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34th EDITION OF THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF PAIN (SIP) NEWSLETTER

Dear Reader,

we hope you are well, and ready to enjoy your deserved summer break.

Together, Resilient, Europe.

This is Slovenia's motto, which, from the 1st of July, took over the [Presidency of the Council of the European Union \(EU\)](#). Coinciding with this, the European Commission officially launched the new EU [Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027](#) that intends on keeping workers safe and healthy in a rapidly changing world of work. The framework defines the key priorities and actions to improve workers' health and safety, including addressing rapid changes in our economy, demography, working patterns, and practices.

Influencing employment-related policies is one of SIP's priorities for 2021, and in June SIP published its [position paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation](#). The paper highlights the need for action by European Institutions, national governments, and employers to address employment and integration issues for individuals with pain across Europe. Later this year, on the **28th of October, SIP will organise a multi-stakeholder online event hosted by MEP Alex AGIUS SALIBA (S&D, Malta)** to discuss the paper's recommendations in more detail. More information will follow soon.

Continuing on the theme of employment and pain, as you may know, SIP is a partner of the [European Agency for Safety and Health at Work \(EU-OSHA\) Healthy Workplaces – Lighten the Load 2021-2022 campaign](#). This campaign aims to raise awareness of the impact of, and ways to prevent work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). Related to this, on the **7th September 2021, 14:00-15:00 CEST**, SIP will hold a special edition Joint Webinar with EU-OSHA. This webinar will be an opportunity for SIP National Platform colleagues (and any interested colleagues within the broader European and national SIP networks) to discover more about the work of EU-OSHA, share their experiences with pain and employment policies at national level, and discuss the recommendations in SIP's position paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation. To join the webinar on the day, please follow this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/741104381>

Digital health and pain is also one of SIP's 2021 policy priorities, and following SIP's response to the European Commission's [Roadmap for European Health Data Space \(EHDS\)](#),

SIP also recently responded to the Commission's [Public Consultation on the EHDS](#). The EHDS aims to make full use of digital health, provide high-quality healthcare, and reduce inequalities across Europe. It intends to promote access to health data for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, research, and innovation, as well as for policymaking and legislation. Coinciding with this, SIP is currently preparing a position paper entitled "Digital Health: Pain Measurement and Quality Indicators." More information in this will be announced shortly.

In the past months SIP has also continued its external engagement with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), notably with [MEP Cyrus Engerer](#) and [MEP Marian-Jean Marinescu](#). We are happy to announce that MEP Marinescu has endorsed the [SIP Joint Statement](#), and we look forward to continued collaboration with both MEPs in the future.

In the spirit of sharing more good news, we are proud to announce that "[SIP's pledge to uphold and implement the European Pillar of Social Rights](#)" has been awarded first prize for the "Patient Empowerment" category in the [European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain – III Edition](#). SIP Chair, Patrice Forget accepted the award on behalf of SIP. You can watch his intervention [here!](#)

On the 23rd of June, PAE President Joop van Griensven finished his mandate. The SIP Team would like to thank Joop for his hard work, his commitment to improving the lives of people with chronic pain, and his contributions to SIP over the years.

I am delighted to welcome Deirdre Ryan, the new President of Pain Alliance Europe, and look forward to working closely with Deirdre on our shared objectives and goals.

We are now more than 18 months into the pandemic, but as we reach the one-year anniversary of the new SIP governance model, we can be proud of a number of achievements, and we would like to thank you all for your continued support. There is still much to be done to improve European policies that impact people with pain, and thus SIP will continue its efforts throughout the remainder of the pandemic and beyond.

A final date for your diary is **November the 9th 2021**, which is when SIP will hold its annual Stakeholder Forum, recapping our achievements throughout 2021, and finalising our strategy for 2022. More information on this will follow shortly.

Finally, please remember to visit our [website](#), and follow us on our social media channels so you do not miss anything! You can also keep up to date with SIP's future activities by checking out our [events section](#) of our website.

We wish you a safe and relaxing summertime,

**Dr. Brona Fullen, President of European Pain Federation EFIC &
Ms. Deirdre Ryan, President of Pain Alliance Europe (PAE)**

[SIP & EU-OSHA webinar on employment and pain on the 7th September](#)



The Societal Impact of Pain is organising a special edition webinar with the European Agency for Safety and Health and Work (EU-OSHA). The event will take place on the 7th of September 2021, 14:00-15:00 CEST, and is open to all. This event will be an opportunity to hear more about EU-OSHA's work, the EU-OSHA "[Healthy Workplaces – Lighten the Load](#)" campaign, to share experiences on pain and employment policies, and to discuss the recently published [SIP Position Paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation](#).



[SIP responds to the European Commission's Public Consultation on the European Health Data Space](#)





In May, the European Commission opened a public consultation on the European Health Data Space (EHDS) - an important building block of the European Health Union. The EHDS aims to make full use of digital health to provide high-quality healthcare and reduce inequalities. Read SIP recommendations [here](#).

SIP presents its position paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation



The Societal Impact of Pain SIP publishes its position paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation. The paper highlights the need for action by European Institutions, national governments, and employers to support a healthy and productive European workforce and society.



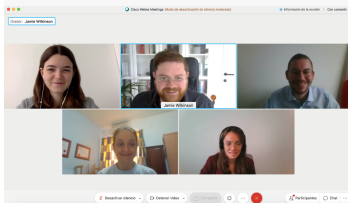
SIP virtual launch event for Position Paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation, 28th October

On 28th October 2021, SIP will organise a multi-stakeholder online event hosted by MEP Alex AGIUS SALIBA (S&D, Malta) to discuss the recommendations from [SIP's Position Paper on Workplace Integration and Adaptation](#) in more detail. More information will follow soon, but you can keep an eye on our [events page](#) for updates!



SIP receives award for patient empowerment

"SIP's pledge to uphold and implement the European Pillar of Social Rights" won the best practice award for patient empowerment in the [European Civic Prize on Chronic Pain – III Edition](#) competition. SIP Chair Prof Patrice Forget accepted the award on behalf of SIP. Watch Patrice's intervention [here](#).



SIP met virtually with the office of MEP Cyrus Engerer

On the 28th of May 2021, the SIP team met online with the Office of MEP Cyrus Engerer (S&D, Malta). The team spoke about SIP's long-term priorities, SIP's 2020-21 Policy Priorities, the [SIP Cancer Pain Policy Paper](#) key facts and key recommendations, and the [recommendations from the 2nd March cancer event](#).



MEP Marian-Jean Marinescu endorses the SIP Joint Statement

On the 11th of May 2021, the SIP team met online with the Office of MEP Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP, Romania). The team spoke about the [SIP Cancer Pain Policy Paper](#), the [recommendations from the](#)



2nd March cancer event, and outlined SIP's key 2021 policy priorities. The call was also an opportunity to discuss areas of shared interest and potential future collaboration. SIP is happy to announce that MEP Marinescu agreed to endorse our [Joint Statement](#).



Pain Alliance Europe welcomes Deirdre Ryan as new President

The PAE General Assembly took place on the 23rd of June. The meeting was an occasion to say goodbye to Joop van Griensven, who has served as President of Pain Alliance Europe for almost a decade. PAE elected Deirdre Ryan as a new President.



SIP Portugal: celebration of National day against pain, 16 of October 2021



The National Platform SIP Portugal (PT) is organising a webinar to celebrate the National Day Against Pain on the 16th of October. SIP PT will emphasise the fact that WHO includes “chronic pain as a disease” in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11). The topics to be discussed will be related to SIP's objectives and the presentation of the SIP PT Website.



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