



## **Funding innovative pain research projects**

### **EFIC-Grünenthal Grant 2009: Final call for applications**

**Aachen, Germany, 22 April 2009. Until May 31<sup>st</sup>, young scientists from across Europe can apply for the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant 2009. The grant, provided by the European Federation of Chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain (EFIC<sup>®</sup>) in cooperation with the pharmaceutical company Grünenthal GmbH, offers young scientists funding for projects in innovative and exploratory clinical and human experimental pain research. German pain expert Grünenthal contributes an annual grant of €100,000 to support this research.**

“We are very pleased that the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant gives us the opportunity to support young scientists in driving pain research”, said EFIC President Professor Giustino Varrassi, L’Aquila, Italy. “In the past five years we have seen many interesting research projects and the data available by now are already contributing to a better understanding of pain. This is offering the scientific community the potential to improve the treatment of pain patients.”

Basic research is essential for a long-term improvement in pain therapy. The EFIC-Grünenthal Grant offers a great opportunity for young scientists to receive funding at an early exploratory stage of their research. Interested scientists can submit their applications online until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at [www.e-g-g.info](http://www.e-g-g.info).

“As experts in pain therapy, we are dedicated to increasing patients’ quality of life”, said Wolfgang Becker, Member of the Executive Board of Grünenthal GmbH. “A deeper understanding of pain is the basis for a better treatment. With the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant we are able to support pain research projects throughout Europe as part of our long-term commitment in pain therapy.”

The decisions on the recipients of the grants are exclusively made by the EFIC Sub-Committee on Research, which consists of internationally renowned specialists in the field of pain science and medicine. The winners of the EFIC-Grünenthal Grant 2009 will be announced in September 2009.

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**About EFIC**

The European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC®) is a multidisciplinary professional organization in the field of pain science and medicine, made up of the 32 European Chapters of IASP (International Association for the Study of Pain). Established in 1993, by Prof. Ulf Lindblom and other President of European IASP Chapters, EFIC's 32 constituent chapters represent 35 countries and over 19,000 scientists, physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists and other healthcare professionals across Europe, who study pain and treat patients suffering from pain. [www.efic.org](http://www.efic.org)

**About Grünenthal**

Grünenthal is an expert in pain therapy and gynaecology and a pioneer in intelligent, user-friendly drug delivery technologies. The company discovers, develops, produces and markets high therapeutic value pharmaceuticals that contribute to patients' ability to control their own lives. Grünenthal is an independent, family-owned German company with companies in 32 countries all over the world. Founded in 1946, the company employs 1,900 people in Germany and 5,300 worldwide. In 2007, Grünenthal achieved revenues of 846 million Euros. More information: [www.grunenthal.com](http://www.grunenthal.com)

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