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SUBJECT: 2022 Vein Week project report

From **April 4 to 10**, health and non-health professionals from all around the world gathered together in hybrid form to enhance venous and lymphatic disease management, during the “**Vein Week**” no profit global project. The initiative was initiated by the venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN) foundation and designed by a dedicated **steering committee** of both top vein experts and institutional representatives, coming from all around the world, with gender equality representation.

A **dedicated interactive geo-localization software** was made available for free to all the ones interested in uploading regionally developed no profit educational activities, during the same Vein Week (<https://veinweek.vwinfoundation.com>).

The **RATIONALE** of the project is to increase the currently lacking venous-lymphatic awareness, during the around the already existing World Health Day (April 7).

The **VISION** is to teamwork among multi-specialty health and non-health professionals around the world, delivering a united message in support of proper venous-lymphatic care.

The **MISSION** is accomplished by following a common calendar, in which every local reality develops its own initiatives, while sharing them with the rest of the world. The detailed project is available in the dedicated website (www.vwinfoundation.com/vw).

The five main **ENDPOINTS** of the project were:

1. to **improve venous-lymphatic patients care**.
2. to **report** the importance of Venous-Lymphatic disease to **health institutions**.
3. to **empower local realities**, making their valuable initiatives visible worldwide.
4. to **enhance** global public venous-lymphatic **awareness**.
5. to **foster networking** among **different medical specialties** and **different institutions**.

The five main **RESULTS** of the Vein Week 2022 project are:

1. Direct engagement of **124 project developers**.
2. Development of **78 events** in one week.
3. Engagement of **ALL continents**, including previously silent regions.
4. In 7 days, **163.459** visualizations of the events uploaded in the **VEIN WEEK MAP**.
5. Together with many others, among the developed institutional interactions, of particular importance were the ones with **Italian Board of Physicians**, the **UK parliament group** for venous-lymphatic disease, the **Paraguay Ministry of Health**, the **International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery & Trauma**, the **European College of OBGyn**.

Of special note, this year Vein Week has been dedicated also to the **global promotion of peace** and **support to the war victims**, hoping the dramatic Ukraine-Russia crisis will be promptly solved.

v-WIN foundation would like to deeply thank the massive number of health and non-health professionals, together with their local supporters, who have demonstrated the best vocation in increasing venous-lymphatic awareness.

A particular mention of appreciation goes to the **official global partners** of the Vein Week project, **Alfasigma**, **Medi** and **Philips**, for having made the creation of the dedicated platform possible.

The hope is that Vein Week remains as a productive road of teamwork, involving all the ones interested in taking real action in venous-lymphatic patients care improvement. **The wish** is that Vein Week can have brought venous-lymphatic awareness **in every week** of the year.



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