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SPAEN – NEWS

Together We Can Make A Difference For Those Affected By Sarcomas!

Sarcoma Patients EuroNet - Advocacy in Action Award 2017

SPAEN ADVOCACY IN ACTION AWARD 2017: AND THE AWARD GOES TO...



Patient advocacy ensures that people are heard, take action and ultimately improve situations, achieve changes or help to fulfil unmet medical needs. We decided that it is time to shout out about how important patient advocacy in sarcomas is - for patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals or anyone interested in sarcomas.

We are very happy to have received submissions of outstanding projects and initiatives for our SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award 2017.

The best projects have been awarded by a jury of 8 members consisting of patient advocates and experts. The following winners were honoured during the 8th SPAEN Annual Conference in February 2018 in Milan, Italy:



1st: [Friends of Max](#), India

Project: Together We Share and Learn - Ongoing life-long relationship management of [GIST](#) patients & caregivers



2nd: Polish Sarcoma Group

([Stow. Pomocy Chorym Na Miesaki "SARCOMA"](#)), Poland

Project: ONCORUN - Together for health!



3rd: [Associazione Paola per i Tumori](#)

[Muscoloscheletrici Onlus](#), Italy

Projects: 1. Paper on sarcoma/rare cancer health policies, 2. Sarcoma meeting for healthcare professionals and policy makers, 3. Funding Ewing sarcoma research (travel scholarship 2017/2018), 4. Lobbying in order to relax the rules for the "compassionate use" in rare cancers



Find out more about the projects [here](#).

The SPAEN Advocacy in Action Award will be continued in 2018.

Best regards,
The SPAEN Board of Directors



ABOUT SPAEN

Sarcoma Patients EuroNet Association (SPAEN), the international Network of Sarcoma, [GIST](#) and Desmoid Patient Advocacy Groups, was founded in April 2009 with the aim of extending information services, patient support and advocacy to patient organisations for the benefit of sarcoma patients across the whole of Europe and internationally. Acting in partnership with clinical experts, scientific researchers, industry and other stakeholders SPAEN is working to improve the treatment and care of sarcoma patients through improving information and support, and by increasing the visibility of sarcoma with policymakers and the public.

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