

CONGRESS – PAIN IN EUROPE

The biennial congress of the European Pain Federation EFIC, 'Pain in Europe', is our largest meeting, and the focal point for the pain community each time it takes place. Pain in Europe showcases opinion-leading speakers and a scientific program consisting of the latest evidence-based medicine in all relevant disciplines in the field of pain management. The congress offers numerous lectures, workshops, refresher courses and networking initiatives on all aspects of pain.

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PAIN

The European Journal of Pain (EJP) is the official journal of the European Pain Federation EFIC. The journal publishes clinical, basic and translational research papers relevant to all aspects of pain and its management. The EJP is published every month and it is free for the members of our national chapters, contributing members and congress attendees.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS WELCOME

Contributing membership is available to individuals and organisations who wish to support the aims and objectives of the European Pain Federation EFIC. More information on benefits and fees are available on our website.

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To remain up to date with the activities of the European Pain Federation you can visit our website, follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube and subscribe to our quarterly Newsletter.

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WHO WE ARE

The European Pain Federation EFIC® is a multidisciplinary professional organisation in the field of pain research and medicine, consisting of the 37 chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP®) in Europe. Established in 1993, The European Pain Federation EFIC constituent chapters represent 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.

AIMS OF THE EUROPEAN PAIN FEDERATION EFIC

We aim to advance research, education, and clinical management of pain and serve as an authoritative, science-based resource on issues related to pain and its treatment.

WHAT DO WE DO?



Develop educational programmes to improve pain knowledge amongst healthcare practitioners



Raise awareness of the importance of pain, including its management, treatment and prevention, amongst patients and the general public



Engage in research projects and disseminate research funding, in order to advance the scientific understanding of pain



Campaign to improve policies that affect pain and to increase funding for pain in public research programmes



Organise the largest scientific congress on pain in Europe, showcasing the latest research and clinical management approaches

OUR CORE WORK IS FOCUSED AROUND THREE PILLARS; EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY



EDUCATION

Key projects include the following:

Pain Schools: We organise 'EFIC Pain Schools', bringing together leading educators to provide study programs across Europe. The schools are aimed at young medical doctors and allied healthcare professionals who are interested in further developing their knowledge and expertise in the field of pain management.

Examinations: We have developed curricula on pain medicine and pain physiotherapy and accompanying examinations. The European Diploma in Pain Medicine (EDPM) and the European Diploma in Pain Physiotherapy (EDPP) examinations take place once a year. Further curricula are being developed on nursing and clinical psychology.

Online Education Platform: We have launched the EFIC Education Platform, an online video platform featuring a comprehensive selection of lectures and presentations recorded at our biennial congresses and pain schools. This will eventually evolve into an advanced educational platform with modules developed to facilitate learning around our curricula.



RESEARCH

Key projects include the following:

Grants and prizes: We offer grants and prizes to reward the pain research community. The best basic and clinical research papers in our scientific journal are awarded at our scientific congress. We also organise the EFIC-Grünenthal-Grant, a large funding programme for young researchers.

Research consortia: We take part in research consortia, including in European Commission projects such as the Innovative Medicines Initiative and Horizon 2020/Framework Programme. Starting in 2018 we are actively engaged in the IMI-PainCare consortia.

Clinical task forces: We assemble clinical task forces to develop clinical outputs such as guidelines and standards of care documents. These are composed of experts in their fields, representing our multidisciplinary community, and following robust methodological standards.



ADVOCACY

Key projects include the following:

Societal Impact of Pain: We advocate for improved government policies impacting pain by focusing on the societal and economic impact of pain. In partnership with Grünenthal and Pain Alliance Europe, we organise meetings with politicians, develop communication materials and identify policy interventions.

European Year Against Pain: We take part in the IASP Global Year Against Pain campaign, known in Europe as the European Year Against Pain. We develop fact sheets on particular subjects within the field of pain, and our chapters organise meetings and awareness raising activities on the subject.

European Pain Management: We published the book 'European Pain Management', taking stock of the experiences in pain management of the 37 countries of the European Pain Federation EFIC and to call for a more comprehensive approach to pain management in Europe. For more information on where to find the book please visit our website.