

Welcome Message

Dear participants of the Baltic Education Course on “Pain in Neurology”!

As President of the European Pain Federation EFIC[®], I am pleased to address this Welcome Message to all of you on behalf of the Executive Board of EFIC[®], and as an expression of my personal esteem for the longstanding EFIC[®] Councillor and President of the Lithuanian Pain Society LSD, Dr. Arunas Sciupokas. Congratulations also to the whole organising team of this Baltic Education Course, which is going to take place in the wonderful small resort town Druskininkai in southern Lithuania!

The European Pain Federation EFIC[®] is a multidisciplinary and multiprofessional organisation in the field of pain medicine and research, representing 36 European pain societies – the EFIC Chapters - and over 20,000 physicians of different specialties, scientists, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists and other health care professionals involved in pain medicine across Europe. Since 2001, a major initiative of EFIC[®] is the European Year against Pain (EYAP[®]) that is dedicated every year to a special topic, which is currently “Orofacial Pain” and will be “Neuropathic Pain” starting off in October 2014. As you know, chronic neuropathic pain is not just a symptom of an underlying neurologic disease, of a somato-sensory dysfunction or damaging process, it is also a major burden on individuals, health care providers, and society. Chronic neuropathic pain is a specific health care problem, and in many patients it has even become a disease in its own right.

So, there are many good reasons why EFIC[®] has endorsed and financially supported this Baltic Education Course on “Pain in Neurology”. I am sure that the excellent international faculty and the well organised course program will provide all physicians, who treat such pain patients, a better understanding of clinical diagnosis and treatments of central and peripheral neuropathic pain syndromes, CRPS, chronic headaches and orofacial pain.

Once again, my very best wishes for a successful interdisciplinary Baltic Course on Pain in Neurology!

With best regards,



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