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**Lisbon, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017** –Registration is now open for the **3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference on Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) for Families and Professionals “United Shaping the Future of CDG”**, the unique international event in the world for CDG that joins families and professionals.



“Like the 2 previous editions, this conference aims to serve as a platform for experience exchange, networking, and to provide patient-friendly knowledge to families and professionals. This conference is an innovation hub, where patients’ needs are the inspiration for CDG research projects” **declared Vanessa Ferreira, PhD MBA (APCDG founder and volunteer scientific coordinator at CDG & Allies PPAIN).**

“This agenda is quite diverse and covers a large number of important topics: from CDG neurology to physical therapy, from treatments to patient reported outcomes in CDG and from educational resources to adult management. The program is appealing to families, but also to a wide range of professionals from very different backgrounds. We hope to involve everyone” **said Rita Francisco MSc in Molecular Genetics (APCDG Volunteer, researcher and social community manager).**



“Leuven, the birth city of the CDG discovery, is the place to be on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017! Together, patients, families and professionals, we will make this a heart warming and unforgettable event” stated **Prof Jaak Jaeken MD (KU Leuven)**. “I cannot wait to “connect with our CDG-family again”, said **Prof Eva Morava MD (UZ Leuven and Tulane University Medical Center).**

Aiming to reach as many people as possible, registration will be done using the event platform Eventbrite (to pre-register go [HERE](#)). Additionally, information and updates will be published on social media channels: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and APCDG’s blog [HERE](#).

### **About the Portuguese CDG and Other Metabolic Rare Disorders Association (APCDG):**

Founded in 2010, APCDG ([www.apcdg.com](http://www.apcdg.com)) is a patient led and centric non-profit association, whose particular goal is to stimulate new research lines that make a difference in the lives of patients and families. APCDG initiatives are developed both nationally and internationally. APCDG is committed to finding a cure for Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) and related disorders, to improving the treatment options and to giving information and support to people with CDG, through research, education, awareness programs and advocacy. APCDG top priority is to give a complete and holistic perspective of the patient as a person. Go to our website: [www.apcdg.com](http://www.apcdg.com)

**About [CDG & Allies-PPAIN](#):** With the help of a broad network of scientists, physicians, families and patient advocacy groups, we have established a patient-led national and internationally unrivaled infrastructure for research, awareness and education for CDG. The research on glycosylation disorders is primarily dedicated to Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG). The advances and innovations achieved for CDG through CDG & Allies - PPAIN will impact on a large number of patients, namely all human diseases characterized by abnormal protein glycosylation such as cancer, inflammation, Alzheimer disease and diabetes.

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