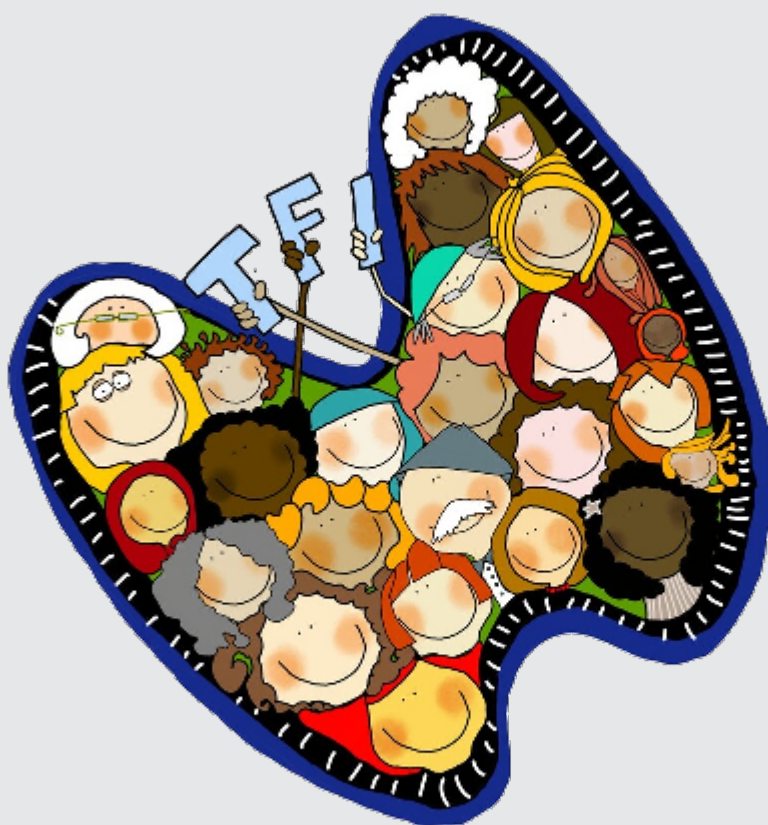


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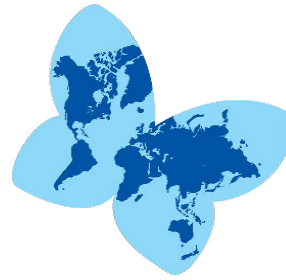
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TFI
Annual General Meeting
June 16-17, 2025

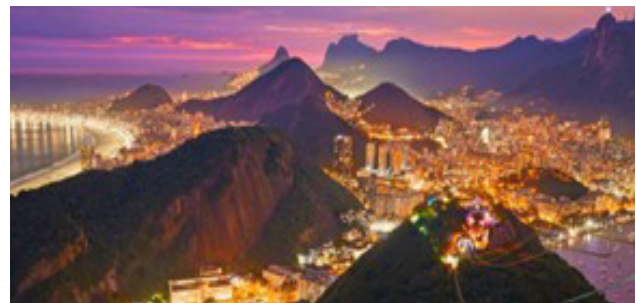
Hotel Laghetto Rio Barra
Rio de Janeiro



Dear members and friends,

TFI will be holding its next Annual General Meeting in Rio de Janeiro! We are planning to host a special event on the 16th of June to commemorate the last 30 years of Thyroid Federation International. This will include a special anniversary edition of ThyroWorld.

We hope that our Members, our Affiliate Members and our extended supporters will be able to join in person or via Zoom. Contact Katherine Keen at katherine.keen@thyroid-federation.org for more information.



JOIN US!

