would be 150 euros including the gala dinner.

### Haemochromatosis International & EFAPH Joint Meeting and AGMs

The AGMs of EFAPH and Haemochromatosis International (HI) will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May in Heidelberg and will hear annual reports and elect officers of both organisations. See agenda included on this website. This event is open to all, but it should be noted that only members of each organisation are eligible to vote on motions during their respective AGMs.

The agenda for the Joint Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, which follows the AGMs, is still being finalised but is likely to include:-

- A brief overview of recent scientific developments in haemochromatosis, as presented at Biolron.
- HARI Arthropathy update and status of our new Scientific Committee.
- An opportunity for all member organisations to share ideas and speak about their activities.
- An opportunity to contribute to HI's plans for the coming year.
- HI International recommendations for the treatment and management of GH - updates
- Exploration of ways to maximise synergy between EFAPH and HI

## World Haemochromatosis Week

This event, which in 2019 will run from 3rd to 7<sup>th</sup> June, provides an opportunity for all Haemochromatosis organisations worldwide to raise awareness of our condition. We are very keen to build on our promising re-launch of this event in 2018 and, in order for this project to grow in influence, we would urge all member organisations to share what did and didn't work for them. Any reader suggestions for activities would also be very welcome. It is hoped that this page can be updated nearer the time with suggestions and links to summaries of last year's activities.

## Membership

We invite all GH Patient Groups who have not currently joined to become full members of HI, working together can only help further our common cause. The annual membership fee is £20 sterling, small organisations that have difficulty in raising such a payment may apply for it to be waived.

Payment by Paypal is available via the website. If you would like to pay by bank transfer please contact [info@haemochromatosis-international.org](mailto:info@haemochromatosis-international.org)