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First global representation for patients with Familial Mediterranean Fever and other Autoinflammatory Diseases established

At the beginning of 2017, the **FMF (Familial Mediterranean Fever) & AID (autoinflammatory diseases) Global Association** was founded in Zurich, Switzerland. For people who suffer from these very rare diseases, it is usually a very long and difficult journey to obtain a diagnosis and treatment. These diseases are just recently being recognized and they are not always part of the current medical training.

The FMF & AID GLOBAL ASSOCIATION initially represented mainly patients from Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Shortly after, it started to collaborate with other associations and patient groups. It soon became an umbrella organisation. Today more than 18,000 members from over 20 countries around the world have joined: Europe, the Middle East, USA, South America, Japan, Australia and North Africa. Our organisation relies on the support of a medical/scientific advisory board with renowned specialists.

FMF is one of the most common of the autoinflammatory diseases, yet it is still considered a rare disease. Its origins are in the Jewish/Arab Eastern Mediterranean regions. Through global migration, it is now found all over the world. Ongoing research keeps discovering new related autoinflammatory diseases, e.g. PFAPA, CAPS, TRAPS, Behçet's, which share a common self-inflammatory process. In most cases, they are associated with fever and pain attacks, and untreated can have serious or even fatal consequences.

The non-profit organization strives to be the voice of patients and their relatives, but also as a connecting member for patients, doctors and researchers. The association offers a 24/7 online hotline for patients, is committed to the training of medical doctors in this field and the participation at international congresses. Its goal is to raise awareness, guide patients and save them from having a long arduous path to diagnosis and to participate in the search for a more effective treatment.

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