



Dear friends and partners,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first introductory note for the EASL International Liver Foundation Newsletter.

I joined the Foundation in January, just a few short months before much of Europe went into lockdown as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, I have been getting to grips with EILF's operations and have been impressed by our diverse range of impactful programmes. This work has directly benefited the lives of liver disease patients and the wider liver health community, and I look forward to building on these successes in the years to come.

Despite the lockdown, the Foundation's team has been working hard to maintain the momentum and support our stakeholders: The [EILF website](#) has been re-organised to be more user friendly and we have launched a comprehensive micro-site dedicated to the [Center of Excellence initiative](#), which documents the on-going work at the first EILF's Centre of Excellence in Georgia; Our work on Viral Hepatitis Elimination among the New Migrants is also resuming in Milan. Finally, over the past six months, our NAFLD programme has also expanded significantly: We are currently replicating the [EILF European NAFLD policy review study](#) globally and are collaborating with Wilton Park and the Economist Intelligence Unit on developing a global roadmap. On June 12th, we marked International NASH Day with two new articles on sounding the alarm and building back better for all NCDs (please read [here](#) and [here](#)).

Last but not least, our [2019 Annual Report](#) has now been published on the EILF website.

Among the articles published in this summer edition of the Newsletter, we are particularly proud to include an article from one of our long-standing partners, San Patrignano, a drug rehabilitation center near Rimini in Italy. The article explores how the centre managed to avoid the spread of COVID-19 among its residents.

As we look to the second half of 2020, we will continue to engage with and support all our partners while seeking to build new relationships that help us to fulfil our mission and promote liver health for all.

If you would like to learn more about our programmes and how you can support them, please get in touch at info@easl-ilf.org. You can also [follow us here](#).

Stay safe and happy reading!

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