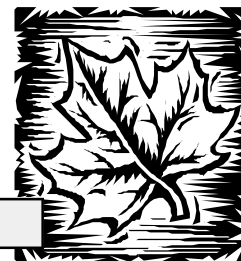




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DEAR SILA SUPPORTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am pleased to start on a positive note. SILA is now registered charity number 1063986/0 as many people will already know since our charity status was granted in August. Amongst many congratulations received was one from John Isitt Breathe Easy Manager of the British Lung Foundation who described SILA's formal recognition by the Charity Commission as a very well deserved development. I am sure that all our supporters will agree. Charity status will help our standing with the general public and with fund raising and when we distribute information about SILA and sarcoidosis.

I have been told of the magnificent sum of £1225 raised when donations were requested for SILA, instead of flowers for a funeral in Birmingham. This generosity is deeply appreciated especially when decided by family and friends at a time of sadness.

Since the Summer Newsletter was published, we heard of the death of the President of the Sarcoidosis Network in California, Earl Jacobs Jnr. His widow who is carrying on his work has been sent a letter of condolence from SILA.

Donations as well as annual subscriptions are always needed, for instance we are still looking for suitable premises to operate from, at a low rent. If anyone hears of suitable rooms or offices I hope that they will get in touch by writing to SILA at the address below.

SILA's address is:-
Chest Clinic Office
Dulwich Hospital
East Dulwich Grove
London SE22 8PT

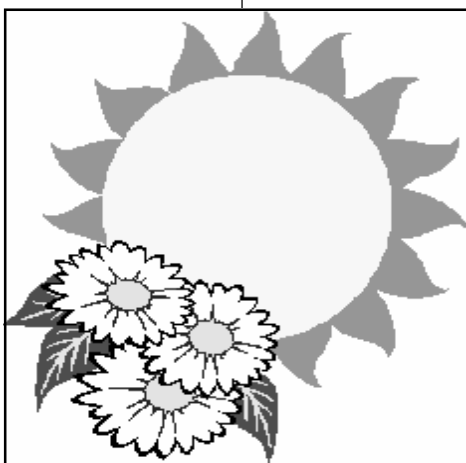
Yours sincerely

Heather Walker **Editor**

Five SILA members paid their own expenses, and flew to Germany on September 14th to attend the International Workshop of Sarcoidosis Patients' Associations held in Meerbusch, near Dusseldorf. Members of DSV (The German Sarcoidosis' Patients Association) met the SILA members and next day all joined representatives from the Netherlands (BBSNBN) and from the USA (SWSG). This was the first time that members of

sarcoidosis patients' groups had sat down together to exchange information and experiences. The aim was to establish a Sarcoidosis International Patients' Association. Also to prepare for the opportunity to participate in the podium discussions, lectures and Doctors' and Patients' Meeting held at the 5th WASOG (World Association Of Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders) Congress at Essen, between 17th and 19th September.

This very busy working programme also included attendance at the Congress Dinner and the 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner given by DSV. DSV also arranged a sightseeing tour around Dusseldorf on Saturday 20th September, and took all SILA members back to the airport



CHARITY STATUS

THE WAY AHEAD

on September 21st.

During this very full week, SILA members made many useful contacts and exchanges of ideas with the other participants.

The President of WASOG, Dr Geraint James who is also a SILA member introduced us to

Dr Hugh Beymon who is based at the Royal Free Hospital in London. During discussions Dr Beymon offered us practical support in our aims, which we accepted and appreciate very much.

It is hoped that the network of Patients and Doctors will eventually help to solve the mystery of Sarcoidosis.

SILA GOES

INTERNATIONAL

S.I.L.A.

**Sarcoidosis and Interstitial Lung Association
Registered Charity Number 1063986/0**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING

For free membership contact
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2 American On-Line Chats and 1 Internet Website
Chat each week.
Newsletter: The Sarcoid Byte, published monthly
on the Internet
Logo: Globe of the World

Anne Grenier-Taylor has prepared a list of Sarcoidosis Global Patient Support Groups and Associations which includes addresses of groups in Australia, Belgium Germany Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland and throughout the United States of America.

Anyone who would like further information about the Patients' Support Groups listed can contact the editor at the address overleaf.

FORWARD PLANNING

SILA'S ANNUAL AWARENESS DAY

It was regretted that the proposed Awareness Day meeting on 2nd October 1997 at King's College Hospital had to be cancelled due to re-decorating work. However it is hoped the Awareness Day will be re-scheduled to take place in the spring of 1998.

SILA SUPPORT MEETINGS

Sila's support meetings are held at:
King's College Hospital
Denmark Hill
London SE5

In the Belgrave Room on the first Thursday of every month with the exception of August.

Meetings are usually, 7.00 - 9.00pm

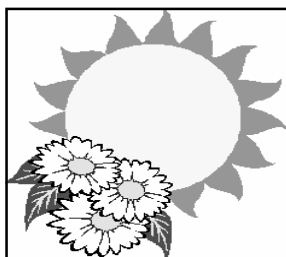
There is no admission charge. All are welcome.

Buses pass the door, and there is a BR station at Denmark Hill, which is a short walk away from the hospital. The main entrance is in Bessemer Road.

Ask at the Help Desk in the Main Hall for directions to the nearby Belgrave Room on the ground floor.

Family and Friends, Carers, Sarcoid Sufferers

All are welcome.



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SILA AIMS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF
SARCOIDOSIS AND THE EFFECT IT HAS ON ALL
SUFFERERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS