

Nomination for Regional Board Members (Region: Europe)



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Reasons for nomination (By nominating members):

Around the world there are still many patients with hepatitis do not know they suffer from this condition. The situation is the same in Romania, however, there are significant improvements in terms of access to treatment, although there are still waiting lists. I believe that every patient should strive to speak more often about liver disease at national, European and global. Every voice, every action of ours can help a person to try and be more careful to simple hygiene measures. Each action may bring over authorities to understand that a patient with hepatitis discovered and treated in time has the chance of a better life. I hope you can support the ideas and concepts of the World Hepatitis Alliance and more and more patients with hepatitis in Europe to be treated for free with the best therapies recommended by doctors, not to be discriminated against and to have a normal life. Together nothing is impossible.

Experience and suitability for the role, including viral hepatitis status

(By nominee):

Since 2009, I am president of The Romanian Liver Patients Association. I am patient with hepatitis B discovered in 2006 after several investigations. Until then I knew only few things about virus hepatitis B or C. In 2007 I became a mother. I am coordinator of the APAH-RO team, which means all actions and campaigns to inform the public about liver disease, identifying those affected by hepatitis viruses, access to treatment and elimination of discrimination of patients with hepatitis.

APAH-RO and I always identified with the World Hepatitis Alliance managed to have the impact campaigns Romania with us bringing new partners each time. We have built a team in Romania who managed to remain united and in three years of doing APAH-RO nationally recognized association and beyond. We already have several events that patients have come to expect every year, such as Mother's Day or APAH-RO National Conference and, of course World Hepatitis Day. This year we initiated the campaign "Do not let hepatitis destroy your life! Test Yourself" where we were able to join forces, NGOs, professional societies and civil society.