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Dear Colleagues

<u>Subject:</u> Youth Leadership Camp (7-13 July 2014) for active members of IDF Europe Member Associations, aged 18-30. Deadline for applications: 30 April 2014

As pronounced during IDF Europe's General Assembly in Melbourne last December, IDF Europe would like you to invite candidates from your associations to submit their applications for the 2014 Youth Leadership Camp. A maximum of 24 young adults, aged 18-30, will be invited to participate in the camp. The deadline for submission of applications is 30 April. Should the number of applications exceed the number of places available, a selection committee will assess the applications and invite the most eligible candidates to take part in the camp.

The 2014 Youth Leadership Camp will take place at the Terme Jezerčica Hotel in Donje Stubica in northern Croatia, attributable to the excellent facilities available. Please visit <a href="www.terme-jezercica.hr">www.terme-jezercica.hr</a> for an overview of the site. The Camp will be held from 7 to 13 July.

The programme will include practical, recreational as well as educational aspects including workshops and physical activity sessions in a vibrant and interactive setting. The aim of the camp is to introduce the participants to a European context, in which they can learn from each other and in which they will be introduced to the work of the IDF Europe. The programme will be streamlined with the activities that we at IDF Europe are carrying out this year.

This is a great opportunity to meaningfully involve young people in IDF Europe's work. IDF Europe aims to integrate a young patient perspective as a cross-cutting dimension in all of its advocacy activities and projects. Furthermore, the camp will create a strong and active pan-European network of youth advocates in diabetes.

IDF Europe invites young candidates to complete their applications by sending information about the work they are involved in at national level and by submitting a short essay explaining why they wish to attend the camp and what they could bring to the experience as an individual and to IDF Europe's work in general.

All travel and accommodation costs will be covered by IDF Europe. We expect candidates to be fully insured for healthcare and travel. Candidates should have a good understanding of the English language, as all sessions and activities will be conducted in English.

The youth camp will not be a standalone event, but rather one that will be integrated in IDF Europe's wide-ranging activities – including those specifically aimed at youth. The purpose is to nurture a new generation of youth advocates and to galvanize their support and knowledge in different advocacy and awareness raising initiatives.

Kind regards

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## Attachments:

- Youth Leadership Camp Application Form
- Draft Programme
- Information about Terme Jezerčica, Croatia

## **IDF Europe**