



Newsletter 04-2010

Dear PAIN OUT partners,

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In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about PAIN OUT's progression and development during the last few weeks. This is the recent news of our project:

First Periodic Report: On 19 October 2010 our project officer in Brussels informed us that our first periodic report is "fine and according to the requirements of the grant agreement." As such a smooth review process isn't something that can be taken for granted; it is quite a success for us. The Commission will now proceed to calculate and execute the pre-payment for the next reporting period (July 2010 to December 2011). We would like to thank all project partners for their help and input!

Validation: After extensive discussions, the validation group agreed on final versions of the patient outcome questionnaire and the process questionnaire. At the moment, the updated outcome questionnaires are being translated. By end of the year, the new versions should be ready for use. You will get detailed information including updated SOPs some weeks before. As we have written already, please continue collecting data with the current forms you have until we send you the new, updated ones. Thanks to all members of the validation group for their work!

PAIN OUT International: An increasing number of international hospitals ask for participation in PAIN OUT International. An e-learning program for new PAIN OUT International sites is being developed. As soon as the updated questionnaires and SOPs as well as the e-learning program are available, new sites that meet our joining criteria will be allowed to participate. Further information on this can be found on our website. www.pain-out.eu

Tel Aviv Meeting: On Thursday, 20 January 2011, there will be a research assistants' meeting in the afternoon, from Friday, 21 January to Saturday, 22 January, our General Assembly Meeting will take place. Those of you who have not yet booked a hotel room are recommended to do so soon. For travelling to Israel, a passport which is valid for at least 6 more months is necessary. The preliminary agenda will be sent around by mid of December. You will receive detailed information on the the meeting (program, venue, map, etc.) by end of December.

Administration: Please remember to fill in the timesheets! Templates can be downloaded from our website (registered part, downloads). In case of an audit, you must be able to provide them! Please remember also to inform the coordination team about any presentation of the PAIN OUT project you give. We need this information for the next report.

Website: We would like to point out once again that on www.pain-out.eu lots of information can be found (minutes of meetings, forum discussions, electronic knowledge library, etc.). Please use this tool for a better understanding of PAIN OUT and for communication.

Feedback tool: Many of you already use the feedback tool. Please let us know which features are helpful and which could be improved. Enclosed to this newsletter, please find a table showing the current numbers of valid datasets in our database (Annex 1).

EKL: Over the last few months we have been asking people for comments and assessments of the 3 sample EKL chapters (we have an online assessment form, see in www.pain-out.eu, click on 'EKL'). Narinder gave out many requests for comments to participants at the ESRA meeting in September. So far we received 13 comments. We will summarize the findings and decide with Narinder how to proceed with the remaining chapters in the EKL.

Kind regards from Jena

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Encl.: Annex 1 – Number of data sets end of October 2010