Thyroid Federation International

Serving thyroid patients globally since 1995

Our aim: to work for the benefit of those affected by thyroid disorders throughout the world

TFI member organisations

Australia
The Australian Thyroid Foundation Ltd
www.thyroidfoundation.com.au

Belgium/Netherlands
Leven Zonder Schildklier
www.levenzonderschildklier.be/nl

Canada
Thyroid Foundation of Canada
www.thyroid.ca

Denmark
Thyreoida Landsforeningen
www.thyreoida.dk

Finland
Suomen Kloorautahastor ry
www.kloorautahastor.fi

France
Association Vivre sans Thyroïde
www.forum-thyroide.net

Georgia
Georgian Union of Diabetes and Endocrine Associations (GUDM)
diabe@access.sonet.ge

Germany
Bundesverband Schilddrüsenkrebs
Ohne Schilddrüse Leben e.V.
www.sd-krebs.de
Schilddrüsenliga Deutschland e.V.
www.schildruesenliga.de

Italy
Associazione Italiana Basedowiani et Tiridi!
www.aiib.it
ATTA-Lazio Onlus
www.atta-lazio.it

India
Thyroid Federation of India
www.thyroidfed.in

Japan
Dr Fumito Akasu (Contact)
akasu@akasu.com

Mexico
La Asociación Mexicana de Tiroides
www.tiroides.org

The Netherlands
Schilddrüsenerkrankungen Nederland
www.schildkr.nl

Norway
Norsk Thyreoidesforening
www.thyroid.no

Portugal
Associação das Doenças da Tiróide
www.adti.pt

Russia
Thyroid Foundation of St Petersburg
gosparyan@peterlink.ru

Spain
Asociación Española de Cáncer de Tiroides
AECAT - www.aecat.net

Sweden
Svenska Skilddränsföreningen
www.sksf.org

United Kingdom
British Thyroid Foundation
www.btf-thyroid.org

United States of America
Graves' Disease & Thyroid Foundation
www.gdtf.org

tfi@thyroid-fed.org
History
Thyroid Federation International (TFI) was established in Toronto in 1995, and is now registered in Sweden. We are a network of patient support organizations from many countries.

To date the federation includes over twenty thyroid organizations from Europe, North and South America, Australia and Asia.

The presidents of TFI since 1995:
Y. Anderson-Lukwijk, A. Bhaseen, L. Wood

Our Aims
- to encourage and assist the creation of patient-oriented thyroid organizations throughout the world
- to work closely with the medical professions to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid disorders and their complications
- to provide, through our member organizations, information and moral support to those affected by thyroid disorders
- to promote education and research related to thyroid disorders.

The organization and its membership
TFI as an umbrella organization recognizes full members and associate members. Only full members have voting rights.

Full members are non-profit, non-governmental and fully independent. They have a legal status appropriate to their country of origin. They demonstrate commitment to thyroid patients and the principle of patient-centred and evidence-based healthcare in their guiding statements.

Representatives of Associate members may attend the annual meeting, but they have neither voting rights, nor do they pay membership fees.

TFI and Global Impact
As thyroid disorders affect so many people, we would like to see thyroid organizations being established all over the world, supporting people who need further information and help.

The patient perspective
In their own countries, our network of organizations supports people with thyroid disorders by providing information written specifically for the patient, by listening to the patient perspective and by raising awareness.

Through TFI, member organizations share their experiences and learn from each other about ways to enhance the focus on the patient’s interests.

Benefits: for doctors and for patients
Doctors benefit because we provide them with background information about the quality of life of the average thyroid patient.

From the partnership with doctors we gain important evidence-based information that we can pass on to patients.

Patients benefit because we listen to their concerns, and many raise interesting and valid points for discussion, which in turn we can pass on to the doctors.

In turn, many of them volunteer to help develop the patient organization in their particular country.

TFI activities
Website: www.thyroid-fed.org

Publication of the yearly "ThyroWorld" newsletter.

Cooperation with national and international medical associations, participation in congresses for thyroid specialists: ETA, ATA, LATS, AOTA.

Participation in World Thyroid Day on May 25th, since 2008.

Since 2009, organization of International Thyroid Awareness Week in May, in cooperation with Merck-Serono, with a website in 11 languages, presenting up-to-date information on various thyroid-related subjects, and local events organized in many countries.

www.thyroweek.com

International Thyroid Awareness Week is endorsed by ETA, ATA, LATS, AOTA, CSE and CSNM.

Partnership with professional organizations
TFI is committed to providing evidence-based information. In order to be able to provide this kind of information TFI works together with the international thyroid societies: ATA, AOTA, ETA and LATS.

Sponsorship
Thyroid Federation International is fully independent. TFI and/or its representatives can receive grants from government, businesses or industry; the terms of the grants must be transparent and supported by a written agreement, in accordance with the TFI sponsorship guidelines.

At present, TFI has sponsorship agreements for unrestricted educational grants from Merck-Serono, Genzyme Sanofi and Bayer.

TFI members at the 2014 AGM in Santiago de Compostela