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EMSP at ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS 2014: Global MS advocacy

EMSP had a full agenda at this year's joint Congress of the American and European Committees for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis, [ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS 2014](#), held in Boston, USA, on 10-13 September. We marked important progress for two of our flagship projects - the European Register for Multiple Sclerosis ([EUREMS](#)) and [MS Nurse Professional](#) - and also organised fruitful meetings with key stakeholders and partners.

With the EU co-funded EUREMS project coming to its end (2011-2014), two poster presentations and a dissemination event were held in order to convey the successful development of a cross-border MS data pooling system which could help shape related policies and boost research.



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Find out more about the EUREMS events at ECTRIMS 2014 [here](#) and [here](#).



ECTRIMS 2014 was also the perfect venue for EMSP [to announce](#) that 1,500 multiple sclerosis nurses have enrolled for our ground-breaking online tool, MS Nurse Professional, since its launch in 2012. We provided further information and incentives to join the project in a special [media alert](#).

ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS 2014:

- 7,000 attendees from 90 countries around the world;
- 183 talks;
- 981 poster presentations;
- 2,792 mentions of #MSBoston2014 on Twitter by 653 users during the event.
- Find the **event report** [here](#).

Believe and Achieve on its way: Fourteen internships for young people with MS

EMSP [launched](#) the first phase of our [Believe and Achieve](#) project in September. We are offering young people with MS short-term employment opportunities with corporate partners.

We are open to [applications](#) from young people with MS living in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, UK and Portugal.

To find more about the project you can click on the Facebook extract below and listen to EMSP's Project Coordinator Emma Rogan:



 **European Multiple Sclerosis Platform**
Posted by Claudiu Berbece [?] · Yesterday at 10:42 · Edited · 

We're still open to applications from young people with MS interested in undergoing internships with important businesses in 8 European countries through our Believe and Achieve project. So if you are or you know someone who fits the criteria, please apply or share this link:
<http://www.emsp.org/projects/believe-and-achieve/267-role-descriptions>. If you need persuading, take two minutes to listen to Emma Rogan, Project Coordinator:

 **MS Patient Summit 2014, Lissabon, Emma Rogan**
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 Denisa Pâsiaru, Isabella Jansegers, Dragos Zaharia and 10 others like this. [Top Comments](#) ▾

Anniversary Spring Conference Report released: Care where it counts – as you journey with MS

In early September, after carefully processing the significant feedback received following our [Anniversary Spring Conference](#), EMSP was finally able to release a comprehensive [report](#) containing summaries of the speeches, parallel sessions and other important moments from the two-day event marking our 25th anniversary.

**EMSP 25th Anniversary
Spring Conference**
8 – 9 May 2014 | Dublin

**Care where it
counts – as you
journey with MS**

For 2015, EMSP has already announced that the Spring Conference will be held in Poland.

[Read more.](#)

Run for MS continues cross-border campaign



Run for MS Lead Coordinator, Andreea Antonovici (middle)

EMSP's cross-border initiative aimed at encouraging people with MS to take up sports to the best of their abilities - [Run for MS](#) - marked another chapter on 14 September, when the Run for MS team completed the [Cologne Half-Marathon](#).

[Read more.](#)

STAKEHOLDER NEWS

EFNA Workshop: Advocate for Brain, Mind and Pain



EFNA President Audrey Craven (left)

On 24-25 September, the European Federation of Neurological Associations ([EFNA](#)) held its Advocate for Brain, Mind and Pain workshop to allow for representatives of national neurology and patient organisations from across Europe to have their say on the issues that need to be on the European health agenda.

This was a good opportunity to identify potential case-studies for an MEP Interest Group on this topic.

[Read more.](#)

EMSP IN THE MEDIA

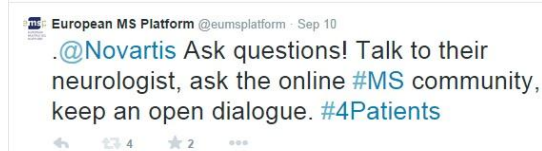
Consistent coverage around ECTRIMS and the European Health Forum

EMSP enjoyed a good return from media and social media outreach in August-September, with perhaps the most prominent feature being the advertorial-article on our [EUREMS](#) project (pictured below) published in The Parliament Magazine (TPM) issue focused on the [European Health Forum](#) in Gastein.



Click on the picture and go to page 37 of the TPM issue to read the article

EMSP was also very active on social media in the mentioned period, with a peak of activity around [ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS 2014](#), when we interacted with members, supporters and industry partners.



PEOPLE WITH MS

Sailing across the Atlantic with Oceans of Hope: “A dream come true”



Luisa Matias (pictured on the left) is 37 and she was diagnosed with MS ten years ago. Her daily challenges involve working in communications and marketing for the Portuguese MS Society ([SPEM](#)), but this year she felt like adding a totally different dimension to her goals: she joined an international crew of healthcare specialists and other people with MS - all embarked on a mission to sail across the world in order to change the perception on multiple sclerosis. The initiative is called [Oceans of Hope](#).

We caught up with Luisa in Boston, USA after she crossed the Atlantic with the Ocean of Hope crew to attend [ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS 2014](#).

“It was a dream come true for me to be sailing across the ocean. Being at sea for one month, I could leave my MS behind and enjoy the experience”, said Luisa.

Oceans of Hope in 2014:

- Tour of European ports, then crossed the Atlantic;
- In October, a multi-port schedule along the East Coast of the USA, then the Panama Canal, New Zealand and Australia;
- 6-9 people with MS on board for each leg of the voyage;
- In each port, taking 30-40 local people with MS sailing for a few hours.