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To all EFIC Councillors,

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Dear Councillors,

Dear Friends,

We are starting the **European Week against Pain 2007**, with the main theme "**Pain in Women**" similar to IASP. Although the campaign is launched in the week of 15 October 2007, the period of the campaign is extended to the whole year, ending with the launch of the next campaign in October 2008.

This is also the opportunity to present our respects to Prof. David Niv who initiated the European Week against Pain in 2001.

On behalf of the Executive Board of EFIC, I would like to thank Prof. Maria Adele Giamberardino for her outstanding efforts to run this campaign. You will receive a letter from her explaining the details of the EWAP campaign "Pain in Women"

All **your activities** during this year will also be presented **on our website**. Please get in touch with Prof. Maria Adele Giamberardino and Mrs. Carine Jaquet, our Executive Secretary.

A **Grant** on the name of **Prof. David Niv** has also been established recently. The committee/jury for this grand will be chaired by Prof. Maria Adele Giamberardino, Prof. Michael Zenz (Chair of Education Committee), Prof. Nevenka Krceviski-Skvarc (Slovenia Councillor), Prof. Margarita Puig and Prof. Hans Kress (ex-officio, EFIC Executive Board). The focus is on clinical research projects that could be rewarded up to 20.000 €. The specific details and conditions will also be set up by this committee and more information on this will certainly be send to you in due time.

After the Council Meeting in Assisi, **EFIC's Executive Board** has organized several **meetings**, in its office or through teleconferences:

- ⇒ On 6 July 2007, a meeting with Grünenthal related with EGG (EFIC Grünenthal Grant)
- ⇒ On 6 July 2007, a meeting with Elsevier (Karena Grundy and Tina Cherrington) and the Publication Committee (Prof. Hermann Handwerker, Dr. Beverly Collett, Prof. Hans Kress, Dr. Roisin MacSullivan) regarding the future strategy of the European Journal of Pain.
- ⇒ On 6 July 2007, an Executive Board Meeting.
- ⇒ On 31 July and 8 October 2007, two teleconferences with the Inner Circle Members and the Executive Board Members.

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Our campaign for **free online subscription to the European Journal of Pain for non IASP members** is continuing. I believe this is a unique example of a Federation offering such a high level and respected journal to the member societies. The Impact Factor of the journal for 2006 has increased from 2.460 in 2005 to 3.333 in 2006, so an increase of 0.873. The European Journal of Pain is listed in three categories 'Anaesthesiology', 'Clinical Neurology' and 'Neurosciences' and ranked 3rd/22 in Anaesthesiology, and 25th/146 in Clinical Neurology and 65th/199 in Neurosciences.

However the response from your non IASP members was not as we have expected so far. I would like to encourage you to promote the EJP within your societies for this free on line subscription.

The preparations for the **Council Meeting in Vienna on Saturday 17 May 2008**, where the elections will be held for the new executive board, have already started and you received some information through our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Carine Jaquet. Vienna, as all of us know, is an attractive city and there may be problems for accommodation, thus please inform Mrs. Carine Jaquet as soon as possible on this respect (no later than 30 November 2007; see her e-mail of 9 October 2007).

I wish you all a happy autumn and a successful campaign for EWAP-Pain in Women.

Best regards,

Prof. Serdar Erdine
President