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With the first symposium “Societal Impact of Pain” in May 2010, change has begun: Awareness was raised on the fact that the societal impact of pain represents a huge social burden due to the enormous pain-related costs that governments are constantly called to deal with, including absenteeism, disability allowances, assisted care, informal and family care. Now it is time to bring the issue of pain to the parliament and discuss policy in pain care with all stakeholders.

It is therefore that EFIC® as one of the most relevant scientific societies of healthcare professionals for the study of pain in Europe calls for policymakers and decision-makers alike to adopt a much wider, strategic perspective in their deliberations regarding service provision and resource allocation.

The 2nd symposium on the “Societal Impact of Pain” will take place May 3 & 4 2011 in the European Parliament in Brussels. This venue offers a unique opportunity for developing the dialogue between all key stakeholders on pain care policy.

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SIP 2011 will be an optimal platform to create awareness, share best practices, exchange their professional knowledge and create alliances for future collaborations on improving pain care.

As I really hope you would accept the invitation to please confirm your participation at:
http://www.regonline.com/SIP-2011-registration

Yours sincerely,

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Societal Impact of Pain

In 2010, pain management experts from 84 countries issued a declaration directed at governments worldwide asserting that access to pain management is a fundamental human right⁰. Although acute pain may reasonably be considered a symptom of disease or injury, chronic and recurrent pain is a specific healthcare problem, a disease in its own right⁰. Being a disease in its own right, pain is not just an indicator of an underlying disease or damaging process, but one which extracts a great toll on individuals and society³.

Pain is a major healthcare problem in Europe. According to a 2006-2007 survey commissioned by the European Commission’s Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General in the EU-25⁴, an average of 25% of citizens experienced pain affecting muscles, joints, neck or back lasting for 3 months or more which affected their ability to carry out the activities of daily living (range 13% EL - 35% AT)⁵. The prevalence of patients suffering from severe pain in Europe is approximately 5% (range: 1.5% IT – 6.7% UK).⁶ Painful states of the musculoskeletal system constitute more than 2/3 of painful states in primary care. Viewed from a primary care perspective, pain has a great impact on GPs’ day-to-day activities and the health economy in general⁷.

The burden of suffering that pain imposes on individuals, and the enormous costs that society has to bear as a result, calls for policymakers and decision-makers alike to adopt a much wider, strategic perspective in their deliberations regarding service provision and resource allocation.

The cost of pain

Despite the high prevalence, the costs incurred and related to pain are sparsely documented. Nevertheless, in some countries data or research is available.

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³ the EU-25 Member States of the European Union before enlargement are in 2007.

⁴ EU Barometer 272e; survey requested by Directorate General SANCO and coordinated by Directorate General communication


In 2006, the Belgian Federal Knowledge Centre in Healthcare (KCE) estimated the direct cost of back pain in Belgium to be €272 million, representing a spending of as high as €1.6 billion for the global burden of lower back pain.

The very high economic relevance of back pain as a disease was also confirmed in a German study. Extrapolating results to the German adult population between the ages of 18 and 75 years, led to an estimated €48.96 billion in direct and indirect back pain-related expenditures, which equates to 2.2% of the German GDP. Although experts are discussing the exact numbers, they agree that the impact of pain-related costs on society is very high.

In the case of pain, policymakers must be made fully aware of the different aspects associated with the costs of pain and its management. Notably:

1. The cost of interventions and therapies for treating pain and securing pain relief (e.g. drug costs and staff costs)
2. The costs that are incurred as a result of ineffective interventions being provided (e.g. costs of additional GP consultations)
3. The cost to health service and patients and their families due to a lack of appropriate facilities within locality (e.g. costs of accessing alternative therapies);
4. The costs resulting from inappropriate self-medication and treatment by patients (e.g. costs of treating overdoses)
5. The cost of treating and preventing adverse events that arise as a result of prescribing decisions (e.g. costs of GI bleeds)
6. The costs of disability claims resulting from people’s inability to work;
7. The cost to economy of reductions in productivity and absenteeism;
8. The cost of providing social care and support to people suffering with pain (e.g. costs of home care and respite care);
9. The cost of informal care provided by families (e.g. loss of earnings);
10. The cost of intangibles associated with the deterioration in the Quality of Life of patients and their families.

The magnitude of the chronic pain epidemic in terms of human suffering and costs to society are well known in the field of pain medicine. However, they are not widely appreciated within the larger biomedical community, among policy makers and the public at large.

It is vital that pain management is moved higher up the political agenda and features more prominently in government policies across all EU countries. It is also essential for best practice and quality care to adopt a monitoring approach, involving all those who have an interest in preventing ill-health at work, treating ill-health and rehabilitating those who have suffered from pain.

