

Dear Enrique and his team, dear distinguished guests

Thank you so much for the invitation to be here tonight to celebrate the 15th anniversary of FCHP. It is an honor to stand before you as a representative of PHA Europe, an organization that brings together the strength and unity of 37 national patient associations across Europe and the rest of the world, all dedicated to the fight against pulmonary hypertension.

Tonight, we gather not just to mark an incredible milestone in FCHP's journey but to highlight the profound impact they've had on patients and the fight against PH. Your relentless dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts have touched the lives of countless individuals, including myself.

Because I must admit that standing here tonight holds special significance for me, as I am not only a representative of PHA Europe but also a PH patient myself. I have lived with this challenging disease for over 18 years, and through my journey, I have come to realize that pulmonary hypertension does not recognize borders, languages, or nationalities. It affects us all equally, and in that shared experience, we are bound together as brothers and sisters in this struggle.

The work carried out by FCHP represents hope, resilience, and the unwavering belief that a brighter future is possible for all those touched by PH. Their support for patients and dedication to advancing research have not only improved the quality of life for countless individuals but have also brought us one step closer to a world without pulmonary hypertension.

Tonight, I want to express my deepest gratitude to FCHP, Enrique and his team and all those in the medical community who have contributed in the work against PH. Your work resonates deeply with me, and I want you to know that FCHP is not just important to PHA Europe; you are essential. You are the backbone of our collective efforts, and you inspire us to continue the fight against PH.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary, let us remember that our mission is far from over. Together, we will continue to support patients, fund research, and raise awareness until the day we can say that pulmonary hypertension no longer threatens the lives of those we hold dear.

Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and your unwavering commitment to the PH community. Together, we are making a difference, and together, we will prevail.

Thank you.