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21ST EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

2019 will be an exciting year. With the upcoming European elections, the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) platform will be very active to further address the needs of pain patients to policy makers on European and national levels.

In 2019, the SIP initiative has reached its 10th Anniversary which underlines the sustainability of the trustful collaboration of the four SIP partners European Pain Federation EFIC, Pain Alliance Europe, Active Citizenship Network and Grünenthal. We are proud on our significant achievements over the past 10 years with more than 300 endorsing organisations and many political support. This year, we will showcase some of the achievements from the last 10 years and ask you for your vision for the next 10 years in pain advocacy.

What has happened in the first weeks of the New Year?

The SIP partners have met on January 22nd to define the concrete actions in 2019 based on the Strategy which has been defined by the SIP Steering Committee in October 2018. See what was [discussed here](#).

On January 31st, the EU Health Policy Platform (EHP) invited the Societal Impact of Pain group to the [webinar](#) “Thematic Networks 2018 – Lessons learned and next steps” where we explored the SIP plans after closing of the Thematic Network program 2018.

Watch the [video](#) from John F. Ryan (Director Public Health, Country Knowledge and Crisis Management) and read the [interview](#) with Ingrid Keller (Public Health and Policy Support Unit at the European Commission) what is the relevance of the “Thematic Network program” and the achievements of SIP in 2018.

In 2019, SIP will continue as a stakeholder group on the EHP and will further work on the implementation of the SIP Joint Statement policy recommendations. To date, the Joint Statement has been endorsed by 96 stakeholders including 11 policy makers and we will continue to collect further endorsers in 2019. If you haven’t endorsed yet, it’s not too late. See how you and your organisation can [endorse the Joint Statement](#).

Another focus of SIP in 2019 will be to support the impressive work of the existing [national SIP Platforms](#) and to build further platforms in other European countries. In February, we will start

to build a network of representatives from SIP national platforms (NP) to share best practices and to prepare a toolkit with helpful materials. To stay up-to-date with what is happening in the SIP national platforms, take a look at the new section of the [SIP website here](#).

On behalf of the SIP partners, I wish you a healthy and successful year 2019! We look forward to further collaborations in this exciting year of change.

Warm wishes,



Prof. Dr. Bart Morlion

Director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Centre of the University of Leuven, Belgium
President of the European Pain Federation (EFIC)®



TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) - WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS YEAR

The SIP partners have met on January 22nd to define the concrete actions what will happen in Brussels in the exciting year of European elections and how to ensure that pain will be on the political agenda.



CLOSING OF THE THEMATIC NETWORK - WHAT'S NEXT?

The Thematic Network was a huge success for SIP. We will continue building connections, exchange of information, and seek new opportunities through the SIP stakeholder group on the EU Health Policy Platform.



FANTASTIC WORK OF SIP NATIONAL PLATFORMS - SHARING BEST PRACTICE

Several SIP national platforms (NP) have started their work in 2018 with significant achievements on national level. A European [SIP NP network](#) will be created to share experiences and to enable new NP to build further platforms.



SIP WELCOMES THE NEW ENDORSERS

The SIP Joint Statement produced under the Thematic Network program 2018 has created lots of interest from multiple organisations with nearly 100 endorser. We welcome the new endorser of SIP like the Belgium Brain Council.



UPCOMING EVENTS

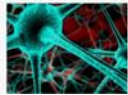
SIP RELATED EVENTS



17th February 2018

SIP France Regional round table

Pain affects almost 20% of the French Population and as such it can be a heavy burden and a source...



04th March 2018 - 05th March 2018

The Challenge of Chronic Pain

This meeting will showcase the most recent discoveries and potential avenues for therapies in chronic...

SIP CALENDAR - CHECK IF YOUR EVENTS ARE INCLUDED!

Many international and national SIP related conferences and events can be found in our [SIP calendar](#). Please ensure that your events are included and stay informed what is happening in the pain area.



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