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8 Chronische lage rugpijn, KCE reports vol.48A, Federaal Kenniscentrum voor de gezondheidszorg, Centre fédéral d’expertise des soins de santé, 2006
9 Wenig CM et al., Costs of back pain in Germany, Eur J Pain (2008), doi:10.1016/
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11 Health Economics: an introduction for health professionals; Ceri J. Phillips; 2005
Symposium “Societal Impact of Pain” 2010

In May 2010, a high profile group of almost 200 health specialists and representatives from Europe's highest ranking health authorities gathered in Brussels to discuss the "Societal Impact of Pain" (SIP). The objectives of the symposium were to discuss the key challenges, goals, and policy instruments with budget holders, strategic decision makers and representatives of stakeholder organisations to improve pain care in Europe.

The symposium saw a lively debate on interesting projects initiated in many countries to investigate the economic factors related to the burden of pain both on patients and the society and suggested future innovations. Unfortunately, the knowledge gained and management instruments developed locally developed are still too rarely shared amongst healthcare authorities and stakeholders throughout Europe. There was a broad consensus that treated pain patients cost national governments, economies and societies much less than untreated patients do.

With the SIP 2010 symposium, change has begun. Awareness was raised on the fact that the Societal Impact of Pain represents a huge social burden due to the high pain-related costs that governments are constantly called to deal with, including absenteeism, disability allowances, assisted care, informal and family care, amongst others. In this respect, much more still needs to be done.
In 2001, EFIC presented its declaration on "Chronic Pain as a Major Healthcare Problem, a Disease in its Own Right". The declaration was presented at the European Parliament after endorsement by the 25 European Chapters of the International Society for the Study of Pain. 12

In 2011, 10 years later, EFIC and Grünenthal have committed to organise and support the 2nd SIP symposium to be held in Brussels on 3 and 4 May 2011. The event will provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to network, exchange best practice and create alliances for future collaborations on improving pain care. Representatives from national and European patient and health professional associations as well as academics will be able to put forward their ideas and experiences with leading EU and national policy makers, including representatives from national payers and ministries, European Commission officials and Members of the European Parliament.

Together with the support, input and advice by the co-hosts Dr Jiří Maštálka MEP and Dr. Milan Cabrnoch MEP the scientific framework of the symposium is designed under the responsibility of the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®). The pharmaceutical company Grünenthal is responsible for logistic support, preparation and organisation of SIP 2011. The scientific programme is endorsed by a large number of patient advocacy and scientific organisations.

The symposium is a two-day event with presentations, workshops, and panel discussions. The symposium will be structured in a way to give each participant some initial common scientific insight on the topic. In the two plenary sessions the international context of pain care will be outlined. In the workshops, we will work towards practice-oriented recommendations to increase the efficiency of policy measures for pain care. Subsequently, all participants are invited to take part in the workshops, where they can contribute with their personal knowledge and professional experiences.

The format of the workshops will be interactive with different key note speakers representing various areas. In order to create an optimal environment for discussion, we have asked several persons to help in the following roles:

- The **chair and co-chair** are expected to ensure the organisation of the workshop, including the reporting and time keeping.

- The **secretary** ensures the briefing of the speakers and secures the reporting process.

- The **moderator** is expected to monitor the length of the presentations and stimulate the discussion during the workshop.

- The **speakers** are requested to be as clear and concise as possible, while trying to leave some curiosity in the audience, and give as much input on the topic as possible, especially during the workshops.

- The **rapporteur** and **co-rapporteur** will summarise the main findings of the workshop and present these at the final plenary session.

- The **proceedings reporter** will draft a workshop summary report for inclusion in the symposium proceedings.

Following the reports from the workshops, a facilitated discussion will take place, taking each topic in turn and inviting the audience to come up with more ideas and opinions on how to fill the gaps in knowledge and data.
Tuesday, May 3rd
13:00 – 15:00  Setting the stage – Pain, an unmet societal need?
The first plenary session will be opened by Dr. Jiri Maštálka MEP, Dr. Milan Cabrnoch and EFIC President, Prof. Giustino Varrassi. The following speakers will set the tone for the debate on the societal need of pain care.

15:00 – 18:00  Society's perspective: painfully dealing with multiple interests
The second plenary session will focus on the requirements and motivations of different stakeholder groups involved in policies affecting pain care.

20:00  Networking Diner – Keynote speaker

Wednesday, May 4th
08:30 – 12:00  Parallel workshops

WS 1 Consumers, costs or patients: dealing with pain on a daily base
Workshop 1 will investigate the requirements and health inequalities in pain care from the consumer and patient perspective in an ageing society.

