The aim of having patient organisations at Congress is to:

- present the patient perspective in scientific and educational sessions
- promote the role of patient organisations
- strengthen the European community of respiratory patient organisations
- encourage professionals to engage with patient organisations
- promote the wider participation of patients and patient organisations in healthcare worldwide.

More than 37 European and international patient organisations will be located in the World Village and involved in activities taking place at Congress. Meet and find out more about these organisations at the ELF and patient organisation stand and at their hot desks.

The World Village exhibition will be open from Sunday 27 to Tuesday 29 September, 08:00–18:00, and Wednesday 08.00-12.00, with an ELF staff member and patient organisation representatives on the ELF and patient organisation stand at all times. ELF have put together a varied programme of open and invitation-only events, as well as ensuring patient participation throughout the congress. See below for full details.

**Events (open to all)**

**Sat, 26 Sept**

- 10:00–18:00 — Beursplein and Dam Square, Amsterdam city centre – public lung testing and activities to raise awareness of exercise and lung health (part of the Healthy Lungs for Life campaign)
- 17:45–21:00 — Opening ceremony and welcome reception (including presentation of the ELF Award)

**Sun, 27 Sept**

- 11.00–18.00 — Beursplein and Dam Square, Amsterdam city centre – public lung testing and activities to raise awareness of exercise and lung health (part of the Healthy Lungs for Life campaign)

**Mon, 28 Sept**

- 12:45–14:00, D404 — Patient organisation networking reception
- 18:00–20:00 — AMC, Amsterdam-Zuidoost – Expert evening sessions for patients and the public (in Dutch)

**Sessions (scientific sessions open to all, courses require registration and payment)**

**Patient testimony in scientific sessions:**

**Sat, 26 Sept**

- 9:30–13:00 — Management of COPD and other respiratory conditions in clinical practice

**Sun, 27 Sept**

- 08:30–10:30 — My patient had major thoracic and abdominal surgery: what is happening now?
- 08:30–10:30 — The emergence of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe: no cure possible?
- 14:45–16:45 — Breathlessness during exercise: if not asthma, then what?

**Mon, 28 Sept,**

- 08:30–10:30 — Respiratory research in the Netherlands: beyond the Dutch hypothesis
Tues, 29 Sept
- 08:30–10:30 — Lung cancer screening: how to implement a comprehensive preventive approach
- 10:45–12:45 — UBIOPRED: fingerprinting severe asthma
- 10:45–12:45 — Obstructive sleep apnoea, obesity and weight loss
- 13:00–14:00 — Patient forum: Improving adherence and outcomes in pulmonary rehabilitation
- 14:45–16:45 — Healthy Lungs for life - Why taking the active option is essential for lung health

Wed, 30 Sept
- 10:45–12:45 — Inhaled drugs: within and beyond the lungs
- 07:00–08:15 — How to involve patients in research projects (registration and additional payment required)

Presentations (open to all)
New for this year, there will be a presentation space at the centre of the World Village. Societies and patient organisations will be giving 15–30 minute presentations, and are a great opportunity for delegates to:
- learn more about the role of patient organisations in supporting patients and their families
- hear about specific activities and campaigns
- ask questions and meet patient organisations in your country or area of disease interest.

Sun, 27 Sept
- 10:00–10:30 — European Lung Foundation (ELF), “The Healthy Lungs for Life (HLfL) campaign at ERS Congress and how to take the campaign to your country”
- 10:45–11:00 — ARB-TB, Romania, “Treatment compliance increasing for TB patients using supportive groups”
- 11:15–11:30 — Lovexair, “Educaxair a mobile support service for chronic respiratory disease management for patients”
- 15:15–15:45 — Asthma Society for Ireland, “Asthma Health Promotions targeting different communities”
- 16:45–17:15 — Irish Sleep Apnoea Trust (ISAT), “Paediatric sleep apnoea: the perspective of a patient organisation”

Mon, 28 Sept
- 09:30–10:00 — EFA, “COPD affects your lungs, pocket and social life! Real experiences from hospitals to airports”
- 15:30–15:45 — FFAAIR, “How FFAAIR is supporting patients with a lung condition in France: patients at the patients’ service”
- 16:00–16:15 — European Lung Foundation (ELF), “The European Patient Ambassador Programme (EPAP) as a tool for patients at Congress”
- 16:30–17:00 — PHA Europe, “Patient organisations influence in EU policies for respiratory health”

Tues, 29 Sept
- 09:30–10:00 — European LAM Federation, “Presentation of the key activities of European LAM Federation”
- 12:30–13:00 — British Lung Foundation (BLF), “Update on key activities of the British Lung Foundation”

Meetings (invitation only)
Sat, 26 Sept
- 13:00–16:00, E108 — Lung cancer patient priorities workshop
Sun, 27 Sept
- 09:30–13:00, E103 — EARIP asthma research priority setting workshop
- 13:00–14:00, D405 — The James Lind Alliance research priority setting approach: a workshop for patient organisations

Mon, 28 Sept
- 10:00–11:00, Art Room — Defining patient involvement – a meeting of the ERS Task Force for Sarcoidosis and patient organisations
- 11:00–12.45, D404 — Patient Advisory Committee meeting

Tues, 29 Sept
- 13:00–14:30, D403 — International Patient Advisory Committee meeting
- 13:00–14:30, D405 — U-BIOPRED Patient Input Platform/ WP9&10 meeting
- 14:30–15:30, D404 — Media workshop for patient organisations
- 15:30–16:30, D404 — U-BIOPRED – the patient experience: a workshop for patient organisations

For further information on any of the above meetings or events, contact Sarah Masefield, ELF Patient involvement and engagement sarah.masefield@europeanlung.org or visit the ELF and patient organisation stand in the World Village during Congress.

Sarah would also be happy to arrange to meet with any Congress delegates interested in working with ELF to involve patients in an ERS Task Force, Clinical Research Collaboration (CRC) or EU project.

To find out more about ELF and their activities and work within the ERS visit the website: www.europeanlung.org