



# **SIP Symposium 2014**

## **Interactive Panel Discussions**

**5<sup>th</sup> European Annual Event**

**SQUARE - Brussels Meeting Centre**  
Glass Entrance, Rue Mont des Arts  
B-1000, Brussels

**November 18<sup>th</sup> 2014**



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## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November

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**8:30-9:10**      **Shuttle service, please proceed to hotel entrance.** Alternatively you may walk to the venue which is 1,6 kms from the hotel and will take approximately 20 mins - a map will be provided at the SIP hospitality desk in the hotel.

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**9:00**            **Arrivals and registration:**  
SQUARE - Brussels Meeting Centre, Glass Entrance, Rue Mont des Arts, B-1000 Brussels.

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**9:30**            **Opening and Welcome**

**Chris Wells:** President of the European Pain Federation EFIC®

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9:45

**Panel Discussion 1:**

**Out of sight, out of mind – why the reluctance to see pain as a critical issue?**

**Panelists:**

**Hans Kress:** Immediate Past President of the European Pain Federation EFIC®

**David Hughes:** Professor of Health Economics, University of Chester

**Neil Betteridge:** Vice-Chair of the Chronic Pain Policy Coalition CPPC

**Maria Teresa García Baquero:** Coordinator of Regional Palliative Care Program.  
Healthcare system of Madrid Community

**Shelagh Wright:** Facilitator Pain Management and Psycho-oncology education

**Aims**

- Confirming briefly the key facts relating to the impact of chronic pain on European society from different perspectives.
- Elaborate a better understanding of why there is such a reluctance to see chronic pain as a critical issue.
- Understand the major hurdles that should be addressed in order to elevate the importance of pain therapy and palliative care at both the EU and member state level

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10:30-11:00

**Refreshment break**



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11:00-11:45

**Panel Discussion 2:**

**Good practice – how do we stimulate innovation and accelerate the replication?**

**Panelists:**

**Chris Wells:** President of the European Pain Federation EFIC®

**Meherzin Das:** Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Lead, Dorset Community Pain Service

**Audrey Craven:** President of the European Alliance of Neurological Associations EFNA

**Orsi Nagy:** Policy officer, European Commission DG Sante

**Jamie O’Hara:** Director Healthcare Decisions and Senior Lecturer in Health Economics at Chester University

**Aims:**

- What are the real hurdles that are preventing the widespread uptake of the examples of good practise considering that the value and importance of early intervention and the prevention of chronification of pain is well documented.
- Excellent examples of good practise exist and were reported on at previous SIP meetings. It will be important to understand how the SIP stakeholders can work with the European Commission to support the wider replication of the cases collected by the B3 Action Group on integrated care.
- Why if effective treatments and strategies exist are these not being implemented effectively or with equity across Europe?
- Explore what is needed to stimulate a fresh wave of innovation that will inspire better outcomes for patients?

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11:45-12:00

**Interview with three patient ambassadors:** making the invisible visible - the experience of living with chronic pain

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12:00-13:00

**Lunch**

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13:00-14:00

**Panel Discussion 3:**

**Outcome of the Italian Presidency's discussion on Pain and Palliative Care at the informal Ministerial Council. What now?**

**Panelists:**

**The Italian Ministry of Health**

**Giustino Varrassi:** EU liaison officer and Past President of the European Pain Federation EFIC®

**Rolf-Detlef Treede:** President of the International Association for the Study of Pain IASP®

**Robert Johnstone:** Board member of the International Alliance of Patients IAPO®

**Willem Scholten:** Consultant – formerly with the WHO Access to Controlled Medicines

**Paloma Casado Durandez:** Deputy Director of Quality and Cohesion Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality

**Aims:**

- Provide a platform to the Italian Presidency of the EU Council for furthering their political objective which is to ensure that pain and palliative care will receive a high priority on the agenda of the member states and also the European institutions in the future.
- Define the role that the SIP partners and endorsers can play to ensure the outcomes from the efforts and the work of the Italian Presidency will be used to ensure new forward momentum in the advocacy work for improved recognition for the need to ensure improved pain policy and treatment in Europe.