WS 2 Pain policy; Ensuring access to pain treatment
This workshop is of central importance to the whole Symposium, as the outcome will be a consensus paper which will outline the key issues from the participating organisations on how the EU Institutions and member states could help address the societal impact of pain at EU policy level.

WS 3 Pain - Numbers, facts and figures
Workshop 3 will focus on evidence-based initiatives in pain care and the evaluation of their implementation.

WS 4 Healthy aging; Pain, ethics and society
Key note presentations on palliative care, care for elderly, pain and healthy aging will open the debate on pain care across all stakeholder groups.

WS 5 What does best practice in pain management look like?
Key note presentations will fuel discussion on the requirements from society, consumers and patients reflecting how the evidence base on effective ways to tackle pain related issues can be used for benchmarking pain care in the EU.

WS 6 Pain care in the future, societal requirements
The requirement, possibilities and promises of evidence-based medicine, personalised or stratified medicine in pain management will be the focus of this workshop.

13:00  Future outlook patient access to pain treatment
In this session, a paper prepared in advance by several stakeholder groups and in workshop 2 will be discussed and presented to EU policy makers.

14:00  Workshop summaries
The rapporteurs of all workshops will summarise their discussions and findings in a short presentation.

15:30  Summary and closing remarks
The meeting will be closed by Dr. Jiri Maštálka MEP, Dr. Milan Cabrnoch MEP and EFIC President Prof. Giustino Varrassi.

16:00  End
Registration
We wish as many stakeholders as possible to be in a position to attend the symposium therefore no registration fee is required to attend the sessions. However due to the limited amount of available places registration is restricted to active health care budget holders, health care policy makers, strategic health care decision makers and senior representatives of pain patients or organisations representing health care professionals in the area of pain, pain care and pain treatment.

Participants are asked to register as soon as possible using the “on line” registration form available at: www.regonline.com/SIP-2011-registration

The deadline for registration is 16 April 2011. You will be contacted shortly after your registration submission to confirm your attendance and arrange accommodation options. A confirmation will be sent to all participants registered within the deadline. Participants will be required to present the confirmation letter at the SIP welcome desk in the parliament.

If you have any questions, please contact Randa Becker at randa@r-events.com or tel: +32 473 291 361.

Networking Dinner
At May 3rd a networking Dinner for the participants of the SIP 2011 has been made possible by a grant from Grünenthal GmbH.

Registration will be free of charge. However as the number of places is limited, participants are asked to register as soon as possible using the “on line” registration form available at: www.regonline.com/SIP-2011-registration

Abstract submission
The scientific framework of the symposium is designed under the responsibility of the European Federation of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP®) Chapters (EFIC®).

Interested executives involved in strategic decision making on pain-related issues from the perspective of national healthcare systems, healthcare authorities, insurances, budget holders as well as healthcare professionals, patient and consumer representatives are invited to submit an abstract via email to the SIP 2011 secretariat at: sip-meetings@grunenthal.com.

The meeting language for presentations, workshops and discussions is English.

Speaker Information
Online registration for speakers: www.regonline.com/SIP-2011-speaker

You will be contracted shortly after your registration submission to confirm your attendance.

For further info, please contact Kristina Barinka at Kristina.Barinka@grunenthal.com or tel: +49 171 569 1878.

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Meeting language
The meeting language for presentations, workshops and discussions is English.

Documentation
For documentation, press and publication purposes video, photo and audio recordings will be made. In case you do not want to appear in this documentation please contact the event staff on site.

Endorsing the scientific program of SIP 2011
Consumer, patient, scientific and health professions organisations, healthcare authorities or representatives of national healthcare systems wishing to endorse the scientific program of SIP 2011 as designed under the responsibility of the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®) are invited to contact Norbert van Rooij - email: Norbert.vanRooij@grunenthal.com or tel: +49 241 569 1380.
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Travel, Accommodation & Delegate Assistance
Participants are expected to organise their own travel and accommodation. Please note that all costs incurred during your stay are your responsibility.

How to get to the European Parliament from Brussels Airport Zaventem?

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- **Transfer by Taxi:** A taxi from the Airport takes about 10-20 minutes and costs 20€-25€.
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Nearest metro stations the European Parliament Maelbeek (700m), Schuman (1km) or Trone (1km).

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For booking a hotel in the surroundings of the European Parliament see:

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- ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/phs_2007/docs/phs2007list-hotels.xls
- www.brures.com/4DACTION/Web_GP_Resa/GB/WebBruxelles

Please note that due to a big trade fair taking place simultaneously suitable hotel accommodation will be hard to find.

For a limited number of participants of SIP 2011 we have negotiated special rates for rooms at different hotels near the European Parliament.

