

EFIC-Grunenthal Grant 2008: Improving future pain treatment

Aachen, Germany, 05 December, 2008. Today the winners of the 2008 EFIC-Grunenthal Grant have been awarded by the European Federation of Chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain (EFIC) and the pharmaceutical company Grunenthal. The grant supports young international scientists in carrying out their excellent work in innovative and exploratory clinical and human experimental pain research. A total of 36 young researchers applied for funds totaling €100,000.

This year the EFIC Sub-Committee on Research decided to support the following five young researchers with € 20,000 each:

- Marijana Bras, University Hospital Centre, Zagreb Croatia
- Emanuel van den Broeke, University Medical Centre St Radboud, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
- Kate Limer, University of Manchester, Great Britain
- André Mouraux, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
- Gorazd Svetcic, University Hospital of Bern, Switzerland

“Today millions of Europeans suffer from severe acute or chronic pain”, EFIC President Professor Giustino Varrassi, L’Aquila, Italy comments. “However, their conditions are often not adequately treated. We need to understand that pain is a disease in its own right, which requires specific therapeutic measures, treatment, as well as better education and organization.”

Chronic pain may influence the patients’ quality of life in serious ways. Therefore optimal pain treatment is of enormous importance. Wolfgang Becker, Member of the Executive Board of Grunenthal GmbH agrees: “Our aim with the EFIC-Grunenthal Grant is to support research projects that can improve the understanding of pain and its therapy.” He explains “With better therapeutic options we may help a major group of people to regain their quality of life.”

More information on the EFIC-Grunenthal Grant including this year’s winners is available at www.e-g-g.info.

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