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From 8 to 10 November 2024, the 6th European GRIN conference, organized by GRIN Europe, will take place in Barcelona. This conference is THE European event for researchers, clinicians, and families that are involved in GRIN disorders. The conference offers a research track on November 8, and meetings and presentations for families and researchers on Saturday, November 9 (all day, including our famous Saturday night Dinner with the Speakers), as well as Sunday until the early afternoon.

GRIN disorders were discovered as recently as 2011, and even though the number of diagnosed cases is still relatively small at the moment, due to increased testing, the number of patients is growing, and GRIN disorders are expected to occur more frequently than more well-known disorders such as Rett and Angelman Syndrome.

A professional estimate exists that out of every 100,000 live births, 5,208 babies will have a GRIN disorder. Therefore, the current patients served are almost certainly only the tip of the iceberg.

Families with a child with a GRIN disorder enter a true rollercoaster ride. Children often face multiple complex medical problems including severe, sometimes uncontrollable epilepsy, autism, (severe) intellectual disability, vision problems, sleep issues, (severe) gastrointestinal issues, movement disorders, so-called neuro storms, hypertonia, hypotonia, or dystonia. Also, children are often not verbal, not mobile, unable to feed themselves, and rely on their parents or caretakers 24/7 for everything.

The above is made worse by the fact that there are unfortunately still very few doctors and therapists who have sufficient knowledge of and experience with GRIN disorders, the symptoms, and the treatment options. This puts a huge additional burden on families already stretched thin to gather the necessary knowledge themselves and to find the right care for their children.

GRIN Europe finds it important to stimulate research, to connect researchers and parents, and to support the GRIN community where possible. Our past conferences have given great insights to clinicians and researchers on GRIN disorders, provided valuable information to parents, and have been very helpful in building a strong community of caretakers and professionals. Our 2023 conference reached an audience of over 180 participants from all over the world, and the conference videos get regular views on the GRIN Europe YouTube channel.

Grin Europe finds it important to strengthen the connections between the different European GRIN parent groups and its members. Therefore, we want the conference to be accessible to many, and aim to keep our conference fee as low as possible. To accomplish this, we rely on sponsoring. Only by the generosity of sponsors, we can offer a low cost, high quality conference.

If you want to contribute to our cause, we gladly invite you to make a donation to our association via a direct deposit into our bank account:

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