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# Announcement & Preliminary Draft Programme

Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) 2012  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
29-31 May, 2012

The SIP 2012 symposium is hosted by the Danish Association for Chronic Pain Patients (FAKS). The scientific framework of SIP 2012 is under the responsibility of the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®). The pharmaceutical company Grünenthal GmbH is responsible for funding and non-financial support (e.g. logistical support).



**SIP**  
Societal Impact of Pain



## Chronic pain in Europe

Chronic pain poses a severe burden on the individual but also on the society, including an enormous economic burden for the health care systems. So far, a structured programme of the institutions of the EU targeting these challenges and long-term consequences of chronic pain is missing

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 Societal Impact of Pain (SIP) symposia

Following the first SIP symposium in May 2010, the second symposium on the "Societal Impact of Pain" took place in the European parliament in May 2011. An important outcome of SIP 2011 was the "Road Map for Action", which outlines the key issues on how the EU institutions and member states could effectively address the societal impact of pain at both EU and national levels.

Based on the tremendous response of the previous SIP symposia EFIC® and Grünenthal have decided to organise SIP 2012. The national and European implementation of the Road Map for Action will be a central theme for discussion.

In the first half of 2012, Denmark will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Supported by a large group of Danish and European stakeholders EFIC® aims to raise awareness with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the societal impact of pain by organising SIP 2012 in Denmark.



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The 3<sup>rd</sup> symposium on the "Societal Impact of Pain" will take place May 30 & 31, 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark. This symposium offers a unique opportunity for developing the dialogue between all key stakeholders involved in future pain care policy.

## Preliminary Draft Programme

Tuesday, 29 May

**13:00** Special group meetings

Wednesday, 30 May

**12:00** Registration

**13:00** Opening by Hans Georg Kress, President EFIC®

**14:00** Workshops

**WS 1:** Chronic Diseases: Chronic Pain as a disease in its own right

**WS 2:** Active & Healthy Ageing: Pain management for an improved quality of life

**WS 3:** Improving pain management: Delivering results in best practice cooperation models

**WS 4:** Benchmarking, education and research programmes on pain management in the European Union

**WS 5:** Establishing multi-stakeholder pain platforms in Europe

Thursday, 31 May

**09:00** Presentation and discussion of the findings from the special groups and workshops

Chair: Giustino Varrassi, EFIC®

**11:00** Education and research: deliverables

What can we do to include pain in education, in a structured and shared way?

How to measure innovations in pain medicine?

Best practice examples for pain education.

**12:30** Lunch

**13:30** European Implementation of the Road Map for Action

Chair: Hans G. Kress, EFIC®

European Road Map Monitor 2011

Examples of pain policy in Europe

Pain in healthy ageing

Pain amongst chronic diseases

**15:30** Discussion & Closing Remarks

**16:00** Closing

**Registration fee for regular attendees [excluding accommodation]:**

Early Bird Fee EUR 100 if paid before March 1, 2012.

Normal Fee EUR 150 if paid between March 1, 2012 and May 1, 2012.

Late Fee EUR 250 if paid after May 1, 2012.

The online registration starts on Jan 12, 2012 and will close 18:00 hrs. May 11, 2012. You can register at: <http://www.regonline.com/sip-copenhagen>. If you have any questions, please contact Randa Becker at [randa@r-events.com](mailto:randa@r-events.com) or call at: +32 473 291 361.

**Accommodation & Venue:**

We currently have a room block at reduced rates at the symposium venue Bella Center Copenhagen (<http://www.bellacenter.dk>) where the event is being held. Following the availability, the hotel will offer the best available rate at the time of booking. Please note that all costs including your accommodation are at your responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact Randa Becker at [randa@r-events.com](mailto:randa@r-events.com) or +32 473 291 361.

**Language:**

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

**Poster presentation information:**

There will be limited possibility to present posters. For more information please contact [sip-platform@grunenthal.com](mailto:sip-platform@grunenthal.com)

**Exhibitor Opportunities:**

For patient and pain advocacy organisations there will be limited possibility to present your organisation and services. For more information please contact [sip-platform@grunenthal.com](mailto:sip-platform@grunenthal.com).

**Endorsement:**

Organisations willing to endorse the scientific framework of SIP 2012 under the responsibility of the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®) are asked to contact [sip-platform@grunenthal.com](mailto:sip-platform@grunenthal.com)

**Further Information:**

Further information can be found at:  
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