



# Towards transatlantic co-operation in pain research

*Monday 29 October 2018, 9:00-18:00*

*European Commission, CDMA building, Room SDR1,  
Rue du Champ de Mars 21, 1050 Brussels*

The aim of this event is to identify and recommend potential collaboration priorities in research on pain under the upcoming work programme in Horizon 2020 and for the next Framework Programme - Horizon Europe, in order to boost EU-North America collaboration activities in this area.

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; coffee</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Opening speech</b>
	Irene Norstedt - Acting Director, Health Directorate, DG Research & Innovation, EC
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Setting the scene: The societal and economic burden of pain</b>
	<p><i>Understanding the global burden of a disease and how to better align research and innovation with the needs, values and expectations of the society.</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Andreas Holtel, Health Directorate, DG Research &amp; Innovation, EC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joop van Griensven - Pain Alliance Europe (PAE)</li> <li>- Owen Williamson - Pain Medicine Physicians Society of British Columbia (TBC)</li> <li>- Fiona Campbell - Canadian Pain Society (TBC)</li> <li>- Tölle Thomas - European Pain Federation (EFIC) (TBC)</li> <li>- Daniel S. Bennett - The Global Pain Initiative (GPI) (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10:25</b>	<b>The last decade of pain research – the state of the art</b>
	<p><i>The last decade of efforts to advance pain research – challenges, current state of the field from global perspective, and needed next steps, for six identified areas within pain research (10 minute sessions with Q&amp;A)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Anna Graca, Health Directorate, DG Research &amp; Innovation, EC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advancing basic understanding of pain (TBC)</li> <li>- Biomarkers of pain (TBC)</li> <li>- Frances Williams - Genetics and epigenetics of pain (EU)</li> <li>- Translational research (TBC)</li> <li>- Pain management (TBC)</li> </ul>

- Pain and addiction (TBC)
- Willem Scholten - From research results to policy recommendations (EU/Global) (TBC)

**12:30 Lunch break**

**13:30 Key priorities in pain research: future outlook (EU, USA, Canada)**

*Presentation of key future research priorities in pain research*

*Chair: Karim Berkouk, Health Directorate, DG Research & Innovation, EC*

- Stéphane Hogan, Health Directorate, DG Research & Innovation, EC
- Michaela Cress – Pain-Free Europe (EU)
- Michael Oshinsky - National Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), USA
- Linda Porter - National Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), USA (TBC)
- Wen Chen - National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) (USA)
- Karim Khan - Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), Canada
- Yves DeKoninck - Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), Canada

**15:15 Coffee break**

**15:30 International partnerships – How do we work together?**

*Presentation of current initiatives for research in Europe, Canada and the US, and initiative supporting international collaboration.*

*Chair: Krisztina Dax, BILAT US 4.0 representative*

- Wolfgang Wittke, International Cooperation, DG Research & Innovation, EC
- Olaf Heilmayer - BILAT US 4.0
- Elke Dall - EU-Canada Programme Level Cooperation Task Force
- Frédéric Destrebecq - European Brain Council (EBC)
- Pierre Meulien - Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), EU (TBC)
- Petra Bloms-Funke – EU international initiative on pain (IMI-PainCARE)

*Discuss framework conditions and ways to collaborate*

**16:15 Towards transatlantic mission on pain - Interactive discussion**

*How to better coordinate international efforts, strategies and partnerships to advance research on pain and accelerate access to better and safer treatment for patients*

*Moderator: Stéphane Hogan, Health Directorate, DG Research & Innovation, EC*

*Topics/ questions to be addressed:*

- *Potential collaboration topics - and relevant impact – based on the previous sessions*

*Action points – short-term and long-term goals*



**18:00**

**Closing remarks and reception**