



EXPERT GROUP ON SOCIAL IMPACT OF PAIN

12TH EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

On October 4th about 50 experts representing different stakeholder groups and countries attended the Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) [Steering Committee](#) in Brussels to review the impressive achievements of the SIP platform in 2017 and to define the strategy for 2018. There was a general consensus to build on and learn from the successes in Europe by establishing activities at a national level; going into member states to initiate or build on existing platforms and collaborations.

Further, we are happy to announce that the [Social Impact of Pain \(SIP\) Expert Group](#), hosted on the EU Health Platform of the European Commission, went live in October. This is a great opportunity for the SIP platform to exchange, compare and benchmark evidence and best practices on pain management and its impact on the society. Please [join](#) us and become member of the Expert Group! In addition, the European Commission has given us the opportunity to make the SIP Expert Group a 'Thematic Network on SIP'. Please support us and [vote](#) for SIP until December 4th!

Sincerely,



Prof. Bart Morlion | Director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Centre of the University of Leuven, Belgium
President of the European Pain Federation EFIC®



FROM NICE MEETINGS TO HARD WORK!

Around 50 key stakeholders involved in the pain policy agenda in Europe attended the SIP Steering Committee meeting on October 4th in Brussels to define the strategy for 2018.





SURVEY OF ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE EU HEALTH POLICY PLATFORM - VOTE FOR SIP UNTIL DEC 4th!

The European Commission has reached out to the Social Impact of Pain platform to apply for a "Thematic Network" on the Societal Impact of Pain.



THE FRENCH WHITE BOOK ON PAIN (LIVRE BLANC DOULEUR)

The French Pain Society SFETD has published a White Book on Pain. Read the interview with Professor Serge Perrot what other countries can learn from this initiative.



CALL TO USE NEUTRAL, PRECISE AND RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

Several organisations like the European Pain Federation EFIC called on medical journals to ensure that authors always use terminology that is neutral, precise, and respectful in relation to the use of psychoactive substances.



APPLY FOR THE BMP GRANT TO FUND YOUR GOOD IDEAS!

What is it that prevents you from going further to realise your projects and ideas? The Brain Mind and Pain (BMP) Grant promotes and financially supports patient-centred projects.



THE EUROPEAN PAIN FEDERATION IS RECRUITING!

The European Pain Federation EFIC has decided to reorganise its various committees and task forces to bring the pain community closer together.



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