



## VIPOC Newsletter March 2024

Welcome to VIPOC March newsletter 2024, The Vitiligo International Patient Organization Committee (VIPOC) has been thriving since! The organization has been growing rapidly and taking part in more various important meetings and events. One such event was the AAD meeting in San Diego for vitiligo conference, where they had the opportunity to network with other professionals in the field. It is great to see such progress being made by the VIPOC committee!

## Recent Events

In February, Jean-Marie Meurant joined President Ugo Viora at the conclusion meeting in Roma for the Italy Vitiligo tour to raise awareness of vitiligo and vitiligo patients' impact.



The AAD meeting was held in San Diego from March 8–12. VIPOC was represented by Gaone Matewa, Stephen Taylor, Jack Gardener, & Dr. Karen as they first began with the Vitiligo Physician Education Summit Conference, led by the Global Vitiligo Foundation (GVF). At the event, Stephen Taylor kick-started the proceedings with an awe-inspiring talk that left the attendees enthralled.

A panel of four vitiligo patients, including Gaone Matewa, Denise Blanks, Justine Hall & Priyanka Francis, shared their personal experiences during the summit, providing attendees with valuable insights for 30 minutes.

One of the most captivating discussions was on vitiligo's historical context, which took us

on a journey back to its roots in Egypt dating back to the 1500s. But that was not all, the dermatologists from Egypt also shared fascinating insights on the importance of mentorship in the field, which extended even to organisational management! This left a lasting impression on everyone present and sparked some thought-provoking conversations.



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### VIPOC Fourth Conference - Cairo

We are excited to announce that the Vitiligo International Symposium (VIS) will be hosting the Vitiligo International Patient Organization Committee (VIPOC) for their upcoming conference in Cairo, Egypt. This will mark the fourth vitiligo conference for VIPOC, and it is scheduled to take place from December 13th to 15th. We are expecting patient leaders and stakeholders from around the world to join us and discuss important topics related to vitiligo. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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### Member Community Updates

Three icons representing community statistics: a network of people, a globe, and a person presenting. Below each icon is a text label: '31 Members', '22 Countries', and '3 Conferences'.

		
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We celebrated an incredible milestone of reaching 31 members, where we continue to build stronger collaboration and relationships with other patient organizations. In achieving this we continue to grow awareness to improve the lives of vitiligo patients.



It is our greatest pleasure to welcome our newest members, Fundación Mexicana de Vitiligo y Enfermedades de la Piel and Association Ivoirienne Des Victimes Du Vitiligo, this addition to our community enriches our purpose to enhance vitiligo advocacy.



### AFV Annual Meeting

The AFV annual meeting started with a general update about an activity report, financial report and election of the Board of Directors. Information on vitiligo oral treatments was shared by Professor Thierry Passeron, MD, PhD and benefits of combining phototherapy with local or systematic treatments for vitiligo was shared Professor Julien Seneschal.

Furthermore, discussions session with Carole Bianic (actress) and Vanessa Fery (actress and comedian), moderated by Patrice Gascoin (media journalist) took place.

Dr. Maya Tulpule, has been awarded the esteemed IMA Pune Community/Social Work Award for 2024! Her exceptional contributions to healthcare and unrelenting dedication to the Vitiligo community make her a true inspiration and a source of hope.



### Upcoming events



On April 27, 2024, the V Strong Vitiligo support community group, winner of the 2022 Incyte Ingenuity award, will host a Sun Protection Strategies event, both virtually and live in Southfield, MI.



Our board member, Georg Pliszewski, will be attending the World Vitiligo Day event on 25 June 2024, in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Hamburg-Eppendorf and Münster. The offer is aimed at providing free information to patients, relatives, and interested parties.

## Latest News



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