

For the Committee on Research the following points are to report:

- 1.) The 2014 EFIC-Grünenthal Grant (EGG) application process was completed on May. The Committee members performed a huge amount of work by reviewing 100 applications and mastered the difficult task of finding the 7 winners, within the timeline expected. The research projects which have been selected for funding are:

Jamila ANDOH, Germany; *Circuits of pain memory in chronic pain patients*

Christopher BROWN, United Kingdom; *Markers of cortical reorganisation in Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)*

Franziska DENK, United Kingdom; *Epigenetics & pain - uncovering the mechanisms*

Katarina FORKMANN, Germany; *The attentional effects of peripheral and trigeminal pain in healthy subjects and patients with postherpetic neuralgia*

Flavia MANCINI, United Kingdom; *Defining mechanisms of adaptive plasticity in the coding of nociceptive intensity and location*

Diana TORTA, Belgium; *Cortical and peripheral beta oscillations in pain*

Andrea TRUINI, Italy; *Breaking dogmas: a neurophysiological and neuroimaging study showing that non-nociceptive A β -fibres mediate paroxysmal pain in healthy humans*

- 2.) The winners of the E-G-G 2014 will be presented during the Opening Ceremony of our Congress
- 3.) Moreover, previous E-G-G winners will have the opportunity to give insights into their awarded projects by presenting the progress and results at the EFIC® Symposium “New Findings in Clinical Pain Research” on September 3rd 18:00 – 19:30 h.
- 4.) The Committee felt that it will be important to (re)define some evaluation procedures for EFIC - IBSA Publication Award. We dealt with 17 articles the first year and decided to stop the open application since otherwise we would have been faced with more than 50 papers to evaluate this year. We then decided that each Committee member proposes a paper for evaluation, but the problem again was to find fair criteria to avoid from conflicts of interest and compare/evaluate oranges and apples. The Co-Chair and Chair propose now a simpler, fairer evaluation procedure consisting in selecting a winner from a paper published in the European Journal of Pain. Then we will send to EFIC community a mail including the winner article + free issues of our Journal. By this way we will contribute to improve EFIC and our Journal visibility.
- 5.) Additional tasks included the participation of some Research Committee members in the EFIC Programme Committee of our Congress. The Chair was invited by the Education Committee to participate actively in the organization of the first EFIC Translational Pain School in Krakow, whose faculty members included also other members of our Research Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair also participated on the selection Committee for the new Editor-in-Chief of our Journal.

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