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Oggetto: European Immunization Week 2017

Dear Zsuzsanna Jakab,

the Italian Paediatric Society (SIP) is a scientific organization with more than 9.000 members. It is currently considered as the “home” of all Italians pediatricians.

Pediatricians working in Universities, in Hospitals and in the community are members of SIP.

As reported in the Statute, the main objective of the SIP is to "promote and protect the physical and mental health of the newborns, children and adolescents, of all cultures and ethnicity. It may be done by defending the rights in the Society starting from the conceptional age".

In recent years, the SIP has experienced a growing awareness of the decline in vaccination coverage in Italy and is currently working in order to contrast of this worning phenomenon.

Consequently, the SIP is promoting initiatives to raise awareness about the benefits of immunization.

To celebrate the European Immunization Week 2017 (EIW) SIP has planned local and national initiatives, such as:

- availability by experts in vaccine field to answer parents questions on vaccination by phone during the EIW;

- the print and distribution of "European Immunization Week 2017 campaign materials" translated in Italian. It will be downloaded from the website and sent as SIP special newsletter to all the members, in order to obtain a more widespread distribution to the Italian families;

- scheduled meetings in schools to discuss the importance of vaccinations;

- from April 24 to 30 at the homepage of SIP will have a screen saver on vaccination.

As President of the SIP, on behalf of all members, I offer you our willingness to cooperate to protect the health of children against preventable diseases by vaccination.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards.

Alberto Villani
Presidente SIP

