

TWS Annual Report 2009

The year 2009 was for the Tom Wahlig Foundation under 3 major themes:



Science Promotion

Public Relations / Sponsors / Donations

Working for Patients

The scientific support is in accordance with the Statute of the TWS, the actual main theme of the Foundation and it was which in 2008 decided on the occasion of our 10 years of existence "advanced scholarship," the highlight of the year 2009. We had the first time a research major project with 100,000 € advertised to arrive in order at last to therapy approaches. We received 10 outstanding applications that really all there were 10 eligible, like us, the international jury consisting of 3 renowned scientists explicitly confirmed. It was a very difficult decision, which was precipitated with 3 nearly identical front-runner from trustees to.

We opted for the team, Dr. Beatrice Winner.

Individualized human cell culture model for the Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia

Details [see](#).

If this report is published, Beate Winner returns just returned from U.S. with the first cell culture to taking in Erlangen Prof. J. Winkler to continue their work. We are proud to see such a capable research team of scientists on "our disease" and firmly believe in their success.

Of course, we could also not be neglected in touch with the many smaller projects that we had even launched. Whether participation in Habilitationsfeiern or participation in the DGN with an information booth, we always seek direct contact with researchers around the world to enlist them in our theme.

To this end, we expect our annual symposium, this year in Munich on the theme

Novel therapeutic approaches on a neurophysiological basis in the treatment of patients with hereditary spastic paraplegia.

Details [see](#).

Under the direction of the team of Prof. C. Weiller, Freiburg, especially of Dr. Farsin Hamzei, who made an excellent work, which confirmed many of the participants afterwards.

Under the motto "after the party is before the feast," rose again in 2009 also aimed at preparing the 2010 symposium on "Molecular and Clinical Research into HSP" Special Section: "Molecular Basis of axonopathy", this time under the direction of the Jena team (Hübner / Beetz). In 2011 it will be exciting because we will be the first time in Munster, and even in intense discussions with Prof. Ringelstein, are the President of the DGKN 201.

Our least as important and successful issue in 2009 was the expansion of public relations. Previously, this was our step-child, but by working with a professional (Simone Kötter) and the incredibly active use by Henry Wahlig, who sits as a full-time research assistant at the University of Hanover to his thesis, we succeeded in 2009, a giant step forward.

By Henry Wahlig idea of the so-called *StepMacher* (a step to do for those who can not walk) we managed to win until today 13 celebrities. They are all (to our Welcome page www.hsp-info.de). You

can read when you click on the statement that they have made for us and our work. In very many conversations - and who always - help us any further, because we can point to this or that celebrity, who is the world's interlocutor close.

Everyone knows Uwe Seeler. It was, of course, the absolute highlight of our PR work that succeeded Henry, VFL Bochum to win than to benefit match for us to carry out a game against RW Ahlen in the beautiful Stadium in glorious weather. We counted on the 2000 visitors and were allowed to us thanks to the generosity of the two clubs and the organizer are Telgte a total of about 10,000 € revenues that flow naturally fully into our projects. The 22.7.09 was a genuine rejoicing for the TWS.

There were also many small measures e.g. one Ralf-Hilje evening with songs in the house Brink, which brought us alongside beautiful charity revenues mainly PR. Another highlight was the short film of the WDR Munster on HSP Wahlig with Henry "in the title role.

The high number of press releases about HSP and see our Foundation <http://www.hsp-info.de/Pressespiegel.131.0.html> shows how much but the TWS increasingly comes into focus the public.

The course also has a significant impact on our donations inflows. More and more we get from friends and patrons small and large donations, or it will be bought Tomi-bears. We were able in 2009, a donations from xxxxx, xx € recorded, whereas of course, yyyyyy, stand € yy costs. But we must emphasize that our total cost of the family are Wahlig disputed and not from the donations. The latter flow fully into our research projects, which in 2009 consisted solely of the major project of € 100,000.

In addition to all this is certainly a very successful work that we did not forget that it was an important foundation goal is and the HSP-affected final goal in the near-term objective to bring healing relief.

Of course it is primarily up to the excellent working [Support](#).

TWS take care, however, continue to the HSP office hours are established in the meantime in Germany / Austria, and very often through contact with the funded scientists came to be. They were taken in 2009, a total of up to date, as well as the recommended REHA clinics, which are reviewed in each case by personal visits to their suitability for HSP sufferers.

All these services should be provided only in a well-functioning team. The "soul" of this team is and will remain Christel Meier, without which nothing would run.

Munster in Dec. 2009-12-03

Tom Wahlig

Henry Wahlig