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we are contacting you and the EU with an urgent appeal for the solution of the issues of chlamydial infections which represent not only a global serious health problem but also a hidden social and economic problem for the future.

The consequences of chlamydial infections influence negatively the health of a large part of human population and we suppose that human medicine does not reflect this item sufficiently (prevention, diagnostics, treatment).

Chronic chlamydial infection persisting in a "cryptic" (sleeping) form causes severe health problems and represents a cause for a wide range of subsequent chronic diseases with negative impact on the quality of human life (well-known and undeniable impacts of chlamydial infections involve for example infertility, reactive arthritis, auto-immune diseases, ateromatosis complications and other chronic diseases with lethal consequences).

People affected by chlamydial infection suffer from stubborn health problems that seem to be rather subjective, while primary clinical tests do not indicate significant pathology (due to specific action of chlamydial cryptic forms). It is a fault of official medicine and not the patients that any way how to react to the patients' symptoms has not been found yet and only little activity is developed in finding reliable diagnostics, treatment and support methods. The patients thus come back repeatedly to their practitioners who do not know how to help them. Actually, the patients are often unwarrantedly classified as psychiatric cases.

This frequently cynical attitude of physicians towards the patients leads to their desperation and sometimes suicide is considered as the only solution of their hopeless situation. We would like to point out that the problem is also related to young people at productive age who lose perspectives in many aspects of their life, including health, economical situation and family.

We believe that it is an important issue to inform all physicians about the severe form of chlamydial infection and its impact on patients' health which is, actually, often trivialized. Although in the Czech Republic and in the world chlamydial infections are diagnosed, in most cases the results are incorrectly interpreted as a past infection. We are sure that the WHO in cooperation with the physicians is capable to carry out practical and reasonable steps beneficial to the patients.

Initiation of a complex scientific study is necessary. The objectives of the research should consist in determination of the influence of acute and chronic chlamydial infection on human health, finding its relations to the genesis of a wide range of human diseases, solution of a truly effective treatment of adults and especially children in the acute and also in the chronic form and subsequent complications, development of educational programs etc. The patients repeatedly point out that all these items are dealt with insufficiently and unfunctionally.

Our citizens' organization "Chlamydie o.s." and patients in the Czech Republic and also the neighbouring states are asking the EU for help and offer cooperation. Enclosed we are

sending conclusions of our work which clearly indicate the necessity of immediate solution of the acute and especially latently persisting chlamydial infection.

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