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- **Surveying undergraduate pain education in Europe:**

A taskforce including members of the EC and with support from Mundipharma has conducted research in European countries regarding the implementation status of pain management contents in the national and faculty curricula.

The results have been published by now (Briggs-E et al, BMJ open) and several posters and presentations had the survey as their topic (incl. the World Congress in Buenos Aires)

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Bilateral cooperations:

The EC fosters the cooperation between European chapters of EFIC to enhance awareness and education in pain medicine.

In 2014 no new cooperations have been established.

The pain medicine cooperation between Germany and Serbia will be evaluated and possibly supported by a grant from the German Ministry of Health after successful joint meetings in Novi Sad and Belgrade.

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- **Pain Schools:**

3 new pain schools took place for the first time:

- Liverpool (cancer pain and palliative medicine)

Pain Relief Foundation, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust

- Maribor (cancer pain and palliative medicine)

Nevenka Krčevski Škvarč, Mateja Lopuh, Maja Ebert Moltara

- Krakow (translational pain research: from lab to clinic)

Barbara Przewlocka, Joanna Mika, Katarzyna Starowicz, Lidia Radwan

Survey of pain school attendees could show: excellent evaluation of contents and high grade of sustainability.

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- **Supraspeciality of Pain Medicine:**

according to European regulations a speciality of pain medicine will not be achievable.

the goal is to establish a supraspeciality, allowing all caregivers in clinical practice to achieve pain medicine (for the moment this applies for physicians only).

EFIC has been requested to join an “advisory board” for this task by UEMS.

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- **Curriculum for postgraduate pain medicine education:**

the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Australian College of Anaesthetists has granted EFIC permission to adapt and use their pain curriculum.

1. invited reviewers will revise their area of expertise.
2. councillors` approval of the revised curriculum
3. endorsement by relevant European specialist societies (within 2nd half of 2015)

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European Pain Diploma:

Part 1 = “proficiency in Pain Medicine” (CPPM)
medical and non-medical

Part 2 = European Pain Fed. Diploma Pain Medicine (EDPM):
medical only (“Diploma”)

1st Diploma Examinations Sep 2016

Certain prerequisites for candidates to enter exams apply

MCQ + OSCE

Examination Chair: Liam Conroy, Ireland

Award ceremony at EFIC congress

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