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Re: 2015 Expert patient and researcher EURORDIS Summer School

Dear Members,

We are very pleased to announce the open call for applications for the 2015 EURORDIS Summer School that will be held from June 1-5 in Barcelona, Spain.

Expert patient representatives, researchers and trainers from patient organisations, research institutes and the European Medicines Agency will join together to take part in a new version of the Summer School called “**ExPRESS 2015**”, which stands for Expert Patients and Researchers EURORDIS Summer School.

The participation of researchers at “ExPRESS 2015” will be covered by a Cooperation of Science and Technology (COST) action called Exon Skipping BM 1207 which is a European Concerted Research Action designed to accelerate the clinical development of antisense mediated exon skipping for rare diseases, with a focus on Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Both EURORDIS and the representatives for Exon Skipping BM1207 are convinced that bringing together researchers and patients to discuss and to learn about medicines development will be an exciting and fruitful experience for all involved.

In addition to EURORDIS and Exon Skipping BM1207, “ExPRESS 2015” would not be possible without the support of ECRIN IA which finances the participation of patients from rare diseases, nutrition and medical devices as well as contributions from AFM Téléthon, Fundació Doctor Robert UAB, The EU Health Programme, UAB Platforma MALATIES MINORITÀRIES, the European Medicines Agency and Inserm.

If you or a member of your organisation would like to apply to attend “ExPRESS 2015”, please complete the attached application form and send it to the EURORDIS Training Manager nancy.hamilton@eurordis.org before **December 8, 2014**.

Selected patient expert participants will have their travel, accommodation and most of their subsistence costs covered. Participants are selected based on their current active involvement in a patient organisation, their English language skills and the interest they demonstrate to learn more about medicines development and to take on a greater role in representing patients at the European level.

Sincerely yours,

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