



WFH 2022 World Congress

The **WFH 2022 World Congress** was held by the World Federation of Hemophilia in Montreal, Canada on 8-9 May 2022 as a hybrid event, both in person and virtually.

It was an opportunity for the international bleeding disorders community - including people with bleeding disorders, health professionals, national member organisations and industry - to come together to discuss current issues, share knowledge with colleagues, and problem-solve with delegates from diverse backgrounds.

So much has changed recently: radically different haemophilia treatments and the COVID-19 epidemic have impacted enormously on the community. There continue to be great strides ahead in managing women and girls with bleeding disorders and there is new research into VWD and the very rare bleeding disorders.

In this issue of *National Haemophilia*, we hear from some of the Australians who attended. Shauna Adams participated in person as a Youth Delegate on behalf of HFA. Haemophilia nurses Jaime Chase and Robyn

Shoemark, physiotherapist Aisha Barton-Ross and Suzanne O'Callaghan from HFA attended virtually.

Thanks to all for their contributions.

WHAT DID THE DELEGATES SAY?

'For the first time, Congress sessions were offered face-to-face and virtually. Hopefully this has allowed people who may normally not be able to travel internationally to attend Congress. Having sessions available live and on demand means you can view at your own leisure. I watched sessions on demand as concentrating between 1 and 4am in the morning was just too much for me to handle and then still come to work for the day.'

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