

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT - 2012

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1. INTRODUCTION

On November 29th Pain Alliance Europe, PAE, had the official announcement of the birth of PAE in the European Parliament which was sponsored by MEP Marian Harkin. It was followed by the founding General Assembly in which the statutes were approved, president and the board elected. This all was the result of a period of 8 months of hard work and preparations with Mary Baker as inspiring woman in charge. Pain Alliance started with 18 founding members from 11 different European countries. On December 31 2012 Pain Alliance had the 18 founding members completed with 5 ordinary and 2 associated members from in total 13 European countries. The first year of PAE was the focused set on giving the new European umbrella organisation a structure and a name towards the fellow stakeholders.

2. STRUCTURE

Although the structure in general is given in the statutes it was important to fill in the details on how the organisation would communicate with the members, the press, the medical society, the industry, the researchers and the politicians. In order to do so, it was important to make a short and long term strategy which would allow us to be creative as the moment asks and being fundamental when it is about realising the goals.

The board had in the mentioned period 5 board meetings. 29th November, 11/12 February, 19/20 March, 23/24 July and 15/16/17 October. During this first year we also had an Extraordinary General Assembly on February 11th and a regular General Assembly on May 29th and on November 12th.

During the first half year the board spend most of its time on discussing about the short and long term strategy which resulted in proposals presented at the General Assembly of May 29th in Copenhagen. The second part of the year was the discussion mostly about the short term policy and participation in projects. The result of these deliberations were presented during the General Assembly of November 12th. Beside these main subjects the board was confronted with some personal mutations for several reasons.

The board started November 29th whit 7 persons, Erika, Gina, Joop, Judy, Liisa, Viorica and Virginie. For several reasons Gina, Erika and Virginie stepped down. John and Teresa stepped in and then John stepped down. On December 31 there were 5 board members. Joop, Judy, Liisa, Teresa and Viorica. A supporting secretariat was missed the first year.

3. COMMUNICATION

One important way in the communication towards chronic pain patients and our members is having an active website. The General Assembly is another special moment in the communication towards the members. This combined with some information letters send by the president was the main way of informing our members about the progress and activities done by the board. We realise that the need for information is higher as we have presented this year. During the last General Assembly we discussed this issue and tried to find ways to improve this.

Another way of communication is PR activity. We seriously looked at this during the past year but concluded this was outside our financial possibilities to do it in a proper way. Our press coverage and our relations with the press are not developed in the past year. This still is a way we have to explore.

4. PROJECTS

During the year PAE and ACN with the support of Grünenthal started the project Pain Patients Pathway Recommendations. This is a long term project (end scheduled for 2014) which aims to involve as much PAE members as possible. The project officially started at the General Assembly of November 2012.

During the year PAE talked with Astellas Pharma Europe on a project to raise awareness for chronic pain across Europe. (Pain Within Photography Competition Campaign) The more the details were worked out the more clear it was that due to regulatory / legal restrictions it would not be possible to have this being done in all European countries or even in all our members' countries. For that reason we agreed with Astellas that we would put on hold this project for the time being and see if we can work out a solution in which at least all our member countries can be involved.

Also during the year we agreed to support the EU project "Working together for risk prevention" More info on this project can be found on www.healthy-workplaces.eu in your own language.

The board also has given his support to a research project called **Psychological Assessment and Individualized CARE** for patients with (sub)chronic pain. A project which is in the race of getting European funding.

5. SPONSORS

PAE started with the remaining of the funding which was received for the incorporation of an European pain patient organisation under supervision of EFNA.

PAE's financing is mainly done by Pharmaceutical companies. These companies are:

- Grünenthal for Financial and non-financial support
- Pfizer for financial support and presented a social media training for the board
- MundiPharma for financial support

We would like to thank these companies for their support but also for the way they were supportive for the chronic pain patients and PAE.

6. FINANCE

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ACTIF

	31/12/2012
ACTIFS CIRCULANTS	48.000,04
IX. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	<u>48.000,04</u>
KBC 735-0299286-29	550029 7.981,91
KBC 745-0564704-39 (Saving account)	550039 40.018,13
TOTAL ACTIF	48.000,04

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PASSIF

	31/12/2012
DETTES	2.644,31
X. ACCRUED CHARGES AND DEFERRED INCOME	<u>2.644,31</u>
CHARGES TO BE ATTRIBUTED	492000 2.644,31
TOTAL PASSIF	2.644,31

BENEFICE : 45.355,73

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CHARGES

		31/12/2012
II. OPERATING CHARGES		<u>31.039,85</u>
B. SERVICES AND OTHER GOODS		31.039,85
WEBSITE	611010	800,00
RENTCOST ACCOMODATION	611120	289,00
FOOD & BEVERAGE	612050	4.053,78
PRINTING COSTS & OFFICE SUPPLIES	612400	298,17
TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION COSTS	612901	24.212,35
MAIL COSTS	614100	279,65
DAILY ALLOWENCES	615150	360,00
STAMPS	616100	36,30
MOBILE PHONE COSTS	616300	710,60
V. FINANCIAL CHARGES		<u>145,95</u>
C. OTHER FINANCIAL CHARGES		145,95
BANK CHARGES	657100	145,95
X. INCOME TAXES		<u>11,04</u>
A. INCOME TAXES		11,04
BELGIAN WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST	670100	11,04
TOTAL CHARGES		31.196,84

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PRODUITS

		31/12/2012
I. OPERATING INCOME		<u>76.500,00</u>
E. OTHER OPERATING INCOME		76.500,00
MISCELLANEOUS	740000	76.500,00
IV. FINANCIAL INCOME		<u>52,57</u>
B. INCOME FROM CURRENT ASSETS		52,57
INTEREST INCOME	751000	52,57
TOTAL PRODUITS		76.552,57

BENEFICE : 45.355,73