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1ST EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

President Elect and EU Liaison Officer of the European Pain Federation (EFIC)

Stay informed about what's going on the SIP Platform!

Dear Reader,

The Societal Impact of Pain Platform exists since 2010 and has grown ever since: SIP provides a platform for raising awareness for the impact of pain in Europe, for exchanging information and best-practices and for supporting the development of EU-wide policies for improved pain management.

With this new SIP Newsletter the SIP Committee would like to introduce a new tool to keep you and/or your organization pro-actively updated on a regular basis about the latest milestones, developments and events around SIP.

We hope to meet your expectations with this very first issue and wish you an interesting and informative read!

On behalf of the SIP Platform we wish you a happy Easter break.

Sincerely,



Prof. Bart Morlion

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

Register Now!

In order to register for the SIP Newsletter (monthly/bi-monthly), please sign-in on the [SIP Website](#).

„Time for Action!“

The 6th event on the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) will take place in the European Parliament in Brussels / Belgium on 23-24 May. The event addresses anyone involved in pain policy e.g. health care professionals, politicians, representatives of pain advocacy groups, insurances, health authorities, regulators and budget holders.

Topics for discussion:

- ♥ 1. Pain as a quality indicator for health care
- ♥ 2. Chronic Pain: a disease or multi-morbidity?
- ♥ 3. The relevance of pain in cancer care and rehabilitation
- ♥ 4. Pain, rehabilitation and reintegration of workers in the working force

More information you can find under Events / SIP 2016. The full scientific programm SIP 2016 will be published soon.

Registration

Register here to participate at SIP 2016.

SIP 2016 announcements

More than 85 endorsing organisations already confirmed

March 2016: More than 85 organisations, patient groups, medical associations and other institutions from all over Europe have already confirmed their endorsement for SIP 2016 up to today, which reflects the broad relevance the topic of improved pain management still has for our multi-stakeholder group.

In case you are interested in also endorsing the scientific aims of SIP 2016, please contact us.

New co-operation partners

The SIP 2016 event committee is proud to announce that [Pain Alliance Europe \(PAE\)](#) and [Active Citizenship Network \(ACN\)](#) will be cooperation partners for this year's SIP symposium 2016 in Brussels. More information on SIP 2016 you will find here.

SIP News

Europe: Announcement of Cluster Headache Day

21 March 2016. The European Headache Federation (EHF) and the European Headache Alliance (EHA) are pleased to announce the 21st March as the first Cluster Headache Day as part of the 'What's the Under the Hat?' public awareness campaign.

Cluster headache is one of the worst pains known to man and affects up to 4 in 1,000 people, similar to the incidence of Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

More information you will find under [SIP Initiatives / Europe](#).

Save the Date - 6th April 2016 - Interest Group on „European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare“

The meeting PAIN THERAPY AND THE DEGREE OF PATIENT'S PAIN IN THE AGE OF CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE will be held on April 6th in Brussels at the European Parliament from 15:00 to 17:00 in room ASP 5G305.

More information on this meeting you will find in our SIP event calendar 2016.

Contact us!

Questions, need support, wish to endorse or to publish on SIP Platform?

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