



PAIN THERAPY AND THE DEGREE OF PATIENT'S PAIN IN THE AGE OF CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE

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Panelists

MEP José Inácio Faria

Member of the European Parliament since 2014 and member of several Committees among which the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. He is a lawyer, graduated in Portugal, and has been legal adviser for the Lisbon City Council. From 2007 to 2009 he has been Chair of the National Jurisdiction Council of the Partido da Terra (Earth Party) and from 2009 to 2011 Secretary General of the Earth Party. He is also a member of the MEPs Interest Group "European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare".

Maria Teresa Flor de Lima

Anesthetist graduated in Lisbon, post-graduated in pain medicine with a Master in palliative care. She is coordinator of a multidisciplinary pain unit in hospital Ponta Delgada - S. Miguel Island; adviser to Regional Health Directorate for strategies of pain control and adviser of Chronic Pain Patient Association in Azores. She is also coordinator of a volunteers network and teacher of pain and palliative care. She has been representative of the Azores Autonomous Region at the National Pain Control Commission and manager of the Regional Pain Control Program in Azores.

Pascal Garel

Chief Executive of HOPE, the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation, since September 2005. His main professional background is healthcare management, with a twelve-year experience in France. He has been also director of the European and International Department of the French Hospital Federation and had responsibilities for Central and Eastern Europe at the French Ministry of Health. He has been actively involved in the decision-making process in the hospital sector for more than twenty years in national and international contexts.

Alba Malara

Scientific Manager of the European Confederation Care Home Organization (E.C.H.O.) and member of the Scientific Committee of National Association of Third Age Residences (ANASTE), she is also President of Italian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (S.I.G.G.) and, since 2007, she works as Medical Director and geriatrician in several Long Term Care Facilities in Calabria (Italy). Her main areas of interest are aging, dementia, pain, nutrition, multidimensional assessment, quality of life in elderly.

Mauro Mario

Secretary General and Co-Founder of No Pain Foundation, an international non-profit organization, based in Malta, for the purpose of carrying out social, educational as well as research activities in the field of pain management and pain therapies. Its main objectives are education, research and care and all its

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activities are aimed at improving quality of life suffering from chronic pain by raising doctors' and citizens' awareness on this issue and supporting patients. He is also a journalist and Marketing & Communication Director for an important consultancy Maltese company.

Bart Morlion

Professor Morlion MD, PhD is director of the Leuven Centre for Algology & Pain Management at the University Hospitals of Leuven and professor at the University of Leuven, where he teaches pain management, pharmacology and evidence based medicine. He is EU-Liaison Officer and President Elect of the European Pain Federation EFIC and past president of the Belgian Pain Society. Bart Morlion is currently deputy editor of the European Journal of Pain and author of numerous publications on the management of pain.

Jordi Moya Riera

MD, PhD Specialist in pain management. He is Director, Research Professorship at the Efhre International University (EIU). He is also Honorary President of the Spanish Pain Association SINE DOLORE.

MEP Patrizia Toia

Member of the European Parliament since 2004, she is Head of the Italian delegation of the S&D Group - Partito Democratico, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and Member of several Delegations. She has been Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and, in 1996, she has been elected at the Senate of the Italian Republic. She held various institutional positions and, in 1999, she has been appointed Minister for European Affairs and Minister for Relations with Parliament.

Elena Ruiz de la Torre Gómez de Barreda

President of the Spanish Headache Patients Association (AEPAC) since its creation in 2004. In 2005 she met the EHA Projects, becoming a member of the European Headache Alliance that represents 25 Country Patient Organizations at European Level. In February 2016 she has become President of EHA. She has written several papers on Migraine and Cluster Headache and Patients. Her interest is to work for Patients, through Patients and with Patients, trying to make their lives better inside their families but also socially and occupationally.

Joop Van Griensven

President of Pain Alliance Europe since its foundation in November 2011. Active at national level in the Netherlands as Board member of the Dutch fibromyalgia association and at European level since 2008, beginning as treasurer of the European Network of Fibromyalgia Associations.

He is also member of the patient advisory board of the Dutch Medicines Evaluation Board and Chair of a regional patient advisory board for a big home care organization (+/- 4.500 clients).

Mariano Votta

Director of Active Citizenship Network and Responsible for European Affairs at Cittadinanzattiva. He has more than 10 years of experience in the field of protection of citizens' rights, stakeholder engagement, communication and civic information. He has the idea to encourage and promote the Member of the European Parliament Interest Group "European Patients' Rights & Cross-Border Healthcare" at the European Parliament in 2015.