



## Patients' Sponsorship Programme

The Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies and Rare Anaemias as for every Regional and International educational conference operates a Patient Sponsorship Programme to enable a number of European patients to make the journey to Limassol, Cyprus and participate in this exciting conference which is anticipated to be among the most important educational events taking place in the European Region in the field.

The patients' sponsorship programme provides two different options:

- A. either to receive reimbursement of up to €500 after the conference and arrange their own accommodation, registration and travelling. Receipts will need to be provided.
- Or**
- B. request full coverage of their accommodation for 3 nights, registration (which covers coffee breaks, lunches, a delegate bag and entrance to the conference halls) and transfer from and to the airport.

The award of sponsorships is decided by the Board of Directors of TIF based on the following specific criteria:

- 1) Patients to be over 18 years of age;
- 2) Patients to have a good level of understanding and speaking English;
- 3) Patients to belong to a National Thalassaemia Association which is a Voting or General member. A letter should be provided from the President or board of the Association confirming the applications membership in the association ;
- 4) The National Thalassaemia Association has to be a member of TIF and is essential to have settled any outstanding membership fees owed (including the year 2011), by **7 June 2012** when applications for sponsorship will be reviewed and decided upon (prior settlement of the fees for the year 2012 is not asked for, for this purpose);
- 5) Patients to be able to travel;
- 6) TIF will take into account previous award of sponsorship and attendance to past educational events sponsored by TIF;
- 7) Priority will be given to voting members as well as to low-resource countries and new members of TIF;
- 8) Final bookings for travelling or purchase of tickets should be presented to TIF office prior to confirming sponsorship – this will be required upon confirmation by TIF of sponsorship application acceptance **15 June 2012**;

TIF will try to sponsor **up to 3 patients per country** in order to secure a balanced geographical representation, depending on funding availability.

**If you wish to be considered for a patient sponsorship, please download or complete online the application form and return it to TIF by the **7 June 2012**, along with the accompanying documents required.** Please note that application for the Patients sponsorship programme and eligibility patients for other Sponsorship Opportunities, such as waiving of registration fees are mutually exclusive.

Successful applicants will be notified as soon as the decisions have been taken, no later than the **15 June 2012**.