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Liege, 30th of September 2016.

Dear Madam,
Dear colleagues,

As the President of the Belgian Working Group on Heart Failure, I have the honour to send you the report of the Heart Failure Awareness Days in Belgium.

This year, 22 centres across Belgium have been involved.
Since 2010, every year, the Belgian Working Group on Heart Failure, in collaboration with the Belgian Cardiologic League, join forces to organize the campaign on a national level.

Many activities have been organized, such as:

- ‘Open house’ in heart failure clinics,
- Lectures to patients, their relatives and the general population about heart failure: What about heart failure, epidemiology, symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, role of education
- Presentation of the movie ‘L’insuffisance cardiaque, un nouveau parcours pour votre cœur ‘ or “ Hartfalen, een nieuw parcours voor uw hart” (new edition)
- Participation of patient representatives to share their experiences
- Belgian Heart Failure Charter with up to now more than 12.000 signatures .
- Implementation of a tool to optimize the follow-up of HF patients after an hospitalisation: check-list
- Workshops about ‘heart failure’ diets
- Presentation of the movie ‘L’insuffisance cardiaque, un nouveau parcours pour votre cœur ‘ or “ Hartfalen, een nieuw parcours voor uw hart” (new edition)
- Panel debates with heart failure cardiologists,
- Offering blood test, blood pressure measurements
- Participation of patient representatives to share their experiences
- Patient testimonials.

This year we also organized a Roundtable on Heart Failure at the Parliament on the 9th of May 2016. The report (22 pages) of the HF roundtable has been sent to the press and all the deputies .

Around 34 request from deputies, members of the Health Commission , Health ministers and 10 from organization like KCE, Riziv, mutual insurance funds, ...
-) Questions on heart failure to the Health Minister at the Health commission from different deputies .

You can read all the transcript (in Dutch & French) with these links :

<http://www.lachambre.be/doc/CCRI/html/54/ic464x.html>

<http://www.lachambre.be/doc/CCRA/pdf/54/ac464.pdf>

In the Charter on heart failure, we ask to the authorities a series of measures to be taken for heart failure in terms of: screening, awareness, education, multi-disciplinary approach, cardiac rehabilitation and research. More than 12.000 signatures have been collected.

This year, the 52 media coverage (39 press clippings already published) should have reached about 2.959.780 people.

More could be find on the following websites:

<http://www.hart-falen.be>

<http://insuffisance-cardiaque.be>

<http://bwghf.be>

If you need any information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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