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Dear Applicant

Thank you for applying to the IDF Europe Prize in Diabetes.

We are pleased to inform you that this year we have received 29 valuable applications for the IDF Europe Prize in Diabetes to reward excellence, innovation and commitment in diabetes.

Two profiles were eligible for the prize "The Young Researchers" and "The Long Standing Achievement". Nine applications were for the Young Researchers profile, and twenty applications for the Long Standing Achievement profile.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Ms Annemarie Bevers – The Netherlands, Prof Dr José-Manuel Boavida - Portugal, Prof Sehnaz Karadeniz – Turkey, Prof Nebojša Lalić – Serbia, Ms Sophie Peresson – IDF Europe, Prof Peter Schwarz – Germany, Ms Elena Shelestova – Georgia, Dr Calum Sutherland – UK, and Mr Gerald Tosh – UK (in alphabetical order).

As Associação Protectora dos Diabéticos de Portugal (APDP) is one of the applicants, Prof Joao Valente Nabais - being a Board Member of the APDP - resigned both from the Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee and the membership of the same committee in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

On 3 October 2012 the Nominating Committee met in Berlin during the EASD Meeting to discuss the top five applicants and to designate the winner of the IDF Europe Prize in Diabetes.

At the end of this review procedure the decision of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

This year the Nominating Committee has decided to forward the IDF Europe Prize in Diabetes unanimously to Associação Protectora dos Diabéticos de Portugal (APDP).

APDP was founded in 1926 and is the world's oldest diabetes organization. During all these years APDP has served the diabetes community relentlessly in many ways socially, clinically, scientifically and by educational programmes for people with diabetes and their families, and health care providers.

Ms Leena Etu-Seppala from Finland received the second highest points from the Nominating Committee. Ms Leena Etu-Seppala is well-known internationally as a dedicated person for diabetes. She is actively involved in the establishment of the International Committee of Diabetes Magazines. But her main contribution to the diabetes family is the Finnish Prevention Program for Type 2 Diabetes which facilitated and served as model to other European diabetes prevention programs.

The Nominating Committee has also acknowledged the outstanding achievements and contributions of **Ms Elvira Gustova** for her works in fighting for the rights of people with diabetes and against discrimination for at least two decades, **Prof Arlan Rosenbloom** as a pioneer of pediatric endocrinology and diabetology and **X-pert Health Registered Charity** for the development and implementation of structured diabetes education programs as the third highest among the applicants.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for applying for the IDF Europe Prize in Diabetes with your distinguished works and supporting the diabetes family and IDF Europe - the leading voice for diabetes in the European region.

Yours sincerely

Prof João Valente Nabais
President, IDF Europe

Prof Dr Sehnaz Karadeniz
Chair of the Nominating Committee

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