

Great incentive: Silke Mader receives the Bavarian State Medal for Services concerning Health and Long-term Care

- Award for her commitment to preterm born infants
- In 2008, Silke Mader founded the *European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants* together with experts and affected parents

Munich, 18 October 2016 – A great honour for Silke Mader: The Co-founder and Chairwoman of the Executive Board of the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) was awarded with the Bavarian State Medal for Services concerning Health and Long-term Care (Bayerische Staatsmedaille für Verdienste um Gesundheit und Pflege) by Melanie Huml, the Bavarian State Minister for Health and Long-term Care during an official ceremony in Nuremberg on 14 October 2016.

The annually awarded Bavarian State Medal honours men and women for their special services relating to Healthcare. Minister of State Melanie Huml praised Silke Mader for bringing together scientists, healthcare professionals and parents to join forces, so that a long-lasting optimum care for premature infants can be provided. Beyond that, Huml commended the medal winner for her hard work and commitment to improve the medical, psychological and social support of affected parents.

Silke Mader was very touched by this award: “The Bavarian State Medal means a lot to me and I am very delighted. Exactly 20 years ago, I was pregnant and looking forward to being a mother of two healthy twins. But instead, my husband and me had to live through a nightmare, which young parents should not have to suffer again. That is what I have been fighting for with EFCNI since 2008. This Medal is a motivating incentive to keep on supporting the interests of preterm and ill infants and their families. There is still a lot of work to do in the field of the care and treatment of the smallest patients. The support of parents all over Europe with the help of healthcare professionals needs to stay our primary goal for the future.”

About EFCNI

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is the first pan-European organisation to represent the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families. It gathers parents and healthcare experts from different disciplines with the common goal of improving the long-term health of preterm and newborn children by ensuring the best possible prevention, treatment, care and support. EFCNI receives funding from its premium partners, AbbVie, Philips AVENT, Natus, Nestlé Nutrition and Shire as well as from other private companies and individual donors.

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