Epilepsy: Finding Help
L-Epilessija: Kif insibu l-ghajnuna
2018 National Epilepsy Conference

Dear Colleagues

“Epilepsy: Finding Help”, has been chosen to be the theme of this year’s national conference of the Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association. The conference is being held in conjunction with the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Malta. The conference, which will convene at the Dolmen Resort Hotel on Saturday 10 March 2018, will highlight practical aspects of how and where to seek help for proper epilepsy diagnosis and treatment. There are over 4,000 persons who have been diagnosed with epilepsy in Malta and Gozo. Epilepsy is often a hidden medical condition which requires several varying medical and support services and it can greatly affect a person’s social and personal life. We are honoured that the conference will be opened by HE Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta. Among the speakers will be Prof Dorothee Kasteleijn, Netherlands. We also have several distinguished local speakers such as Dr. Josanne Aquilina, Dr. Doriette Soler, Dr. Edith Said, Dr. John Farrugia, as well as also interactive workshops.

This conference will be of specific interest to persons with epilepsy and their families, educators, teachers and LSAs and various health care professionals and students (doctors, pharmacists, nurses etc) who work with persons with epilepsy. We are sure that this conference will be of great interest to all the participants and the interactive session will stimulate a great deal of discussion. We would like to thank you for your continuing support and interest. Attached you will find the programme and an application form for this conference. The cost has been kept at a minimum of €30 per person, lunch and coffee breaks included. There is a limited number of seats, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

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Cheques are to be made out to Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

Name of each person attending ____________________________ ____________________________
Organisation ____________________________________________ Mobile __________________
E-mail __________________ Address __________________
Choice of Workshop A □ B □ C □ Dietary requirements (if any) ____________________________
Do you understand Maltese only □ English only □ Both English and Maltese □

Cancellations and refunds will only be given if requests are made before 1 March 2018
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Saturday 10 March 2018, Dolmen Resort Hotel, Malta

08.30 Registration and welcome coffee
09.00 Chair Mr Frank Portelli, President, Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association
Welcome Remarks
HE Marie Louise Colerio Preca, President of Malta
Mr Leonid McKay, Director, Caritas Malta

09.35 Plenary talks
Chair Mr. Matthew Attard, Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association
Finding help: Understanding different types of seizures
Prof Dorothee Kasteleijn, Department of Neurosurgery and Epilepsy
University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands

10.05 Questions
10.15 Coffee break
10.45 Moderators: Ms Robin Pinkston/Ms Sarah Fleri
Finding help: the process in Malta
Dr Josanne Aquilina, Consultant Neurologist MDH
Dr Doriette Soler, Consultant NeuroPaediatrician, MDH

11.15 Finding help: what services are available in Malta
Moderators: Ms Robin Pinkston/Ms Sarah Fleri
Panel: Dr Edith Said, Genetics Consultant MDH; Dr John Farrugia, Consultant
Paediatrician, CDAU; Ms Josette Portelli, Speech Language Pathologist; Ms Erika Taylor
East, Pharmacist; Mr Sandro Fabri, EEG Technician.

12.00 Discussion and questions
12.30 Lunch
14.00 Interactive Workshops
A Finding help: for children – Dr Doriette Soler, Ms Robin Pinkston
B Finding help: for adults – Dr Josanne Aquilina, Mr Matthew Attard
C Finding help: for caregivers – Dr John Farrugia, Mr Frank Portelli

15.30 Report from workshops - Prof Janet Mifsud
15.45 Closing – Hon Dr. Chris Fearne, Minister for Health (TBC)