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DeRidder Non-Profit in Paris During ECD Awareness Week

The Erdheim-Chester Disease Global Alliance supports the rare disease by hosting events abroad

DeRidder, LA - September 12, 2016 - Local DeRidder non-profit, the Erdheim-Chester Disease Global Alliance (ECDGA) is hosting the 2nd annual Erdheim-Chester Disease Awareness Week (#ECDAwareness Week) September 12 - 17 from Paris, France. The week inspires patients, caregivers, ECD advocates, medical professionals, and researchers to educate and promote awareness of the ultra-rare blood cancer.

Two major events are planned in Paris during #ECDAwareness Week. Kicking off the events is the 4th Annual International ECD Medical Symposium. This meeting joins medical professionals to discuss ECD research. Following the symposium, is the 4th Annual International ECD Patient and Family Gathering. This conference collects patients, caregivers, and their families to learn about living and dealing with ECD. It also fosters a support network to combat the isolation rare-disease suffers typically experience.

These events have been ongoing since their start in 2013. However, only this year will they coincide with #ECDAwareness Week. Hosting the meetings in conjunction with the awareness week will compliment other activities planned. Lectures, presentations, media, and fundraisers are organized in honor of ECD awareness.

Although the US-based ECDGA helps those affected by ECD in 48 different countries, this is the first time the small non-profit has traveled overseas. Increased knowledge in the medical community and public assists in receiving support and attention for medical studies and patient advocacy, as well as early detection and treatment for the undiagnosed.

Becoming aware is key to a promising future for someone living with ECD. Support those affected by spreading the word about ECD or making a donation to help the ECDGA's efforts. Learn more about ECD Awareness Week activities and the ECD Medical Symposium and Patient & Family Gathering at www.erdheim-chester.org.

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About The ECD Global Alliance

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Erdheim-Chester Disease is an ultra-rare blood cancer with no known cause that is challenging to diagnosis and treat. Unless successful treatment is found, organ failure can occur.

The ECD Global Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to awareness, support, education, and research related to Erdheim-Chester Disease.

To donate, please send a check to ECD Global Alliance, P.O. Box 775, DeRidder, LA 70634. Make an online donation at www.fundECD.org. Thank you for your support!