



Dear friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the **meeting between representatives of patient organisations and patients**, which will take place on **8 september 2006 at 09:00-11:00**, the **Congress Centre of the International Plovdiv Fair**. The meeting is organized within the framework of the Second Eastern European Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drug “*Fostering research on rare diseases in Eastern European countries*”.

The idea of this initiative is to give a chance to people with rare diseases and patient organizations` representatives from different countries in Eastern and Central Europe to meet each other, to share experience and ideas toward improving the quality of life of the patients with rare diseases themselves, as well as their families. The meeting also is a wonderful opportunity to initiate joint projects and activities in this field in the future.

The meeting is a joint activity of the **Information Centre for Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs** (a project of the Bulgarian Association for Promotion of Education and Science) in collaboration with the **European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS)** - a non-governmental patient-driven alliance of patient organizations and individuals active in the field of rare diseases, dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people living with rare diseases in Europe.

Your participation at this meeting is free of charge with a preliminary confirmation by phone +359-897-858870 or e-mail info@raredis.org

Looking forward to see you in Plovdiv,

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