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## 2007 News & Events

### **[European Commission Consultation](#) (17/12/07)**

The IBTA has lodged a submission in response to the European Commission's Public Consultation about rare diseases in Europe. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[Survey of IBTA contacts](#) (15/12/07)**

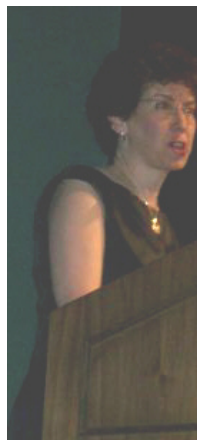
The IBTA has released the results of a survey of its contacts in which it asked questions about 15 aspects of the World Walk and Awareness Week. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[Awareness raising 2007 facts and figures](#) (28/11/07)**

A summary of the main awareness-raising activities held around the world as part of the World Walk and the inaugural International Awareness Week has been uploaded to the IBTA website. [\[more...\]](#)

## **IBTA Secretary speaks at SNO Conference**

**(23/11/07)**



On 17 November IBTA Secretary Kathy Oliver (UK) spoke at a function held during the annual scientific meeting of the US-based Society for Neuro Oncology held at Dallas, USA. [\[more...\]](#)

## **List of relevant conferences** (21/11/07)

The IBTA has created [a new webpage](#) in which it is planned to list conferences of interest to the worldwide brain tumour community. [\[more...\]](#)

## **Awareness Week a success** (31/10/07)

The inaugural International Brain Tumour Awareness Week has now concluded and has been a great success. A final media statement has been distributed. [\[more...\]](#)

## **Walk Around the World success** (24/10/07)

Brain tumour supporters in seventeen countries have walked the equivalent of twice around the world at the Equator (40,000 kms) so far this year to honour current and past patients and to draw attention to the need for more research to be devoted to this cancer. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[Awareness Week commences \(20/10/07\)](#)**

In a major statement marking the commencement of the inaugural International Brain Tumour Awareness Week (21-27 October) the IBTA has announced that 200,000 people worldwide develop a malignant primary brain tumour each year. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[E-Newsletter No 5 available \(08/10/07\)](#)**

E-Newsletter Number 5, reporting on the World Walk and Awareness Week, may now be viewed. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[Latest Newsletters uploaded \(07/10/07\)](#)**

The latest printed and electronic newsletters about the World Walk and the Awareness Week can now be downloaded. [\[more...\]](#)

### **[European Cancer Conference \(30/09/07\)](#)**



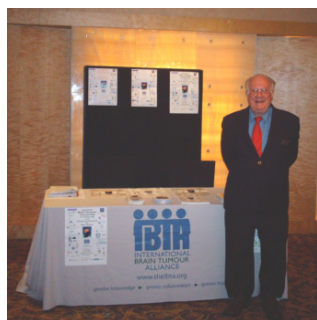
The IBTA had an exhibit booth at the European Cancer Conference ECCO 14 held at Barcelona, Spain, during 24-27 September. [\[more...\]](#)

### **World Walk supporter wins World title (02/09/07)**



All brain tumour patients and caregivers can share in the joy of Nathan Deakes' win in the [World Championship 50 kms racewalk](#) in Osaka, Japan, on 1 September. Nathan is a strong supporter of the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours. [[more...](#)]

### **Glioma 2007 Conference Sydney (18/08/07)**



IBTA Chair Denis Strangman had a display at the Glioma 2007 Conference in Sydney on 17 August. The principal presenters were Dr Peter Black and Dr Susan Chang from the USA. [[more...](#)]

### **Walk effort in Malaysia (18/08/07)**



Queensland racewalker Peter Bennett wears his IBTA cap during the 24 hour walk in Malaysia 11-12 August. Peter covered 165.26 kms which he has donated to the World Walk target. He came fifth in a field of 291 competitors from 19 countries. The course

was around Dataran Merdeka (Independence Square).  
[\[more...\]](#)

### **Zimbabwe Brain Tumor Association (01/08/07)**



Christine Mungoshi, coordinator of the Zimbabwe Brain Tumor Association, and Kathy Oliver, secretary of the IBTA, met near London recently and exchanged information about the aims and ideals of both organisations.  
[\[more...\]](#)

### **ECCO14 Patient Forum (01/08/07)**

A Patient Forum will be held in conjunction with the European Cancer Conference, ECCO14, in September. The Forum will be held on 23-24 September in Barcelona. Kathy Oliver, secretary of the IBTA, is one of the speakers at the conference. [\[more...\]](#)

### **8th Annual Race for Research (29/07/07)**



More than 1,200 runners and walkers participated in the [Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation's](#) 8th Annual Race for Research held on Saturday 21 July at Atlantic Station, Atlanta, GA, USA. SBTF President Jim Parsons said that more than \$300,000 was raised for brain tumor research and support. The walkers

contributed 582 miles to the World Walk target. A message of support and encouragement from the IBTA was read out at the commencement.