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14:00-14:30

**Refreshment break**

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**14:30-15:30**    **Panel Discussion 4:**  
**The future – How can stakeholders advocating for the recognition of pain in Europe work together to ensure change?**

**Panelists:**

**Bart Morlion:** President-Elect of the European Pain Federation EFIC®

**Marian Harkin:** MEP European Parliament

**Neil Betteridge:** Vice-Chair of the Chronic Pain Policy Coalition CPPC

**Guido Fanelli:** President of Pain Therapy and Palliative Care Committee of the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Policy

**Günter Danner:** Deputy Director Liaison Bureau of the German Social Security Institutions

**Aims**

- Identify how each stakeholder group will define success in 1-2 years time?
- What could be done to ensure that the broad alliance of organisations in Europe working towards improved pain care and pain policies can collaborate closer in the future?
- Define what are the priorities that each stakeholder group should address in their own camp to ensure that patients can look forward to real progress and positive change in pain therapy and palliative care?
- Define what needs to be done urgently to bring new fresh momentum to the advocacy work on Chronic Pain?

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**15:30**            **Closing remarks: Marian Harkin, MEP European Parliament and host of SIP 2014**

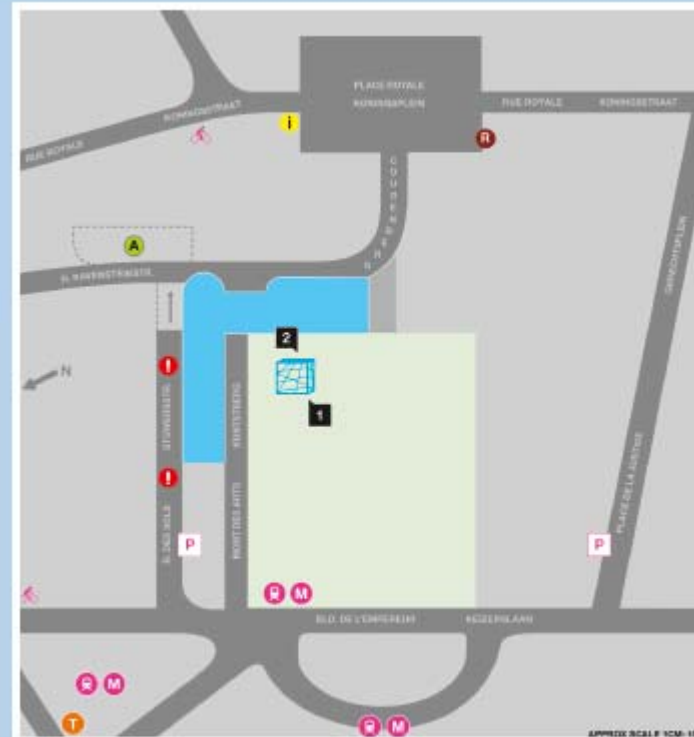
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## Access to Square Brussels Meeting centre (walking distance to/from hotel only 1,6 kms approximately 20 mins)

- 1** GLASS ENTRANCE  
(MONT DES ARTS - KUNSTBERG, 1000 BRUSSELS)
- 2** TERRACE ENTRANCE  
(MONT DES ARTS - KUNSTBERG, 1000 BRUSSELS)

- E** ENTRANCE CENTRAL STATION
- M** ENTRANCE METRO CENTRAL STATION
- T** TAXI
- I** TOURIST INFORMATION
- P** PUBLIC PARKING «ALBERTINE»  
(DIRECT ACCESS TO SQUARE)  
(RUE DES BOLS, 1000 BRUSSELS)
- B** CITY BIKES DISPOSAL
- A** BOZAR (DIRECT ACCESS FROM SQUARE)
- !** NO PARKING IN THE STREET
- R** MUSEUM RESTAURANT



## **About European Pain Federation EFIC®**

The European Pain Federation EFIC® is a multidisciplinary professional organisation in the field of pain research and medicine, consisting of the 36 chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP®), which are the IASP approved official National Pain Societies in each country. Established in 1993, EFIC's constituent chapters represent Pain Societies from 36 European countries and close to 20,000 physicians, basic researchers, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists and other

healthcare professionals across Europe, who are involved in pain management and pain research. More information: <http://www.efic.org/>

## **About Grünenthal**

The Grünenthal Group is an independent, family-owned, international research-based pharmaceutical company headquartered in Aachen, Germany. Building on its unique position in pain treatment, its objective is to become the most patient-centric company in the field of pain and thus to be a leader in therapy innovation. More information: <http://www.grunenthal.com>

## USEFUL LINKS

### Societal Impact of Pain

website of the SIP platform with in-depth content and news

[www.sip-platform.eu](http://www.sip-platform.eu)

### The European Pain Federation EFIC®

website with details on EFIC® activities and chapters

[www.efic.org](http://www.efic.org)

### Nick Ross

conference moderator

[www.nickross.com](http://www.nickross.com)

