The Haemophiliacs Blueprint of the Eighties

In the late 1970s the WFH Council decided to reorientate the meeting activities of the Federation to accommodate the increasing spectrum of individuals involved in haemophilia care. Frank Schnabel, as President, also rightly emphasized the need to accelerate the utilization of the research potentials, and expand contemporary comprehensive care for the haemophiliacs. Finally, the Council wish to encourage parity of participation, enabling haemophiliacs and their families to be more involved and responsible in WFH Conference activities and decisions. The new house, which is being built to accommodate all these needs, is reflected in the blueprint or plan for the First International Conference to be held in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany in October, 1980.

The essential components of any successful building project included the appropriateness of the concept; the quality of the building and materials; the skills of the builders, and the ability to complete and maintain the building to accommodate current and future needs.

The First WFH Conference in Bonn will provide all these components for the new house of International Haemophilia. The programme design for the Conference not only involves members of the haemophilia care and research teams, but also requires the presence and contribution from the international community of haemophiliacs and their families. The building blocks within the three workshops involve care, support and propagation of haemophilia throughout the world, so providing the essential foundations and vital fabric which can be added to or changed as time requires. The individuals who are participating in workshops, scientific and federation business represent the best builders available to the cause of haemophilia at this time.

Publication of the proceedings and formation of WFH task forces relating to the three main building blocks will ensure a flexible, productive mechanism to maintain our new house in good order for future Conferences.

The blueprint has been formulated, and the Federation requires your assistance to turn it into reality by attending its First Haemophilia International Conference involving all members of the haemophilia community in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany.

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