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Letter Circular

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Date: 12th January 2006

To: All Heads of School (State and Non-State)

Subject: Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association (CMEA) - National Conference

The attention of Heads of school is drawn to the accompanying message forwarded by the Malta Caritas Epilepsy Association and by the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

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Director
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Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association
c/o Zenit, Paul Borg Street Attard.



Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

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FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL SCHOOLS IN MALTA AND GOZO

Dear Head of School

One percent of the global population has epilepsy and in Malta there are over 2,900 persons, including about 500 children, who have this condition. Epilepsy is a hidden disability and many people may not know that a child may have epilepsy. They will only know if they are told by that child, the person's family or if that child has a seizure in front of them. This may have a negative effect on the child's social life. In your school there may be children who have epilepsy. Our organization's main aim and objective is to help these children have a better quality of life. To do this we have joined in a Global Campaign Against Epilepsy. This campaign is being organised by the World Health Organisation, International League Against Epilepsy and International Bureau of Epilepsy. The main reason for this campaign is to increase awareness about epilepsy in order that people will know about this condition and the stigma will hopefully be eradicated.

Attached you will find a programme and an application form for a conference that CMEA will be holding on Saturday 18th February 2006. We wish to ask you to promote this seminar in your school. By doing so you will be helping those children with epilepsy who might be attending your school. This year it will be our 10th year anniversary and the topic will be:

**Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association – Ten years of work
: The social impact of epilepsy**

Price: Lm8.00 per person (includes lunch and coffee break).

The registration form may be photocopied. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,
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Please cut and send with your payment to one of the persons above

I would like to attend the seminar being organised on the 18th February 2006 and I am enclosing a cheque for LM for persons. . PLEASE FILL THE FORM ATTACHED AND SEND WITH PAYMENT (**by Thursday 9th February 2006**)

(cheque to be in name of Malta Caritas Epilepsy Association)

Name of each person attending _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Tel _____ **Fax** _____ **Mobile** _____

E-mail _____

Workshop in which you wish to take part? **A** **B** **C**



Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association (CMEA) National Conference



Saturday, 18th February 2006
New Dolmen Hotel, Bugibba

Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association – Ten years of work : The Social Impact of Epilepsy

Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association – Ghaxar Snin ta' Hidma : L-Impatt Socjali tal-Epilessija

- 08.15** **Registration**
- 09.00 Opening Speeches
HE Dr E Fenech Adami, President of Malta
- Mons Fr Dun Victor Grech, Director, Caritas Malta**
- 09.15 **Mr Mario Dimech , President CMEA**
Ten years of activities of CMEA
- 09.45 **Prof Ley Sander**
NSE Professor of Neurology and Clinical Epilepsy, Institute of
Neurology, University College London
Novel Developments in Epilepsy
- 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 10.45 **Dr Ray Galea, St Luke's Hospital, Malta**
Epilepsy and women
- 11.30 **Ms Maire Tansey, Course Facilitator, Institute of Technology,
Sligo, Ireland**
Social Aspects of Growing up with Epilepsy
- 12.15 Questions
- 12.45** **Lunch**
- 14.00 Workshops
A What is new in epilepsy.....Dr Ley Sander
B Women and Epilepsy.....Dr Ray Galea
C Social Aspects..... Ms Maire Tansey
- 15.30 Report from workshops
- 16.15 Evaluation / Closure