



March 27, 2019

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am coming back to you for the fourth year to ask you to take part in our Relay for Life, which will take place from Saturday **04/05/2019** at 14h00 to Sunday **05/05/2019** at 14h00 in Waterloo. (See <https://www.relayforlife.be/relays/international-community-waterloo-2019>).

Cancer does not only affect the 'others'. I personally, and many other members of the team, will dedicate the full 24 hours to the fight against cancer. One day a year, at least, we would like to be 'actors' of our own lives.

How does it work?

We form a team with the aim of ensuring a continuous 24-hour relay on a closed circuit (in this case a football field) by walking or running. The distance covered or speed is not important; it is not a competition. Rather, the principle is that each team (last year there were more than 20 teams) must be represented on the course at all times during the 24 hours. Our team is called ESPERO, from the Esperanto word for HOPE. We will be on site for 24 hours regardless of weather conditions, but do not worry, we have ordered the sun!

It is a celebration with friends, gathering together to spend an excellent moment of solidarity in joy and good humor. There will be music, entertainment, dancing, food (including the famous tortillas from my mother and many cakes and other specialties from my friends ;-)) and drinks!

The bigger objective of this relay, and our team in particular, is to raise as much money as possible for the Belgian Cancer Foundation. This year, we have set a goal, which we hope to exceed, of € 2,000 for the Foundation. For that we need you!

How can you help us?

### **1. Subscribe**

Join our relay team (<https://www.relayforlife.be/teams/espero-1>). If you have difficulties registering, please contact me by email ([alberto@bulnes.eu](mailto:alberto@bulnes.eu)) and I can register you myself. The cost of registration is 10 € per participant; the money goes to our team and will be paid in full to the Belgian Cancer Foundation.

Once registered, I will contact you at the end of April to ask for your preferences for the time of participation. The more we are, the better. You will encounter a very international community.

Please do not wait until the last moment to register. As 'captain', I need to know the team members a little in advance for logistical reasons.

## **2. Cash donations**

In the fight against cancer, every donation counts, whether small or large. Cash donations can be made directly on the website <https://www.relayforlife.be/teams/espero-1>. Any donation equal to or greater than € 40 entitles you to a tax certificate which will be sent directly to your home by the Cancer Foundation and which will allow you to deduct your donations from your taxes 2019 (and this is not negligible ;-).

## **3. Tombola:**

Like last year, we will sell tombola tickets at a price of 3 € per ticket (again, 100% of the money is for the Foundation against Cancer). Tickets will be available from tomorrow - please purchase tickets for yourself and your friends. Many prizes are on the programme. To motivate the most recalcitrant, please note that last year our team ESPERO won:

- Delvaux bag (value > 3000 €) (two years)
- A luxury weekend in Budapest for two people.
- Very nice Longchamp bag (value > 600 €)
- Airline tickets for 4 people anywhere in Europe
- Michelin starred restaurant for 4 persons
- and dozens of other nice prizes!

## **4. Other donations / assistance**

You can also help us on the day of the event by bringing cakes (attention: the event venue is 'nuts free'), savory snacks, ... which we will sell on-site to collect money for the ESPERO team's contribution to the Foundation for Cancer.

The place and date of the event:

St-Johns International School - Drève Richelle 146 - 1410 Waterloo

From Saturday 04/05/2019, 14h00 to Sunday 05/05/2019, 14h00

Do not hesitate to publicise the event (everyone is welcome!) Contact me for any additional information.

All the best,

See you soon.

Alberto for the ESPERO team

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