

To whom it may concern



Letter of endorsement for the “Kids Chain for Diabetes”

Globally, diabetes is a disease in evolution affecting more and more children and adolescents. ISPAD is a professional organization whose aims are to promote clinical and basic science, education and advocacy in childhood and adolescent diabetes. The strength of ISPAD lies in the scientific and clinical expertise in childhood and adolescent diabetes of its members. ISPAD is the only international society focusing specifically on all types of childhood diabetes.

ISPAD endorses the initiative “Kids Chain for Diabetes” organized by our Dutch ISPAD member Dr. Annabelle Slingerland. During the congress of the International Pediatric Association she has campaigned for this initiative together with the ISPAD president, Stu Brink from Boston, U.S.A. At the moment 42 Dutch Children as well as international participants arranged via the Greek Pediatric Association will come to Athens 2-6th November 2007 and run the Athens Classic Marathon handing over torches/ symbols and arousing awareness for Diabetes in the Year of Childhood Diabetes.

They will fly with Olympic Airlines and stay in Hotel Titania. Back home they will run other big events in their own country and hand over messages to policy makers and media, and hence “Kids Chain For Diabetes” will continue for the rest of the year.

The children will show that diabetes is an epidemic that needs everyone's efforts to be reduced but also that sport is good for the prevention of type 2 diabetes and good for the metabolic control in type 1 diabetes. It will demonstrate that diabetes is no excuse for a stigma or protective living leading to an extra handicap.

Every kid has been sent in by one of their institutions so that they will be in the picture as well and so that next to a chain of children, a chain of clinicians, other health care workers and organizations is created showing commitment and strength for one common message.

More information can be found on the initial website www.kidschainfordiabetes.nl. The website will be updated soon. ISPAD appreciates any support that this valuable project for pediatric diabetes will receive.

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The ISPAD vision:

A better world for children and adolescents with diabetes

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