

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Plamena Stamenova

Organisation: Sarcomafree Foundation

Role / Stakeholder Type: Patient Advocate, Caregiver

Country: Bulgaria



What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

At the beginning of 2022, I lost my fiancé Ivo and best friend to a rare form of soft tissue sarcoma, with mutations more commonly seen in young children and teenagers. We were together for 10 years, during which we grew up side by side and built plans for our future. While Ivo was fighting his illness, we wanted to help others like him. After he passed away, I founded a foundation dedicated to supporting clinical research, with a focus on pediatric sarcoma. This is my way of honoring him and continuing his dream of a world with fewer people affected by sarcoma.



What's most important to know about your organization?

At the heart of our foundation is the fact that it remains family-run, and we receive no compensation for our work. Every donation is directed entirely toward advancing our cause.



What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Research, Awareness, Partnerships, Innovation



Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

Content creator, communications and almost everything other



How can others best connect with you after the conference?

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One fun fact about you or something you are proud of:

I turned the hardest chapter of my life into a mission of hope, and along the way, Ivo's story didn't end; it became my purpose.

