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Dear Sirs:

It is with enormous concern that we have received the news from our dear colleague and friend **Dr. Peter Wolf**, a well-known name in the Epilepsy Research and Teaching fields, that the *Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund* is at risk of not existing any more, because of the reorganization of the Danish health care.

The scientific and academic activities under the leadership of Dr. Wolf have been extended worldwide because of the importance of the programs held in Dianalund. We have followed Dr. Wolf career over several decades as an active epileptologist and recently we have been invited by him to participate in an international Project, proposed in a Meeting held at the International Congress of Epilepsy held in Budapest in 2009.

The group constituted in Budapest is intended to develop research initiatives to study forms of epilepsy that are externally modified, which explains the name given to this Internationally formed Group "*Epilepsies Externally Modulated*", or **EpExMo**, for short.

Together with our colleagues from other high quality institutions in Brazil, qualified as national and international centers in epileptology, and with equally distinguished Institutions from Uruguay, India, Japan, Lithuania and Slovenia, our laboratory is implementing research protocols under the general advise of Dr. Wolf.

Recently, at the International Epilepsy Congress just held in Rome this EpExMo group presented four posters as a quite productive result of only two years of life of the multicenter group, in addition to the submission for publication of a first manuscript.

We would like therefore to kindly ask the Danish scientific academic and medical authorities represented by your institution to keep in mind that the preservation of the Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund, under the scientific leadership of Dr. Wolf, will benefit not only Denmark but the international epileptology community, which naturally impact health care and knowledge on this devastating neurological disease.

With our best regards,

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