

Pre-symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 – Effective lobbying for pain and SIP advocates

On June 7th 2017 prior to SIP on Malta, the [Global Alliance for Patient Access \(GAfPA\)](#) will host a three hour workshop focused on policy advocacy. Learn how healthcare providers and their patients can work together to inform policymaking whether it be in Brussels, or your home country. The workshop will include a presentation on the keys to effective policy advocacy, a panel discussion featuring best practices and lobbying case studies, and an interactive breakout session. Learn why, when it comes to policy advocacy, Davids can beat the Goliaths.

13.00	Registration, networking and welcome coffee Market place & Posters on display			
	Chair	AFPA (Alliance for Patient Access)	US	Brian Kennedy
	Secretary	European Pain Federation, EFIC®	BE	Sam Kynman
	Moderator	CPPC (Chronic Pain Policy Coalition)	EN	Neil Betteridge
	Proceedings reporter	Jung-und-Parkinson	DE	Jutta Ahmerkamp-Böhme
13:30	Opening, welcome, workshop overview and objectives			
13:35	Tools for effective advocacy	Global Alliance for Patient Access	US	Brian Kennedy
14:30	Case studies: advocacy activity in practice at national and European level – challenges, successes and strategies for the future	European Pain Federation, EFIC®	PT	Chris Wells
		Active Citizenship Network	IT	Mariano Votta
		Pain Alliance Europe	NL	Joop van Griensven
15:30	Coffee, tea and stretch break			
15:45	Group work: planning advocacy activity in chronic pain at the national level			
16:15	Group's feedback on planning for success!			
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16:30				

Pre-symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 – The societal Impact of pain on Malta

The fact that Pain has a great impact on our society is no secret. Statistics vary between countries, however there is general agreement that the effect on the person's life, quality of life and economic situation is great.

The SIP 2017 Symposium, hosted in Malta under the Calendar of the Maltese Presidency of the EU Council places a wake-up call to all concerned with individuals suffering from chronic pain in Malta, including civil society, professionals and policy makers, to take this unique opportunity to raise awareness for the need for timely action in this area.

The program of the pre-symposium is set by SIP Malta, Malta Health Network and the No Pain Foundation. It will offer clinical views while sharing best practices in pain policy available internationally and locally. Within the same forum, the views of civil society and the impact that lobbying has had so far in addressing the situation in various ways will also be discussed. In the presence of politicians and policy makers, it will be an opportunity to discuss a consensus statement which addresses the societal impact of pain on Malta.

14.30	Registration & networking (self-service coffee will be available during event) Market Place & Posters on display			
	Co-chair	SIP Malta	MT	Christopher Vella
		No pain Foundation	MT	Mauro Mario
		No pain Foundation	SW	Narinder Rawal
		MoH	MT	Antoinette Calleja
	Secretary	MAP	MT	Matthew Camilleri
	Moderator	No pain Foundation	IT	Boaz Gedaliahu Samolsky Dekel
		Grünenthal	DE	Michael von Fisenne
	Plenary Reporter	MHN	MT	Gertrude A. Buttigieg
		No pain Foundation	MT	Silvana Fanalista
	Proceedings reporter	BM	ES	Paloma Temiño de Dios
		Malta Association of Physiotherapists	MT	Victoria Massalha
14.45	Welcome and introduction to "Consensus Statement addressing the Societal Impact of Pain on Malta".			
15.00	Pain – Medical perspective	No pain Foundation (NPF)	IT	Boaz Gedaliahu Samolsky Dekel
15.20	Sharing international best practices in pain care	European Pain Federation, EFIC®	PT	Chris Wells
15.40	Meet the Maltese person in pain: a profile	NPF/MoH	MT	Neville Calleja
16.00	Pain-Toolkit and Self-	Paintoolkit	EN	Pete Moore

The scientific framework of the "[Societal Impact of Pain](#)" (SIP) platform is under the responsibility of the [European Pain Federation EFIC®](#). Cooperation partners for SIP 2017 are [Pain Alliance Europe \(PAE\)](#) and [Active Citizenship Network \(ACN\)](#). The SIP 2017 symposium is co-hosted by the [Malta Health Network](#) and the [No Pain Foundation](#). The pharmaceutical company [Grünenthal GmbH](#) is responsible for funding and non-financial support (e.g. logistical support). In the past the scientific aims of the SIP symposia have been endorsed by over 300 international and national pain advocacy groups, scientific organisations and authorities.

management as options for pain patients				
16.20	Pain Euro-Mediterranean Coalition	ACN	IT	Mariano Votta
16.30	Patient perspective Video – NPF, ARAM, FM & ME, MS & Cancer		MT	Patient groups
16.45	Lessons learnt from international experts panel - panel discussion	Pain Alliance Europe	NL	Joop van Griensven
		European Pain Federation, EFIC®	PT	Chris Wells
		European Patients' Forum	BE	Nicola Bedlington
		ISAL	IT	William Raffaeli
17.15	Impact of Pain in Maltese Citizens	MHN	MT	Mario Gixti
17.30	Can Pain policy do without Physiotherapy?	MAP	MT	Matthew Camilleri
17.45	Services available for Pain care in Malta	ARAM/MoH	MT	Marylin Casha
18.00 – 18.30	Panel discussion “Consensus Statement Addressing the Societal Impact of Pain on Malta”.		MT	Chris Caruana Mario Gixti Christopher Vella Gertrude A. Buttigieg



Structured Cooperation between Health Care Systems tackling the societal impact of pain!



Programme SIP 7-9 June 2017

Symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 market place

13.00 – Registration, networking and welcome coffee Market place & Posters on display
20.00

Pre-symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 Bladder pain special interest group

Bladder pain syndrome (BPS) / Interstitial cystitis (IC) is a chronic pain condition that remains poorly defined resulting in long delays to diagnosis and treatment. This workshop will bring together patient group representatives from across Europe to discuss a common terminology for pain descriptors, including differences in severity and frequency of symptoms, impact of pain on quality of life and patient sub-populations.

Participation is on invitation

15.00 **Descriptors in Bladder Pain** **Lars Joensson**
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18.00

Pre-symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 Red Balloon project

The Red Balloon Campaign is raising global awareness around chronic pain, which not only affects individuals, but also their families, and society at Large. Prior to the main SIP symposium the [Red Balloon Project](#) event will take place. The Red balloon project is organized by [Pain Alliance Europe \(PAE\)](#) and supported by Boston Scientific while being endorsed by the SIP-partners.

18.30 **Red Balloon project**
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19.30

Pre-symposium - Wednesday June 7th 2017 Buffett diner

19.30 **Buffet & welcome speech** **Gertrude A. Buttigieg**
– **Silvana Fanalista**
22.00