Call for articles



ThyroWorld

The next TFI ThyroWorld will be distributed during the ITC meeting. Please send your articles to the Editorial Board: tfi@thyroid-federation.org

Deadline: 15 April 2025

2025 INTERNATIONAL THYROID AWARENESS WEEK WORLD THYROID DAY

May 25th-31st



thyroidweek.org

This year's theme: **Thyroid and Artificial Intelligence**



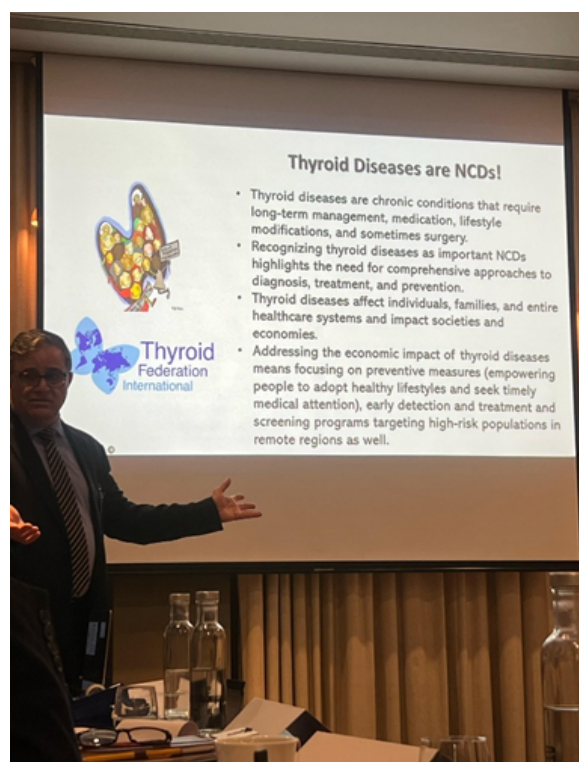
Look What We've Been Doing...

SINGAPORE, FEBRUARY 2025

GAFPA conference on Maternal and infant Health Thyroid Disease Roundtable Meeting



Ashok Bhaseen with Dr. Arora (India), Dr. Teofilo San Luis (the Philippines), Dr. Sanjay Kalra (India), Dr. Robin Maksey (Nepal) and Dr. Tjokorda Gde Dalem Pemayun (Indonesia)



The NCD agenda will go further and help will come from India, Nepal, Indonesia, Bhutan and Philippines in influencing their Health Ministers to expand the agenda with local Thyroid Foundations.

GAFPA: Global Alliance for Patient Access

NEPAL, FEBRUARY 2025

1st South Asia Obesity Conference - Kathmandu



Ashok Bhaseen with Nepal Thyroid Foundation President BC Surendra and Director Communications Mahendra Raj Bhusal

Thyroid camp at the Kathmandu Hospital.



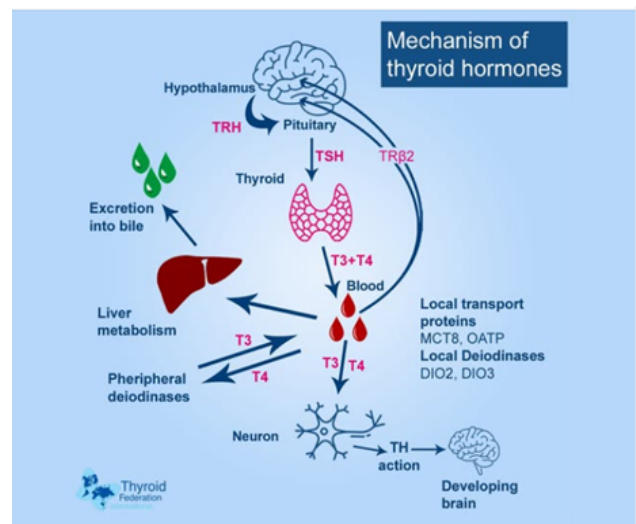
181 patients came for thyroid screening.

