



## **IFPA partners with NCDA to push for inclusion of NCDs on global health agendas and scale up the fight against psoriasis**

- **IFPA is pleased to join the NCD Alliance (NCDA) as its newest NGO member.**
- **The NCDA is a unique civil society network, uniting 2,000 civil society organizations in over 170 countries.**
- **Since 2009, the Alliance has worked to combat global non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by collaborating strategically with the World Health Organization, United Nations and national governments.**
- **To raise awareness of psoriasis as an NCD, IFPA will join the NCDA Supporters Consultation Group.**

Joining the NCDA is a natural step for the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) as psoriasis is officially recognized by the WHO as a severe, chronic NCD. Especially because psoriasis is so widespread (affecting nearly 3% of the world's population) and because there is no known cure, IFPA is strengthening its NCD advocacy efforts. Such efforts will focus both on psoriasis itself as an NCD, and on the various other NCDs (such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes) to which psoriasis has been linked by scientific research.

IFPA President Mr. Lars Ettarp is particularly pleased with IFPA's new membership in the NCDA: "International efforts to reduce the NCD burden have shown that great progress is possible with the right leadership and political support. We are therefore delighted to become a partner of the NCD Alliance and to work with colleagues from other disease communities. This will no doubt help to keep the pressure on UN Member States and governments. It is time to ensure that psoriasis is integrated into these efforts, which is why we see the NCD Alliance as a key strategic partner for IFPA."

IFPA is the first psoriasis NGO to join the NCDA. It will become part of the Alliance's [Supporters Consultation Group](#), which comprises of other NGOs, foundations and private sector partners representing cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and respiratory diseases. The Supporters Consultation Group's main interest is improving the lives of people living with NCDs and tackling their risk factors. Practically, the Group does this by identifying new opportunities to advance the NCD agenda, creating multi-sectoral engagement, monitoring progress and providing strategic advice on global campaigns.

Mr. Jose Luis Castro, Chair of the NCD Alliance, shares IFPA's joy in the new membership agreement: "We welcome IFPA to the NCDA family and are thrilled to be collaborating with the psoriasis community. For far too long, many organizations have worked separately while we can achieve so much more together. We share a common goal, which is to help avoid the unnecessary death and disability of millions of people worldwide. The NCD Alliance has proven that by bringing disease communities together and working towards shared objectives, we can drive change so much quicker than if we go it alone."

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