Here is a photo of two young participants in facial disguise!

[\[more...\]](#)

### **Walk the Walk** (03/07/07)



The second annual ***Sharing Hope*** walk took place on Saturday, **June 30th** at the UConn Alumni Association on the UConn Storrs campus (USA) with at least 500 walkers covering 2 miles each for a contribution of 1,000 miles to the World Walk total. All proceeds will benefit the research programs of the American Brain Tumor Association.

[\[more...\]](#)

### **NICE decision** (28/06/07)

Brain tumour organisations fear that two therapies, officially recommended yesterday (27 June), may still not reach some patients owing to the 'post code lottery'.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has announced approval for temozolomide (Temodal) and carmustine implants (Gliadel wafers) to be funded by the NHS. [\[more...\]](#)

### **Walk in Leeds by Andrea's Gift (26/06/07)**



On Sunday 24 June ninety-one walkers, including a baby and Daisy the dog (pictured) underwent a sponsored awareness-raising walk in Leeds organised by the UK brain tumour charity [Andrea's Gift](#). More walks are planned. [\[more...\]](#)

### **IBTA presence at BNOS meeting, Portsmouth (16/06/07)**



The IBTA had a presence at the British Neuro Oncology Society conference at Portsmouth during 13-15 June. [\[more...\]](#)

### **IBTA presence at ABTA Sharing Hope meeting, Lincolnshire, Il. (11/06/07)**



The IBTA had an information table at the patients and caregivers Sharing Hope meeting, organised by the [American Brain Tumor Association](#), held at Lincolnshire, Illinois, during 8-9 June. [\[more...\]](#)

### **IBTA exhibit booth at ASCO, Chicago (11/06/07)**



The IBTA had an exhibit booth at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting held in Chicago during 1-5 June.

Contacts were made with other patient advocacy groups, including the four brain tumour-relevant groups who also had displays, brain tumour researchers, clinicians, and commercial representatives. Links to more than 100 abstracts about CNS subjects lodged at the Meeting are available [here](#). [\[more...\]](#)

### **Brain tumours and pesticides (09/06/07)**



On 3 June the BBC contacted IBTA Secretary Kathy Oliver for a comment on a forthcoming [article](#) in the Journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine, based on research in the Bordeaux area of France, which suggested there may be a connection between use of pesticides and brain tumours. [\[more...\]](#)

**Brain Tumour Conference, Nottingham (UK), 2-3 July (25/05/07)**



The 7th Annual Brain Tumour Conference, organised by Brain Tumour UK, will be held at Nottingham University on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 July. [\[more...\]](#)

**Article about brain tumours uploaded (23/05/07)**

An article by Kathy Oliver (Secretary, IBTA), about the challenges of a brain tumour diagnosis, which appeared in the May 2007 issue of the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (Vol 3, No 5, pps 194-196), has been reproduced with kind permission of the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing: [www.bjnn.co.uk](http://www.bjnn.co.uk) and may be downloaded in PDF format (294 Kbs) from [here](#). [\[more...\]](#)

**Brochures and posters can be downloaded (21/05/07)**

English and other language (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish and Japanese) translations of the IBTA brochure and notice board poster for the Awareness Week and World Walk, plus a special issue of a newsletter for distribution at the forthcoming ASCO conference in Chicago, may be downloaded by following a link from the Awareness Week section in the menu to the left of this webpage.

### **David Bailey official theme song (20/05/07)**



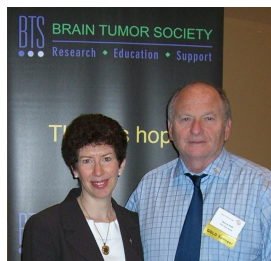
Singer David Bailey has allowed the IBTA to use his song "Keep on walking" as the official theme song for the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours. David is a long-term (10 years) survivor of a GBM. You can find out more about him [here](#). [more...]

### **Cancer52 for less common cancers (10/05/07)**



The IBTA is a member of Cancer52, the alliance of less common and rare cancer groups in the United Kingdom. (The figure "52" refers to 52% and highlights that less common cancers make up the majority of all cancer mortality in the UK.) [more...]

### **Dennis Roth, Chair of the Brain Tumor Society (07/05/07)**



Dennis Roth, Chair of the [Brain Tumor Society](#), passed away on Sunday in Washington DC. He was also founder of the [Have a Chance Foundation](#). Dennis had attended the [10th Anniversary Race for Hope](#) to raise funds for the Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure at Freedom Plaza, Washington, during the day. The race raised over \$1m for the two organisations. [more...]

