



The WBO is very pleased to support the recently established charity **Action for A-T**, a charity set up by two parents upon learning that their 5 year old had the devastating condition Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T). A-T is a rare, neurodegenerative and progressive condition that starts in early childhood. It causes severe disability and premature death. Currently, there is no cure for it and nothing can halt its progression.

Babies are born 'normal' and then slowly, from around the age of 5, start to lose their independence. A wheelchair is needed usually by the age of ten, if not before, and in many cases, a feeding tube by the age of 12. The immune system of children who suffer from A-T is usually compromised and they often do not live beyond their teens, dying of either cancer or a severe respiratory infection. A-T has been described as having the worst symptoms of four diseases: cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and cancer.

Studies show that children affected by this debilitating disease do not lose their mental capacity. On the other hand, over time they effectively become severely restricted by their deteriorating body. As the condition is rare there is not enough money put into medical research into it so the mission of Action for A-T is simple: To speed up the process of identifying a cure for A-T or treatments that delay or prevent the disabling effects of this childhood condition.

For more information on "Action for A-T", please visit the website [www.actionforAT.org](http://www.actionforAT.org). The WBO was very pleased to supply a championship belt (see below) for a recently held Action for A-T that was auctioned off to raise much needed vital funds for the charity.

Remember, any and all support is welcome. Thank you for your support.



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