

TFI member organisations

Australia

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

Belgium/Netherlands

Leven Zonder Schildklier
www.levenzonderschildklier.be / .nl

Brazil

Instituto da Tiróide
www.indatir.org.br

Canada

Thyroid Foundation of Canada
www.thyroid.ca

Denmark

Thyreoidea Landsforeningen
www.thyreoidea.dk

Finland

Suomen Kilpirauhasliitto ry
www.kilpirauhasliitto.fi

France

Association Vivre sans Thyroïde
www.forum-thyroïde.net

Georgia

Georgian Union of Diabetes and
Endocrine Associations (GUDEAS)
diabet@access.sanet.ge

Germany

Bundesverband Schilddrüsenkrebs
Ohne Schilddrüse Leben e.V.
www.sd-krebs.de

Schilddrüsen-Liga Deutschland e.V.
www.schilddruesenliga.de

Italy

Associazione Italiana Basedowiani et Tiroidei
www.aibat.it

ATTA-Lazio Onlus
www.atta-lazio.it

India

Thyroid Federation of India
www.thyroidhelp.in

Japan

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Mexico

La Asociación Mexicana de Tiroides
www.tiroides.org

The Netherlands

Schildklier Organisaties Nederland
www.schildklier.nl

Norway

Norsk Thyreoideaforbund
www.stoffskifte.org

Portugal

Associação das Doenças da Tiróide
www.adti.pt

Russia

Thyroid Foundation of St Petersburg
gasparyan@peterlink.ru

Spain

Asociación Española de Cáncer de Tiroides
AECAT – www.aecat.net

Sweden

Svenska Sköldkörtelföreningen
www.skoldkortel.se

United Kingdom

British Thyroid Foundation
www.btf-thyroid.org

United States of America

Graves' Disease & Thyroid Foundation
www.gdatf.org



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Serving thyroid patients
globally since 1995

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

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. Andersson-Lakwijk, 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 patients' 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.thyroidweek.com

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



TFI serves on the advisory committee of TRUST. TRUST is a research project on treatment practices for people with a mildly underactive thyroid gland. We also take part in the Steering Committee of the Amsterdam Declaration about Graves Eye Disease.

Activities of the national organizations

The national organizations help patients find reliable information and good thyroid specialists. They organize patient information events and patient support groups.

They encourage research on medical issues or on treatment of thyroid disorders. They urge local governments to make iodized salt available where and when this is absent. They promote education for patients and stimulate various thyroid awareness initiatives. And when patients' rights are in danger, they come to their defense.

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