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Subject: Endorsement of the Annual AGORA Conference 2022

Dear Ms. Antonopoulou,

This is with reference to your letter dated July 15, 2022, regarding the above-mentioned conference.

Established in 2014, the Global Alliance for Patient Access (GAfPA) and its European division, the European Alliance for Patient Access (EAfPA), is a non-profit organisation that provides a unique platform for health care stakeholders to convene, identify unmet needs, set advocacy priorities, and advance narratives about the value of patient-centered care in order to inform policymakers. GAfPA has extensive experience addressing unmet patient needs in policy conversations across various disease states and medical specialties.

EAfPA fully supports your efforts to discuss the “Future Directions for Southern European Patients’ Organizations” at the AGORA’s Annual conference taking place in Lisbon on September 16 - 17, 2022. and has no objection to placing the name and logo of EAfPA as a supporter on your marketing material with no financial obligations.

EAfPA is of the view that holding such conferences provides numerous opportunities to Southern European and European patient organisations to promote ways of engaging them in the national and European decision-making process and to discuss changes in rheumatological care, in a post COVID-19 pandemic world.

EAfPA’s is delighted to contribute to the conference by delivering a presentation which will focus on a report it produced highlighting the needs of people with autoimmune conditions, among others, Lupus and Rheumatoid Arthritis. Through international survey data and insights from key patient advocacy organisations, EAfPA’s report explores the struggles faced by autoimmune patients in Western Europe and identifies how policymakers can help.

We wish you all the best in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Neil Betteridge
Director
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