### **Seeking legislative approval for 'Brain Tumour Awareness' number plates (28/04/07)**



Our supporting organization B.R.A.I.N. from Virginia (USA) is promoting the idea of a brain tumor patient (Dale Thomas) in Virginia who is seeking legislative approval for personalized car number plates which have the slogan "Brain Tumor Awareness" on the bottom. He needs 350 signed-up purchasers first off to get the program going.

### **3rd Perspectives in Central Nervous System Malignancies conference (31/03/07)**

The IBTA had a presence at the 3rd Perspectives in Central Nervous System Malignancies conference held in Warsaw, Poland, during 30-31 March. [\[more...\]](#)

### **Brain Tumour Northwest (30/03/07)**

Brain Tumour Northwest is a strategic alliance initially involving the University of Wolverhampton, University of Central Lancashire and the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. [\[more...\]](#)

### **on-line survey seeking patient information (22/03/07)**

UK residents are invited to fill in an [on-line survey](#) seeking information on patients' views of their quality of life. A report based on the survey will be submitted to NICE. This could be useful in terms of the overall question of factoring in a brain tumour patient's quality of life in economic modelling when NICE and other agencies are considering questions of subsidy and access.

## **2nd National Neuroscience Nursing Conference**

**(16/03/07)**

IBTA Secretary Kathy Oliver attended a number of sessions at the 2nd National Neuroscience Nursing Conference held in London on 15th and 16th March and organised by the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (BJNN). [\[more...\]](#)

## **The Fourth World Conference of the International Study Group of Neuroendoscopy** (01/03/07)

The Fourth World Conference of the International Study Group of Neuroendoscopy and the World Congress for Endoscopic Surgery of the Brain, Skull Base and Spine will meet together. [\[more...\]](#)

## **Debate about brain tumours** (14/02/07)

The debate about brain tumours which Mr Bill Casey MP initiated in the Canadian Parliament (see entry for 6 December 2006) resumed yesterday and the vote will take place today. [\[more...\]](#)

## **Well attended Symposium in Belgium** (10/02/07)

On 10 February our colleagues in Belgium (Werkgroep Hersentumoren ) organised a well-attended symposium with the title: "Ethical, psychological and socio-economical consequences for brain-tumour patients and their surroundings". [\[more...\]](#)

## **Launch of Cancer Voices Australia** (04/02/07)

On 4 February Cancer Voices Australia (CVA) was launched in Sydney by Professor Chris O'Brien. Professor O'Brien was founder of the Australian Head and Neck Society with an international reputation for cancer surgery in that area. [\[more...\]](#)

**[The IBTA has lodged a comment with NICE](#)**

**(02/02/07)**

The IBTA has lodged a comment with NICE, the UK regulatory agency, on the second ACD regarding the use of temozolomide and gliadel wafers for the treatment of newly-diagnosed high grade glioma. A copy has been [uploaded here](#).

**[New e-mail brain tumour discussion group for](#)**

**[Canadians](#) (02/02/07)**

Herman Gruetzmacher from Canada has established a new e-mail brain tumour discussion group for Canadians at this address:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/braintumorcanada/>

The previous list had fallen into abeyance and the owner had moved on. These discussion groups can be a valuable resource for the newly-diagnosed and their caregivers.

**[Address to medical students at the Medicine Faculty at L'Aquila University](#)**

**(01/02/07)**

Italo Scotti, from our supporting organisation Il Fondo di Fabrizio addressed 200 medical students at the Medicine Faculty at L'Aquila University. [\[more...\]](#)

**[Two new books about brain tumours](#)**

**(28/01/07)**

Reviews of two new books about brain tumours have been uploaded to the IBTA website. [\[more...\]](#)

### **European Commission-funded project - 'Health Agents' (15/01/07)**

We have established contact with a European Commission-funded project called Health Agents which seeks to produce an "Agent-based Distributed Decision Support System for Brain Tumour Diagnosis and Prognosis for the improvement of health conditions of the European population." The group is a consortium of research institutes in Spain, the UK, Italy, and Belgium and has a comprehensive, award-winning website [here](#).

### **Arizona 6th Annual Walkathon (02/01/07)**

High school students from Maricopa County in Arizona (USA) will donate the "mileage" they cover in the 6th Annual Walkathon to the IBTA's 2007 Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours. [\[more...\]](#)

*Notes: IBTA is aware that in the United States "tumour" is spelled "tumor" and will use that spelling for printed materials directed to that region. It was also the intention of the founding meeting that we seek to represent all tumours of the central nervous system. As is the practice in the scientific literature and clinical use, we use the words "brain tumour", not "brain cancer".*



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