SOME POSTS FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

The most common symptoms of **thyroid cancer**

-  A **lump** or swelling **in your neck**
-  Difficulty swallowing
-  **Pain** in the front of **your neck**
-  **Changes to voice**, hoarseness

Thyroid Federation World Cancer Day 4 February UNITED BY UNIQUE

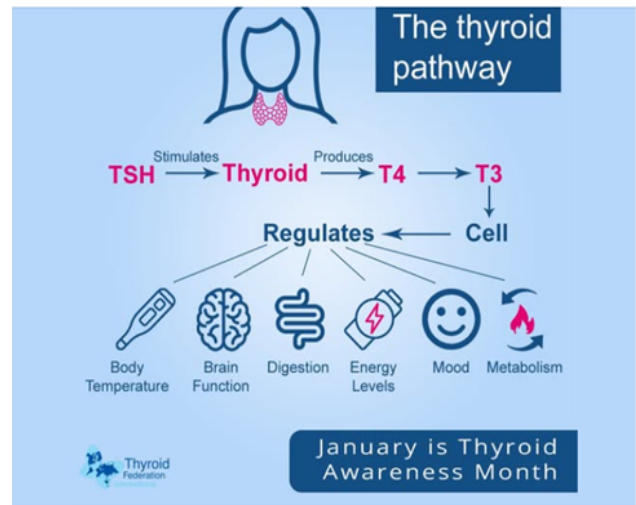



Laura Linda Henderson
Vice President, TFI

“Up to **60%** of people with a **thyroid disease** may be undiagnosed, untreated.”

 60%

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We proudly announce that a **new member organization**, **AMT-CI**, from the Ivory Coast, has joined TFI.



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... and Look What Our Member Organisations have Been Doing

CROATIA, Croatian Association for Thyroid Disease

On a very chilly Saturday afternoon in February in Zagreb, Roko Granic (TFI Board member), represented TFI as well as his patient organization in an event to raise funds for thyroid disease.



The Association members releasing balloons with wishes into the night sky...

ITALY, CAPE, *Comitato Associazione Pazienti Endocrini*

Interview with CAPE Treasurer, Sara Giombolini



Sara explains the importance of a patient organization and CAPE's past and future projects.

NIGERIA, TASI, *Thyroid Awareness and Support Initiative*



Iruoma Ofortube, President of TASI states: "Prioritizing patient education, awareness, and advocacy are crucial in bridging the knowledge gap and improving health outcomes for thyroid disease patients. Empowering individuals to take responsibility for their well-being ultimately enhances their quality of life most, especially in Africa."



TFI PROJECTS

MOTHERBABYIODINE



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The MotherBabyIodine project aims to bring attention to the importance of iodine for health, and the extent and consequences of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in pregnant women and women of childbearing age (12-50) that continue to affect both developed economies and countries in development.

EUTHYROID2



Euthyroid2 aims to improve low awareness with respect to iodine deficiency and iodine-deficiency disorders (IDD) and highlight the importance of iodine nutrition among the target groups, including adolescents and young adults, the scientific community, medical professionals, and policymakers.

Within Euthyroid2, TFI is responsible for the communication and dissemination of results (WP5). Together with IGN and WIA, TFI aims to raise awareness of iodine deficiency and iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) and the importance of iodine nutrition among the target groups, including adolescents and young women up to age 24 pre-pregnancy, the scientific community, medical professionals, and policymakers and inform the target groups, and other research and health stakeholders about the project's development and achievements.

IODINE COALITION EUROPE



Iodine deficiency in Europe: acting to protect Europe's population from a re-emerging problem. Iodine Coalition Europe is a unique public/private partnership dedicated to ensuring adequate iodine nutrition for Europe's citizens. It includes iodine nutrition experts, representatives of the salt and broader food and iodine industries, and research and patient organizations. (The Iodine Coalition Europe website will soon be launched).

CONFERENCES – TFI PARTICIPATION



Singapore, February 2025

Kathmandu
February 2025





UPCOMING CONFERENCES -TFI PARTICIPATION

Cairo
April 2025

Copenhagen
May 2025



TFI 2024-2025 Board of Directors



(Left to right) Giulia Giombolini (Italy), Treasurer; Bojana Jedoksic (Serbia) Member-at-Large; Ashok Bhaseen (Canada) President; Linda Henderson (Spain) Vice President; Beate Bartès (France) Secretary; Roko Granić (Croatia) Member-at-Large.
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