



IRISH SLEEP SOCIETY

Cumann Codhladh na hÉireann

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Dear friends,

It is with a deep sense of shock and profound sadness that we have learnt of the death of Dan Smyth. Dan was a founder member of the Irish Sleep Apnoea Trust (ISAT) and the Sleep Disorder Support Foundation (SDFD) and Past President of the European Lung Foundation (ELF). He was an exceptionally passionate advocate for patients with Sleep Disorders, nationally and internationally, and he provided the patient's voice to various important policies, guidelines and statements. Many of us had the privilege of meeting him personally: he loved people, he was wonderful company, and a great storyteller. He strongly reminded us professionals of who always needs to be in the centre of our work – the patient.

Our thoughts are with Dan's family and especially his wife Maureen and his children Conor and Lauren.

May he rest in peace.

Silke Ryan

President of the Irish Sleep Society