

EFIC-Grünenthal Grant: Supporting up-and-coming researchers in the field of pain

Aachen/Brussels, September 23rd 2014. Young scientists from any European member country of the European Pain Federation EFIC[®] are invited to apply for the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant (E-G-G) 2014. This grant is one of the most prestigious and highly regarded pain research grants worldwide.

Provided by the European Pain Federation EFIC[®] in conjunction with the pharmaceutical company and pain expert Grünenthal GmbH, the grant supports young scientists early in their career to carry out innovative clinical and experimental human pain research projects. The selection for the awarding of grants is made independently by the Scientific Research Committee of the European Pain Federation EFIC[®].

The E-G-G is awarded biennially and the grants totaling € 200.000 are funded by Grünenthal GmbH. They are aimed to support up-and-coming researchers who are responsible for future advances and development in pain research. “The increasing number of applicants shows that E-G-G is a major way in which EFIC[®] is able to promote translational pain research. Since the establishment of the E-G-G, 47 winners from many different European countries have been honored for their projects in human pain research and have become members of the selected, stellar club of prize holders. E-G-G winners get the opportunity to present their findings at the show case symposium during the EFIC[®] Congress”, Dr Luis Villanueva, Chair of the EFIC[®] Committee on Scientific Research summarizes the importance of the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant.

Several former EFIC-Grünenthal Grant winners have confirmed the relevance of their research grants. “This gives me the opportunity to follow my research in pain. From now on I can focus on my research without having to worry about funding all the time.” says Dr Jordi Casanova-Molla, Spain, E-G-G winner 2012. Some have gone on to present their research at the biennial EFIC[®] meeting and other prestigious scientific meetings. In 2015, two former winners have been honored by being selected by the EFIC[®] Scientific Programme Committee to speak as plenarists at this important meeting.

In order to find new treatment possibilities in any medical field, both innovative ideas for research projects and young scientists to carry them out are needed. All interested young scientists can submit their research projects online until 31 December 2014: www.e-g-g.info.

About the European Pain Federation EFIC®

With headquarters in Diegem/Brussels, the European Pain Federation EFIC® is a multidisciplinary professional organization in the field of pain research and medicine, consisting of 36 European chapters, which are the IASP® accredited official National Pain Societies in each country. EFIC's constituent chapters therefore represent 36 European countries and close to 20,000 physicians, basic researchers, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists and other healthcare professionals across Europe, who are involved in pain management and pain research. For more information, please visit www.efic.org.

About Grünenthal

The Grünenthal Group is an independent, family-owned, international research-based pharmaceutical company headquartered in Aachen, Germany. Building on its unique position in pain treatment, its objective is to become the most patient-centric company in the field of pain and thus to be a leader in therapy innovation. Grünenthal is one of the last five remaining research-oriented pharmaceutical companies with headquarters in Germany which sustainably invests in research and development. Research and development costs amounted to about 27 percent of revenues in 2013. Grünenthal's research and development strategy concentrates on selected fields of therapy and state-of-the-art technologies. We are intensely focused on discovering new ways to treat pain better and more effectively, with fewer side-effects than current therapies. Altogether, the Grünenthal Group has affiliates in 25 countries worldwide. Grünenthal products are sold in more than 155 countries and approx. 5,500 employees are working for the Grünenthal Group worldwide. In 2013, Grünenthal achieved revenues of €901 mn. More information: www.grunenthal.com.

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