In case you need assistance with arrangements for travel or accommodation please contact Randa Becker at randa@r-events.com / tel: +32 473 291 361.

Media accreditation
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The email should contain first name, family name, name of media, press card and/or identity card/passport number. Journalists who are not in possession of a press card, must present a document issued by the editor-in-chief or director of the media organisation represented. The request for accreditation should be sent by email to Mrs. Kirsten van Kampen.

On May 3rd the accreditation badge can be picked up at the press entrance. Journalists intending to film or photograph, should specify this in their request. They will then upon arrival receive an additional permit as well as the rules for cameramen and photographers, which they have to sign in for. This permit can be picked up in the office of Mrs. Kirsten van Kampen (PHS 0A 049). Please note that these badges should be visible at all times within the European Parliament. The media accreditation will be valid for two days.

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With special thanks to our co-hosts:

Dr. Jiří Maštálka MEP

It is with great honour and pleasure that the 2011 SIP symposium will be held in the European Parliament. Dr. Jiří Maštálka is a strong supporter of the initiative and has kindly accepted to co-host the symposium on the “Societal Impact of Pain” 2011.

Dr Maštálka is a European Parliament Quaestor and a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, and a substitute of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

Dr Maštálka is a medical doctor by profession, studying at the General Medical Faculty at Kiev Medical Institute.

From 1995 to 1999, he was a member of the executive board of the central committee of KSČM (Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia) and, from 1993 to 2003, was the Chairman of the KSČM town committee for Plzeň City.

From 1994 to 1998, Dr Maštálka was a member of Plzeň City Council, a member of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Federal Republic (1990-1992), member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (since 1996), and Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Social Policy and Healthcare (2002-2004).

Between 2003 and 2004, Dr Maštálka was an Observer at the European Parliament and a member of the Chamber of Deputies’ delegation to the Council of Europe (since 2002).
Dr. Milan Cabrnoch MEP

We are also delighted to have Member of European Parliament Dr. Milan Cabrnoch co-hosting the symposium “Societal Impact of Pain” 2011.

Dr. Milan Cabrnoch is a member of the European Conservatives Reformists, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. He is Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Armenia, EU-Azerbaijan and EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation Committees.

Between 1976 and 1980 Dr Cabrnoch attended the Grammar school, Kutná Hora, followed by six years in the Faculty of Paediatric Medicine, Charles University, Prague between 1980 and 1986 and first and second level postgraduate diplomas in paediatrics (1989, 1993).

First as a doctor, later as deputy senior consultant he worked in Kolín Hospital in the Paediatrics and Post-Natal Department between 1986 and 1994. Between 1992 and 1997 he worked on private paediatrics practice in Kolín, while becoming Director of the Health Insurance department at the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic in 1994 until 1997.

In 1998, Dr Cabrnoch became Deputy Minister of Health for Heath Insurance and Health Legislation. Between 1998 and 2004 as well as since 2006 he has been a member of Kolín Town Council, a Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic for ODS (Civic Democratic Party) between 1998 and 2004 and a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe (2002-2004).

Between 2004 and 2009 he was member of the European Parliament for ODS (Civic Democratic Party) and member of the EPP-ED political group. Between 2004 and 2008 he was Chairman of the Health Care Committee of the Central Bohemia Regional Council.

Further activities:
- Member of the group of experts for the Kulatý stůl (Round Table) project on the future financing of the Czech health care system.
- Vice-Chairman of the Interdepartmental Coordination Committee for promoting the implementation of eHealth in the Czech Republic.
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- Chairman of the Board of the IZIP project (internet access to patient healthcare information), co-author of the IZIP project.
- Chairman of the board of directors of the Czech National Forum against Osteoporosis.
The Hungarian presidency of the council of the European Union has granted SIP 2011 the right to use its logo
The Council of the European Union is an intergovernmental institution which represents member states’ interests and is united under ten different constitutions. The Presidency is a rotating presidency and a member state takes over the tasks bound to it for a period of six months. During the six months, the Presidency in office plays a decisive role in the choice of affairs to which the Council directs its attention, and is in a position to strongly influence the way the EU manages political and economic affairs. The member state in office organises its work according to its own priorities. Most of these priorities make up the general agenda of the EU, as they are the "inherited" affairs in progress; the member state in office can, however, give new impetus to the Union’s collaboration in specific fields on which it places importance.
Currently Hungary is responsible for the presidency of the council of the European Union.

Underlining the relevance of the "Societal Impact of Pain" the Hungarian presidency has granted SIP 2011 the right to use the logo of the Hungarian presidency of the council of the European Union in the communications on SIP 2011.

For more info on the Hungarian presidency of the council of the European Union see http://www.eu2011.hu
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